

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Wyndham San Diego Bayside – 28 October 2017

Attendance:

President –	Bob Hoch	Fred Landbeck –	Past President
1 st Vice President –	Pete Eschauzier	Bruce Ott –	Past President, current PITA
2 nd Vice President –	JC Farrell	Jock Bethune –	Scribe
Treasurer –	Steve Books	Connie Brooks –	Aux. Member Coordinator
Secretary –	Gary Yudell	Bill Rose –	Past President
Sam Mayer –	Communications Chairman	Stephanie Cook –	Hospitality BWOC
Ed Cook –	NE Area Director	Melanie Jarvi –	IPP (Immediate Past President)

The meeting was called to order at 0834 by President Hoch, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was verified by Secretary Yudell. The minutes of the previous Board meeting (Spring, 2017) were accepted unanimously followed by the reading of those member's that have died or whose passing has not previously been reported between the last newsletter and this meeting. (14:10)

Presidents Report:

Bob Hoch reported on the new Captains dinners, AA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Jim Palmersheim) luncheon at CR Smith Museum. Will ask at the Business Meeting for a resolution of support for this department and their two main events, Skyball and Snowball Express. (16:45)

Secretary's Report:

With the Secretary's report previously distributed electronically and with no previous comments, the report was accepted unanimously. (21:45)

Treasurer's Report:

It was noted that the report did not end with the quarter but was extended to October 16 for convention reporting purposes. (30:35)

Area Director Reports:

Central Area – Fred Landbeck reporting. No retirement dinner this year, Oshkosh hospitality area is now an APA event. (32:50)

Southern Area – Bruce Ott reporting. There will be a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 15th at the DFW Hyatt. The DFW retirement dinner had been postponed until March of 2018. (36:45)

NE Area – Ed and Stephanie Cook reporting. The Christmas luncheon, run by JC Farrell, will be Dec 5th. Retirement Dinner was a success but lost money due to hurricane weather cancellations. There was extensive discussion about money promised by the company and union. (39:10) & (48:20).

Motion – To forgive the \$8000 loan from the GE treasury to the NE Area (52:15). Discussion followed and the motion to forgive the loan was approved unanimously. (55:40)

Western Area – Stephanie Cook reporting for Joe Perito. Retirement dinner will be Saturday March 10, 2018. Retirements will include PHX as well as LAX. 1700 mailings sent out by APA for recruiting. (1:12:00)

Southeast Area – No report.

Membership Chairman Report – Given with the Secretary's report. (1:13:00)

AMC Report – Connie Brooks reporting. After a short report, Connie tendered her resignation effective with the conclusion of the business meeting. She was thanked by Bob Hoch and the rest of the board for her efforts on behalf of the Aux. members. (1:13:45)

Webmaster – The Webmaster was not present so his report was not given.

Communications Committee – Sam Mayer reporting. Sam reported on the status of developing the new web site and database being worked on by the APA. \$5,000+ development costs will be paid for by the APA. There will be ongoing charge of about \$50/month to maintain the website. Sam is also the chairman of the APA/Grey Eagle Liaison Committee. That person will continue to be, of necessity, an active pilot (1:16:40). Sam requested two action items: Authorization to continue the work and the number of member look-ups that will be permitted per day by any one individual.

Motion – To allow Sam Mayer to continue with the web site/database redesign project with the APA. The motion was unanimously approved. (1:32:40)

Motion – To authorize a member lookup maximum per day/per person of 50. The motion was passed unanimously. (1:50:00)

Scribe Report – Jock Bethune reporting. Newsletter costs and publishing date were discussed. A “publish” deadline of March 1st was decided. (2:02:15)

Storekeeper Report – Fred Landbeck reporting. Discussion about Queensboro and how they are performing and the success of the program. The web site is greyeagles.qbstores.com. and Queensboro.com. (2:08:50) Suggestion to include name tag info with the new member packet sent out by Roger. (2:16:40)

Foundation Report – Gary Yudell reporting for Steve Fryer. Noted that Steve’s report was included with the secretary’s report to the BOD. (2:20:10)

Nominating Committee Report – Melanie Jarvi reporting. Proposed slate of officers is:

President: Pete Eschauzier

1st VP: JC Farrell

2nd VP Dave Pakiz (sp)

Secretary: Gene Allen

Treasurer: Steve Brooks (2:24:00)

Convention Reports – To be given when Vicki McGowen arrives.

