

TCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – 1/23/2010

Meeting was held at the home of Andy Quittner in San Marcos Texas on January 23, 2010.
Meeting was called to order at 10:13am by President Andy Anderson.

Board members attending: Andy Anderson, Kim Grice, Andy Quittner, Mauri Norris, John Luce, Steve Dilsworth, Dale Flashberg, Joyce McKelvey, Jeanette Sanders, Peggy Barton and Christie McNeill.

Guests: Robert Whitley and Kay Quittner

Minutes from the previous board meeting were delivered prior to the meeting to all board members via mail. Christie moved to accept as presented, motion seconded by John and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Andy Q reported a total balance on hand of \$28,289.26 with the bulk of the funds being currently on deposit in a Money Market Savings account with current rate of 1.35% floating. Andy Q presented 2 proposals for the 2010 Budget – one included an expense for The Joey Journal of \$4900 and the other the same expense was only \$3600. Steve moved to accept the budget with the reduced JJ expense, motion was seconded by Peggy and passed unanimously. Andy also reported that TCA now has a new computer – purchased in late 2009 for \$516.48 and it is up and running. Christie will take the old computer for use with the competitions during conventions. The old computer is about 10 years old.

2010 Convention Report – Peggy shows us all the convention T-shirts – they are black with white/red/yellow logo. Convention theme is CSI (Clowns Seen Investigating). They are still working on the headliners and dealers and classes – confirmed to date are Leon McBryde, Ralph Dewey and Steve Kissell. They are still talking to several others. They currently have 7 registrants – current price is \$90 but rates go up on 1/31/10 to \$100. The event will take place in Granbury TX at the Convention Center and it is suggested folks book rooms at the LaQuinta as that is where the hospitality room and jams will take place.

Competition Report – Christie got a box of stuff from Ed Fitzgerald and will use the old TCA computer. Robert Whitley is also interested in taking over this position and will work with Christie this year. Robert suggests that some of the cut-off times and sign up times need to be improved. Joyce questioned our goals with the make-up and wardrobe competition – isn't it primarily education? She believes that many of the competitors are not "following the rules of clowning". There was lots of discussion about guidelines. Joyce will write an article about make-up/wardrobe categories and characteristics for review by competition committee and for The Joey Journal. Also, Christie will ask Robert to post the various score sheets on the website. And they will consider revising the score sheets. Also, make sure that the judge's guidelines are also posted on the website.

Committee Reports –

Ambassador Award– Mauri reported that articles have been printed in The Joey Journal in English and Spanish but it is too soon to call for nominations. The nomination deadline will be Sept 1st.

By-Laws – Discussed that the by-laws do not stipulate how the area directors are elected and in the future they should be elected in the same manner as the other board positions – during convention. Andy Q will put an article in The Joey Journal to remind members to consider serving on the board and also to think about who they would like to have from their area to serve as area director.

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Educational Committee – No new chair (to replaced Aurora Krause) at this time. Andy Q will run the notice in *The Joey Journal* again. The Buddy/Mentor program is part of this committee too. Joyce M volunteered to take over this committee. Kim G offered to assist her but reminded us that she will not be attending the 2010 TCA convention. Joyce will also talk to Aurora about this committee and the past work that has been done.

Historian – Susan Keys – she has some ideas about photos and discs that will allow others an opportunity to purchase (or have) them as well. There was some concern about possible liability and release forms needed. Andy Q says that for non-sale and if they just include the general convention events, then there is probably no problem, since it is a public event. Video would be a different issue. Possibly her compilation could be made available in either a book or disc form for sale as a TCA fundraiser. Several ideas are being considered.

Membership Committee – Kim discussed “What are the benefits of being a TCA member?” It was discussed that it is important that we have a separate mailout of the Dues Notice this year as putting the notice in *The Joey Journal* last year did not work as well. Kim wants to promote TCA at Joey to the World and the COAI Convention in Houston in April. Also, the TCA area directors need to encourage TCA membership in their areas.

Nominating Committee – Jeanette is the chair. We need articles in *The Joey Journal* soon as elections will be held at the 2010 TCA Convention. Several of the current board members are eligible to re-run and serve another term. We need more volunteers. Need new blood. Area directors need to mention this in their areas. Also, this year the area directors need to submit nominations for directors from their areas.

