

Texas Clown Association
Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting

The Texas Clown Association Board of Directors held one of its quarterly meetings on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. The meeting was held during the annual convention at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 401 Broad Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Lisa Ezell, June Hinkle, John Luce, Andy Anderson, Donna Manna, Andy Quittner, Susan Keys, Mauri Norris, Kay Henry, and Ed Fitzgerald

Donna Wagner was not present, and no proxy was submitted.

1. The minutes from the July board meeting were considered. Mauri Norris moved to accept the minutes with a correction that the Sunshine fund has a total of \$143.00. Ed Fitzgerald seconded. Motion passed.

Mauri then presented the treasurers report:

The present bank balance is \$10,618.85. Looking at the 2008 budget, today, the revenue from dues is under budget and it is not anticipated that the number of new members will be as much as anticipated. This will leave about \$1,000 less revenue than expected. On the expense side, the Association is doing well. The board expenses are a little over budgeted amount. Convention expenses are still to come in. There has been no web expenses invoiced to date.

The membership as of September 22 is 292 members including ambassadors.

Mauri then presented the proposed 2009 budget. That budget reduces revenues through an anticipated reduction in dues, but will have more revenue from the interest on the CD. The revenue forecast is also conservative on convention profit for this year.

The board discussed convention expenses, and discussed, in detail, the 2009 proposed budget. The budget, as presented is nearly balanced. The interest from the rollover of the CD was put into bank account; leaving the CD at an even \$15,000.00

2. June Hinkle moved to approve 2009 budget for presentation to membership. John Luce seconded. The motion passed.

Kathie Jamison began the report on the 2008 Convention by thanking the board for all the help that was done on the convention. The hotel has been excellent. As of October 1 there were 109 persons preregistered, and some walk-ins are arriving. Other than charter members (2) maybe 2 from Houston cancelled. As it

stands, it looks like about 115 persons will be registered by the end of convention. The break even is about 80.

The Charity is the food bank and particularly a program called "power pack for kids." This program provides food to children who go hungry on weekends. Kathie will speak about the charity at general membership meeting. It was suggested, and decided that TCA will challenge each alley to donate \$170 to power pak for kids which is enough to feed a child for one year.

The 25th Birthday party is all set. Everything will be delivered and ready (as far as games, etc). Some charter members are coming. Many of the letters to charter members were returned with no forwarding address. Rosalie Perryman may come on Saturday, but not for convention. Kay is making a presentation, about 15 minutes in length. TCA is paying for the punch, but doesn't know, yet, how much. The cost of the cakes is \$70 for two sheet cakes. Party favors are ready. It was decided that finger foods are out (too expensive). The Cheerful Alley will host hospitality room later Friday night, so only punch and cake will be served at the party. There has not been much additional button/mug sales. Everything is together for video presentation.

There was some further discussion on the general membership meeting agenda. There will be a presentation about the mugs during invitation to birthday party.

2009 Convention will be hosted by Happi Tymes. Their breakeven point is 95 participants at an average registration price of \$105.00. The convention program book will be in booklet format, which is completely different. Happi Tymes may do a number of things different – especially to make August work. Headliners are Leon McBryde and David Ginn. The website is up and running. Happi Tymes will provide an ad for any of the vendors on the website with a direct link to their website. The convention theme will be First Time Summertime. There will also be a special hamburger cookout party.

The convention committee is still working with hotel on room nights. The committee will make their presentation during the general membership meeting: Maggie and Earl are co-chairs and Earl will make the presentation. There will not be the usual Sunday morning presentation so everything will be covered during membership meeting. It was decided that we don't want to lose our audience, so the presentation announcement was moved up to the membership meeting.

Robert will change website to link to the new convention site, after this convention closes.

Ed Fitzgerald, competition chair, still needs judges and stagehands. There was some discussion about changes in styles, for example, light august, which may not score well but the score sheets weren't changed. Ed decided to use up the sheets that we have before redesigning and printing new ones. Ed may need some help Saturday afternoon to compile score sheets, write rankings, etc, and to pass them out. The help tallying must be a non-competitor.

Ambassador – Lisa Ezell, chair: The ambassadors will meet immediately following the general membership meeting.

By-laws – Andy Quittner, chair: Only three ballots were received by mail. We do have ballots if there are any election challenges. The by-laws will be presented by voice vote.

During the general membership meeting we will need to explain new areas, and then have the areas get together and elect area directors.

Historian – Kay Henry & Susan Keys, co-chairs: Kay discussed her work on scrapbook.

Membership – John Luce, chair: John has made contact with Coastal Confetti which had some hurricane problems. The alley has 5 TCA members. John will send them an alley report. Coastal Confetti will promote TCA and make sure that all of the board members are TCA members.

Nominating committee: Andy Anderson, chair, with Kim Grice & Frances Poage as committee members

Slate to date –

- President – Andy Anderson
- Vice President – Kim Grice
- Secretary – Mauri Norris
- Treasurer – Andy Quittner
- Sgt at Arms – John Luce, Ed Fitzgerald, Peggy Barton

The board inquired whether or not there would be an area director nomination from each of the five areas. Andy stated that we are hoping to have one nominee from each area, but may need some.

Spark Plug – Mauri Norris, chair

The person with the most new recruits is the winner, but if that person(s) recruited more than 6, then the person gets the free convention registration.

Sunshine Fund – Susan Keys, chair: The present fund balance is \$ 143. The board needs to get another person to take over the fund, as Susan will not be on the board. She will give it to current president after election.

The Board is hosting the Ice Cream Social tonight so a logistics discussion was held to make sure that all the ice cream, sodas, etc, will be purchased and arrive on time.

The board passed the hat to collect more funds for the Sunshine fund. \$45 was collected which brings the fund total to \$188, minus whatever is spent tonight on ice cream.

Lisa appointed John Luce as the TCA Chaplain

The next board meeting will be in January but the actual date will be decided after the general membership meeting when new directors can have some input.

Andy Q moved to adjourn at 2:55