Old business – AD governance was held over from last meeting (Perito/Cook). The AD position is being re-written so this will be held over again until that happens. (2:30:00)

New Business – Christmas gifts for Stacey Hull and Bruce Rushing were approved. (2:32:00)
It was suggested that Janet DeWit be appointed to the open AMC position.

Convention Reports (Vicki McGowen arrived at +2:34:00)

2017 – 246 total, 226 Midway.

Tuesday registration is cancelled (2:37:30). The Safari Park tour has 110 people. The Hornblower cruise is rescheduled (by them) to a larger ship, the Admiral, with almost 200 people signed up. (3:03:00)

2018 – Cruise. There is a \$500 deposit, final payment due Sept. 2018, cancellation up to final payment with no penalty. Pre-cruise hotel is probably the Embassy Suites Miami. It is under renovation now, to be completed by the cruise. It was suggested that the Business meeting take place at the hotel on the morning prior to departure. (3:10:00)

2019 – Originally planned for Toronto or Buffalo, the logistics proved too difficult so the convention has been changed to a repositioning cruise in early September, Vancouver to San Diego. The idea was approved by the board. (3:29:45)

Support for Skyball and Snowball Express was approved by the board and will be brought to the membership at the business meeting. (3:31:15)

Scheduling a Board meeting in conjunction with a retirement dinner – Pete was not happy about a March meeting. There was a discussion about Ed Cook’s concept of a “new” retirement dinner to change the dynamics of the cost factor. (3:51:00)

Cancellations to the current convention – The board position was to not charge the one-night penalty. (4:02:00)

Policy Manual Changes –

Motion – Remove from the PM all reference to the Grey Eagle Hotline. Passed unanimously. (4:03:30)

Motion – Remove from the PM the requirement for the secretary to notify AA of our members change of address. Motion was passed unanimously. (4:04:30)

Motion – To remove reference to a membership CD and state “All members shall submit a photo to the membership chairman for posting on the GE member lookup section of the website”. Motion was passed unanimously. (4:05:30)

Electronic/Conference call voting –

Motion – To change the Bylaws – Bylaws section 5.9 will be re-written to the following:

Action without Meeting/Meetings by Remote Communications Technology –

Action without Meeting and Meetings by Remote Communications Technology are permitted however they will be governed by current Texas State Statutes governing nonprofit corporations.

It was also suggested that our current policy of voting electronically continue with the understanding that such vote had to be ratified at some point using an “in person” meeting or using Remote Communication Technology before the results of that vote was implemented. The motion was approved unanimously. (4:15:00)

Suggested change to the Scribe section in the Bylaws:

Motion – To remove the Bylaw section dealing with the Scribe. Motion was passed unanimously. (4:19:30)

Motion – To change the PM sect 4.07 to read:

Section 4.07 Communications Chairman (Amended October 28, 2017)

1. The Communications Chairman is responsible for all Grey Eagles communications and is the Chair of the Communications Committee. He or his designee shall gather information about Grey Eagle’s yearly activities including but not limited to: retirement banquets, convention, lunches, holiday functions and dates of recently deceased members. The information is used for the annual Grey Eagles Newsletter which is the primary publication of the corporation and is non-political. It is usually published by the APA.

2. The Communications Committee consists of the Chairman, the editor of the newsletter, the webmaster, the first vice president and others as needed. With the exception of the first VP, all members of the Communications Committee will be appointed by the President and approved by the EXB.

Motion was approved unanimously. (4:24:00)

Audit requirements – Suggested change is to make it every 3 years or upon the changing of the treasurer. It was decided to check the statutes (Bylaws 4.9 G) to see if this was legal before proceeding. This issue was tabled until the state statutes can be checked for audit requirements. (4:26:00)

Fees and Dues – President Hoch suggested raising the lifetime membership payment to \$600. Discussion followed with no action taken. (4:33:30)

Expense Approval – The board unanimously approved the payment of expense to those invited to the BOD meeting. (4:33:50)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 1258. (4:34: 30)

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD:

*Bylaw change – Section 4.2 to be amended.

*Suggestion to send out name tag information with the “New Members” packet.

*Suggested change to Audit requirements

*Fees and Dues – Do we want to change the lifetime dues?