

**Texas Clown Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2010**

Meeting was held at the Granbury Resort Conference Center in Granbury Texas (621 E Pearl St, Granbury TX 76049). The meeting was called to order by President Andy Anderson at 10:18am.

Board members present: Andy Anderson, Andy Quittner, Mauri Norris, John Luce, Steve Dilsworth, Peggy Barton, Jeanette Sanders and Christie McNeill. Kim Grice and Dale Flashberg sent proxies. Not present was Joyce McKelvey.

Guests: Robert Whitley

Minutes from the last board meeting on 1/23/2010 were distributed to all board members via email. Andy Q moved to accept those minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded by Christie and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – by Andy Q Andy distributed a financial statement showing budget and actual figures to date. The current bank balance is \$29,046.09, which represents approximately 3 years operating expenses for TCA. There is no CD currently as rates are too low to warrant such investment. Andy Q noted that we have 163 paid members plus the ambassadors. He reported that there are 104 2009 members (membership expired on 3/31/2010) who have not yet renewed. Reminder: new computer was purchased prior to end of 2009. Robert Whitley currently has the old computer for use with the competition committee.

**2010 Convention Report:** Board members took a tour of the Conference Center facilities. This is the location for the 2010 TCA Convention. We viewed all of the classroom areas, the parade route, the banquet room and the board meeting room. There is also a "café" on site that will be open during the convention with very reasonable prices, with menu items such as hot dogs, burgers, sodas, fried pickles, etc. Peggy B and Andy A reported on the planning progress for the convention. Several lecturers/headliners are confirmed: Leon McBryde, Steve Kissell, Ralph Dewey, P Garrett, D Collins and more are pending confirmation. They plan to have at least 11 vendors in the vendor room. Some website updates are needed. They will be having a Door Decorating contest and will get information to webmaster to solicit ads for the convention program. There are currently 40 people registered for the convention and the registration rate increases to \$115 after May 31, 2010. The Board meeting during convention is currently set for Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.

**Competition Committee Report:** Christie M and Robert W Both have done a lot of revisions/updates on the current competition guidelines. Further tweaking needs to be done on these guidelines and then Robert will send the full documents to Andy A for delivery to all of the board members for review and further input. The board members should submit updates/comments by a reasonable stated deadline, then any necessary updates will be made and the final guidelines for the 2010 Convention Competitions will be published on the TCA website as FINAL and a notice that there have been revisions will be included in *The Joey Journal*. Copies of the full and final guidelines should be available to all competitors at the convention. Christie and Robert have also revised all of the TCA Score Sheets. And there is a Judges Manual as well. Plans are to have meetings at the convention for both the judges and the competitors so that everyone understands the rules and has the opportunity to ask questions of the competitions chairs (from TCA).

**TCA Ambassador Award** – Mauri N reported it is too early for much to report. Andy Q should run the same Ambassador article in the next issue of *The Joey Journal* stating that nominations should be submitted no later than September 1, 2010.

**By-Laws** – Andy Q – there are no proposed by-law changes at this time. Reminder that the election of the Regional Directors will be held in the same manner as other board positions. Nominations will be solicited and accepted in advance and published if time allows in *The Joey Journal* in advance of the elections. Only members residing in the region can vote for their particular regional director.

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**Education Committee** – Andy A announced that he has a line on someone that might be willing to accept this position but it is not ironed out just yet. He will also contact Phyllis ‘Daisy’ Sheffield to see if she is interested in light of the fact that there will be no Joey to the World Conference in 2011.  
**Historian** – Susan Keys Andy A will talk to Susan regarding her plans to put much of the TCA history (photos and such) on disc and find out her budget or anticipated expenses. Also, what will be done with the resulting discs?

**Membership Committee** – Kim G Andy Q reminded us that we currently have 163 paid members. Andy A asked Andy Q to provide him with a list of the 104 members that have not renewed from 2009 so that he can send a letter from the president asking them to come back and for input regarding what TCA can do to get them to come back. There are no other plans to send out “second notices” to unpaid members.

**Nomination Committee** --- Jeanette Sanders Need an article in *The Joey Journal*. Jeanette reported that she has someone interested in her Regional Director position. Also, many of the current board members are willing to run for a second term.

**Spark Plug Award** – Andy Q is tracking this and to date has very few new members. He will put a reminder in *The Joey Journal* stating the deadline for this year’s award and reminding members of the prize for soliciting new members.

