

**Texas Clown Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2010**

Texas Clown Association board of directors' meeting was held on Saturday July 17, 2010 at the San Marcos Library in San Marcos Texas. Meeting was called to order by President Andy Anderson at 10:10am.

Board members present: Andy Anderson, Kim Grice, Andy Quittner, Mauri Norris, John Luce, Christie McNeill, Peggy Barton, Steve Dilsworth, Joyce McKelvey and Dale Flashberg. Jeanette Sanders arrived at 11:30am.

Minutes of the TCA Board meeting of 5/15/2010 were distributed to all board members via email. Andy Q moved to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Christie and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Q distributed a financial report (actual versus budget). Current bank balance is \$28,413.38. There is currently no CD, all funds are on deposit in interest bearing (money market) account. The present Joey Journal mailing list has 257 names. Expenses for 1st 7 months of 2010 are slightly over budget – esp due to membership solicitation. Andy Q agreed to distribute membership rosters to all board members – 1) paid members and 2) memberships that expired on 3/31/2010. Mauri gave Andy Q \$48 she had collected for patch sales. Additional patches were sold to board members at meeting.

CONVENTION REPORTS –

2010 – Granbury - It was noted that there needs to be better control of the TCA membership requirement for persons registering and attending the convention. Andy Q noted that he expects to be in Granbury in time for the opening of the convention registration desk. Andy Q will supply host alley a list of PAID TCA members just prior to the convention so that the host alley can "FLAG" any registrants that are UNPAID. There are 49 persons pre-registered for convention to date. The correct hotel rate is \$79.99 (though it was previously published as \$79). There will be time in the convention schedule on Saturday afternoon for folks wishing to site-see in the Granbury area or go to the Granbury beach. The host alley hopes to have the paradeability competition outside on the boardwalk (weather permitting). The banquet entertainment is set (a singer – mostly easy listening/soft music). Most of the lecturers and vendors are set. Need hosts for hospitality room on Thur and Fri nights. Are asking alleys to donate money to the hospitality and local hosts will man the room. Sponsors are welcome to assist but hope that not requiring 'manning of the room' will encourage others to support. Sponsors will be acknowledged in some manner. Wed night will be the TCA Boards' Ice Cream social (hospitality) and Mid-Cities will host on Saturday night (as the 2011 convention hosts). Board members are reminded to bring an ice cream scoop and a topping. CowTown is trying to be "green" this year and recycle – so anyone having extra lanyards or notebooks that they will donate should let Andy A know. Andy Q will send payment to CowTown for 4 TCA paid convention attendees: Kay Q for JJ Editor, Christie M for Competition Chair, Robert Whitley for webmaster and Gema Anderson for the 2009 Sparkplug award. These are paid at the original/lowest registration rate. Next Joey Journal is the Convention issue. It must be mailed by the end of August. That will be the last issue for unpaid members. The board needs to purchase an ad for the convention program. Peggy B will design ad (and Andy Q needs to send payment). Also, Andy A will try to coordinate roommates if there is any need.

COMPETITION REPORT – Christie M is working with Robert Whitley to be sure all of the score sheets and tally programs are functioning prior to the convention. She still needs judges for the various competitions. She asked for the schedule of the competition dates/times so that she can provide the CUT-OFF times for the convention schedule. Tentative schedule is pretty set and posted on the website. Andy A will send Christie the most recent schedule. *The Joey Journal* needs to include an article/note reminding participants that they need to ensure that any music CDs for skits and/or performance competitions will play on regular equipment. This is part of the new/revised TCA Competition rules posted on the website.

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Also, it will be announced during the competitor's meeting at the convention. It was noted that the board meeting is set for 5:30pm on Wednesday, so Christie will need non-board volunteers to man the competition table during the meeting. The general membership meeting is at 4:00pm on Thursday. It was noted that the POINTS LEVELS need to be reviewed on the new score sheets. Currently have many categories with scores of only 1-2-3. This needs to be changed to prevent multiple ties. Prefer a 10 point system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

TCA AMBASSADOR AWARD – Mauri reported she has received no nominations to date. The deadline is September 1st. Needs to be announced again in *The Joey Journal*. It has happened before that no nominations were received and also it has happened that the award recipient was not in attendance at the convention to receive the award.

BY-LAWS – Andy Q reports that there are no proposed by-law changes for this year.

EDUCATION – Joyce M mentioned that she is not interested in this position at this time. Andy A mentioned that Rhea Anderson has expressed a willingness to take on this position. Rhea says she needs help this first year, especially since she is helping with the convention hosting. Both Joyce M and Kim G are willing to assist this committee (however, Kim will not be attending the convention this year). Mauri moved to nominate Rhea Anderson for the position of Education Committee Chair. Peggy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HISTORIAN – Susan Keys – reports she is putting some old TCA stuff on CDs and will submit a budget soon.

MEMBERSHIP – Kim reminded the board members that all alleys need to submit their annual reports soon. The form is posted on the TCA website. Area directors need to urge alleys to get their reports in timely. Reminder: ALL OFFICERS OF TCA ALLEYS must be TCA members. Kim will prepare a list of TCA membership benefits for publication in *The Joey Journal*. It was noted that Junior members do not have to have a parent member (though younger Jr members are encouraged to have parental supervision). Andy A sent out letters to the 2009 convention attendees who were not yet registered for the 2010 convention and got a good response. NEED TO TALK-UP TCA AT ALLEY MEETINGS. Sell patches - \$6 each. Also, Andy A will contact the Texas clowns at the 2010 COAI convention to encourage TCA membership and convention attendance. Perhaps we could have some sort of contest for alleys that have the highest percentage of TCA membership? Would need some reward. Perhaps: Alley of the Year?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Jeanette Sanders

Jeanette mentioned that she was still waiting to hear back from several alleys. Presently a number of the current board members are willing to run again for their current positions or another board position. Current known nominees:

President – Andy Anderson

V. President – John Luce

Secretary – Mauri Norris

Treasurer – Andy Quittner

Sgt at Arms – Steve Dilsworth

Area Directors: Peggy Barton and Jeanette Sanders are willing to run again.