Spark Plug Award – Andy Q chair -- the cut off for this year will be Sept. 1st. Articles need to be published in *The Joey Journal*.

The Joey Journal – Kay Q editor – Kay reported that Andy Q is acting as co-Editor and print master. Per the newly approved budget, they will be bringing the printing in-house. The roster issue just out was printed in-house. The next issue deadline is absolutely Feb 5th (this will be the Jan/Feb 2010 issue). Need information on the COAI Convention in Houston (provided to Andy by Mauri N). Please have all submissions print-ready. There will still be 6 issues printed each year.

Sunshine Fund – Kim G chair – there is currently \$150 balance. There was no collection taken at this meeting.

Web Page – Robert Whitley webmaster – The TCA regions map needs to be updated. Robert will work to revise the map/regions. Will add the competition guidelines and rules (and score sheets).

Old Business –

New Logo and Patches – Christie and Lisa Ezell made no progress on getting bids for patches. Andy A presented one quote of \$50 set-up and for min of 51-100 \$3.99 each. An order of 100 or more would be \$3.50 each. Andy A will check with one more source and if not a better deal will buy 101 at above prices (to get best price break). TCA will sell these patches at conventions (and other events) for \$5 each. Andy expects to be able to have these patches by the COAI 2010 Convention in Houston. The patch supply will be kept by a designated board member; area directors (or other TCA board members) can BUY a supply to sell at their home alleys and areas.

TCA Chaplain Guidelines – John L presented a list of points for the Chaplain guidelines. The board discussed each point and decided on specific wording. Mauri agreed to re-write the guidelines and send out to all board members via email for final approval at the next board meeting.

Awards/Trophies – Andy A had agreed to compare medals/cost with other supplier to ensure our contract was affordable and in-line with the market. Also discussed making medals/awards for EVERY participant in group categories. In the past any extra medals had to be purchased by the participants at their own expense. Outside vendors prices average about \$10.50 per medal. We are paying about \$6.50 per medal. No change, the extra medals can still be ordered at the winner's expense. \$28.95 Sparkplug, \$7.50 Best All Around, \$39.95 Ambassador award and \$.650 per medal. Total bid \$330.00. Andy Q moved to accept award bid, Steve seconded motion and it passed unanimously.

Convention Chair – should this be considered as a board position? Board agreed that his should be a Committee Chair – not a board position. It will be board appointed.

Reminder that the Area Directors will be elected at the convention and nominations should be submitted just like all other offices.

Area Reports –

Peggy – she mentioned that her group is hosting the 2010 TCA Convention.

Joyce M – she is working on membership and wants to have a document “What does TCA do for me?”. Kim will assist with the list of perks for being a TCA member. Check the list of perks published by COAI, some of those things could be applicable. It will be a good idea to publish this in *The Joey Journal* (and post on the website).

Dale – mentioned that she has not heard back and will follow-up with the new COAI alley in Laredo.

Steve – mentioned that Joey to the World is coming up soon in Houston and COAI 2010 will be in April in Houston and that Cheerful is planning their annual clown school for the summer.

A question was presented asking for ideas of ways to raise funds for alleys.

Setting up to use GoodSearch (if the alley/group qualifies) is one idea – this is a search engine on the web that pays cash-back for searches. Also, in the Houston area, you can link your group (if qualified) to the shopping cards at Randalls and Kroger grocery stores and they pay cash-back on purchases. Then of course there are the ever popular, car washes and bake sales.

New Business –

The board was reminded that TCA has a three-year contract at a Dallas hotel for conventions in 2011-2012-2013. Mid-Cities alley is hosting 2011, but we need hosts for 2012 and 2013.

Maggie has agreed to liaison with the hotel for all three years if that is what the hosts want.

Need a NOTICE in *The Joey Journal* to call for hosts for 2012 and 2013.

The next TCA board meetings will be on May 15th and then either July 24th or July 31st. One of the meetings will be in Granbury – Peggy will check with Convention Center to see which date works best for them. The other meeting will be in San Marcos.

NOTE: subsequent information set the May 15th meeting to be in Granbury.

Peggy moved to adjourn, Christie seconded motion and meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Mauri Norris, secretary
February 15, 2010