***The Joey Journal*** -- Andy Q reported for Kay Quittner. The deadline for the next issue is a FIRM 5/22, send articles ASAP. Reminder that all board members are to submit at least 2 articles per year for *The Joey Journal*. Get those articles in NOW! It was discussed that we should contact people who regularly write for other clown magazines and offer to exchange ad space for articles. Andy Q will contact Steve Bender and Ralph Dewey and others.

**Website** – Robert Whitley webmaster Discussed how many issues of *The Joey Journal* should be kept on the website. Robert will create an ARCHIVE button, then keep 1 year of current issues (6) on main page and put older issues on the Archive button. Board members should go to the website and report any errors etc to Robert for correction. Also, Andy A will send the TCA Job Descriptions to Robert to be posted on the website. The time to change the Members Only Password is coming soon - to be coordinated between Andy Q and Robert W - based on the publication of the new password in *The Joey Journal*.

**Sunshine Fund** -- Kim Grice, chair Mauri Norris moved to pay Andy A \$35 out of this fund to cover the cost of the ice cream served during the social at the COAI Convention. Motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously. Kim should send Andy A \$35 from this fund. No collection was taken today. Balance was \$150 less \$35 = \$115

**Regional Director Reports:**

**N Central** – Peggy B – reported that plans are progressing for the 2010 TCA Convention in Granbury

**N East** – Jeanette S – reported that the Latinos clowns are concerned about having Spanish translators available at the convention. Andy A commented that they have 2 translators at this time. Not all classes will have translation – as more than 2 classes may be held simultaneously. They will look to have more bilingual folks if possible.

**Panhandle/West** – Joyce M – no report

**South/Central** – Dale F – no report

**S East** – Steve D – reported that the Beaumont alley is barely active these days. The Lake Jackson alley (Coastal Confetti Clowns) had a clown school recently that was very successful. Cheerful just hosted the COAI Convention in April and their clown school starts on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, they have Angel Ocasio coming for workshops on July 23-24. More information will be available on this event soon.

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**Old Business:**

**New LOGO Patches** --- Andy purchased new patches (4" diameter) with the new TCA Logo and have them available now. It was decided that these patches will be sold for \$6 each. Mauri will keep the entire stock of the patches. She will bring supply to the convention. Board members can BUY patches to sell in their alleys/areas. To get best price break – 101 patches were in initial order. 8 patches were sold during the board meeting. Current supply = 93 on hand.

**Manner to elect Regional Directors** – will be handled at the convention in manner similar to other officers, with only members living in those areas voting for their director.

**Chaplain Guidelines** – Mauri rewrote the guidelines after input and discussion at the last board meeting and sent them to all board members via email. Andy Q moved to accept the newly written guidelines, Steve seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A copy of the guidelines will be placed in the TCA Guideline Manual.

**Board Stipend** – Mauri presented a proposal for a new stipend calculation:

\$.30 per mile based on ONE WAY door to door shortest route mileage per MapQuest, with a minimum stipend of \$50. Board members not travelling or car-pooling are encouraged to decline the stipend or take a lesser amount. Mauri moved to accept this new stipend calculation method. Steve seconded the motion. Some discussion – the option to decline or take less is just an OPTION and if the board member has expenses etc that they need to cover, they have the OPTION to accept full calculated amount (or minimum whichever applies). Perhaps this will encourage other TCA members to run for the board. Motion passed unanimously. This applies to board meetings NOT held during the annual convention. No stipend is paid for meetings held at the convention. This new guideline will be added to the TCA Guideline Manual.

**New Business:**

**Articles**: Reminder for each board member to submit at least 2 articles per year to **The Joey Journal**. TCA Conventions 2011-2013 – Mid-Cities Alley is hosting 2011 but currently we have no hosts for 2012 or 2013. These conventions will be held at the same Dallas hotel as the 2011 convention. We are looking for hosts for 2012 and 2013. Multi-alleys could combine to host or work with the board or the board may have to host convention(s). LOOK FOR HOSTS!!!

**Competition Co-Chair** – Christie moved and Peggy B seconded to pay the 2010 TCA Convention registration @ the lowest registration rate (\$90) for the competition co-chair (Robert Whitley). This is to compensate him for his work on the website and the competition committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Board meeting** – set for 10:00am August 14<sup>th</sup> in San Marcos. (Later it was determined that this date does not work for several key board members and a new date is being discussed.)

Andy Q moved to adjourn at 4:29pm. Motion was seconded by Peggy B and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mauri Norris, secretary  
5/18/2010