Dale Flashberg, Joyce McKelvey & Steve Dilsworth are not planning to run for area director positions.

More nominees are needed for the slate to be published in the next issue of *The Joey Journal*. All board members are encouraged to ask around and to send anyone interested to Andy Q for the nomination slate.

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SPARK PLUG AWARD – Andy Q – awaiting the deadline for the final tally but there have not been many new members in this year/award period.

THE JOEY JOURNAL – Andy Q reporting - NEED MORE ARTICLES

Have one article from Steve Bender that was in exchange for ad space. Andy Q will contact more advertising to ask for articles in barter. Andy A will talk to Ralph Dewey. There have been 3 articles out so far in 2010, so publication is current. Next issue is the convention issue – send articles ASAP.

WEBSITE – Robert Whitley, webmaster

Mauri needs to send Robert the board minutes from Jan 2010 and May 2010 to be posted on the website. Andy Q needs to supply Robert with a new Member Directory and be sure it is dated.

SUNSHINE FUND – Kim Grice -- some funds are collected today and the new balance is \$159. Since Kim will not be at convention and is not running for the board, she handed off the money to Christie.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS –

Peggy – CowTown is hosting the 2010 TCA Convention and things are very busy

Jeanette – please correct her email address: TXQUEEN@att.net She continues to try to contact alleys regarding nominations for the board.

Joyce – would like to have a current list of TCA members and wants to clarify the “particulars” of the various make-up types (esp differences between white-face and auguste). Joyce will write an article for The Joey Journal reminding people to prepare and read the rules and note the various differences between the different categories. She would like to know if there is a possibility of adding Face Painting competition at TCA. She asked Andy A to add this topic to the agenda for the General Membership meeting.

Dale – working on their alley report at this time. She enjoyed serving on the board these last 2 years and will now be moving on to other clown endeavors.

Steve – the 2010 COAI Convention is fully over and the profit has been transferred from the convention account to Cheerful. Clown School is ongoing at this time with 20 students. Angel Ocasio is coming for a 2-day workshop/seminar on Fri/Sat July 23/24, 2010. Recent report on Barbi Nippler is that treatments are being discontinued to allow her to gain some strength. She is very weak from recent intense treatments.

OLD BUSINESS –

1 week – 10 days prior to the 2010 TCA Convention – Andy Q will send a list of CURRENT/PAID TCA members to the convention committee.

Need nominations for area directors to be included on the slate being published in The Joey Journal.

COMPETITION PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES - the board general consensus was NOT to distribute certificates for participation.

NEW BUSINESS --

Need articles for The Joey Journal. Also, Andy A and Andy Q will both be contacting vendors and advertisers to exchange ad space for articles. Also, contact Joyce Keedo Dowell to ask if she will allow use of some Prop Shop articles. Steve D will contact Keedo. Joyce M will send Competition article to Andy Q. Christie also offered to help her with editing and fact checking.

TCA CONVENTIONS 2012-2013 – Need Hosts Alleys should consider hosting or co-hosting, since hotel is already secured. Talk it up. Andy Q will include article in The Joey Journal about HOST SHARING and PROFITS and other benefits of hosting. Hosts can coordinate with hotel or Maggie has agreed to be liaison for other hosts.

Next TCA board meeting is set for 5:30pm on September 29, 2010 at the TCA Convention in Granbury TX. The board sponsored Ice Cream Social will follow the meeting.

Steve D moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Joyce M and meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm. Continued on page 4

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ACTION ITEMS:

ALL BOARD MEMBERS – bring ice cream scoop and toppings to convention

Be GREEN – if you have any lanyards or notebooks to donate to CowTown convention committee
please contact Andy A.

Talk up TCA membership at local alleys.

Sell TCA patches \$6 each.

Write articles for *The Joey Journal*

ANDY A – send Christie most current convention schedule

Contact vendors and advertisers for *Joey Journal* articles in exchange for ads

Include Face Painting Competition idea as topic on Agenda for the General Membership meeting

ANDY Q – send two membership lists to all board members 1) paid members 2) members whose memberships expired on 3/31/2010

Pay for 4 'TCA paid' convention registrations and pay for TCA Board's convention program ad

Contact vendors and advertisers for articles in exchange for ads

Need article about Co-Hosting or Host Sharing for 2012 and 2013 conventions

There may be other topics that need to be addresses in the next JJ (see minutes above)

1 week – 10 days prior to convention – send CURRENT/PAID list of TCA members to convention committee

CHRISTIE M – get with Robert to ensure that score sheets point levels are revised and that tally program works prior to convention

KIM G – prepare list of TCA membership benefits to be published in The Joey Journal

JEANETTE S – finalize nomination slate for The Joey Journal

MAURI N - send minutes from Jan 2010 and May 2010 to Robert to be posted on website

STEVE D – contact Keedo about Prop Shop articles for *The Joey Journal* – she can have an ad to sell her books

JOYCE M – write and send article on competition to Andy Q (and Christie) or *The Joey Journal*

Respectfully submitted by

Mauri Norris, secretary

July 26, 2010