

Texas Clown Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes - September 29, 2010

Meeting was held in the boardroom of the Granbury Conference Center and called to order by President Andy Anderson at 5:09pm.

Board members attending: Andy Anderson, Andy Quittner, Mauri Norris, John Luce, Christie McNeill, Peggy Barton, and Dale Flashberg. Absent but submitting proxies: Kim Grice, Jeanette Sanders and Joyce McKelvey. Absent without proxy: Steve Dilsworth.

Guests: Robert Whitley (and for part of the meeting Sassy Papasan)

Minutes from the last board meeting of July 2010 –

Christie moved to accept the minutes as previously e-mailed to all board members, motion was seconded by Dale and passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Andy Quittner

Balance of the general treasury \$5,638.72, MMKT acct \$23,107.71 for total funds of \$28,746.43 which is approx. three years of expenses. Proposed budget for 2011 was presented and discussed – after a few changes, Mauri moved to accept the budget - a NET (\$2082) - for presentation to the general membership. Motion was seconded by Peggy and passed unanimously. The primary reason for the Negative budget is an expected very low 'profit' from the 2010 TCA convention. There was some discussion about deceased Ambassadors and the status of Lifetime Memberships. Mauri agreed to pen a letter for Andy A's signature to be addressed to all Lifetime TCA members to explain that TCA has no such category of membership and asking for them to provide us with some insight as to why they are considered lifetime members. Andy A will speak with Ralph Dewey during this convention to see what he knows about this issue. There are currently only about 5-6 TCA members listed as Lifetime members. Mauri gave Andy Q \$36 for patch sales. More sales are expected during convention.

Convention Reports: 2010 – Granbury Currently have 91 pre-registered for this convention. There is concern that the host alley could lose money on this convention. Reminder to everyone to help watch for credentials in all lectures and the dealer room.

2011 – Dallas/Irving – Westin Hotel – August 10-114, 2011 hosted by Mid-Cities Clown Alley and the theme is READY, SET, CLOWN!

Competition Report – Christie McNeill, chair for 2010 and Robert Whitley chair for 2011

Christie reported that she still needs judges for most of the competition categories. Otherwise it is too soon to know of any other glitches.

Committee Reports:

Ambassador – Mauri, chair, reported that committee will meet after general membership meeting to make final decision – everything is in order for the award

By-Laws – Andy Q – there is 1 proposed by-law change to be voted at tomorrow's general membership meeting. Ballots are ready for distribution at the meeting

Education – Rhea Anderson, chair (not attending). Andy A reported that Rhea has talked with Aurora Krause (former chair) and has the Buddy Program underway for this convention.

Historian – Susan Keys, chair – no report

Membership – Kim Grice, chair (not attending) Kim sent the Membership information for the new Vice President (to be elected at meeting tomorrow). Andy A asked if all of the alley reports had been received. Reports were received by: The Clown Arounds, Cheerful Clown Alley, Oops Alley, Mid-Cities Clown Alley, Happi-Tymes Alley, Jolly Joeys and Cow Town Clown Alley. No report to date from: Cedar Creek Clowns, Payasos Latinos Clown Alley, Tejas Klowns or The Clown Alley. New VP should follow up on missing reports.

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Nominating – Jeanette Sanders, chair (not attending) – Mauri reported that ballots for all positions are ready for distribution at the general membership meeting tomorrow. There has been no nominee for the Panhandle/West Area Director's position.

Spark Plug Award – Andy Quittner, chair – reported that everything is ready for the presentations at the Saturday night Awards Banquet.

The Joey Journal – Kay Quittner, Editor (not attending) – report from Andy Q – The next issue is the roster and will include the convention competition results. Christie will send the competition results. Also need to include tributes to both Barbi Nippler and Lillian Flopsey Martin (Mauri will write and submit). Deadline for this issue is October 20th.

Website – Robert Whitley, webmaster nothing new to report

Sunshine Fund – Christie McNeill, chair current balance of \$159 and will pay for ice cream for tonight's social. No collection taken at this meeting.

Area Director Reports:

N Central – Peggy B – 2010 TCA Convention hosts, she visited Wichita Falls recently and all alley reports for her area alleys are submitted.

N East – Jeanette Sanders – no report

Panhandle/West – Joyce McKelvey – no report

South/Central – Dale Flashberg – 8 members at this convention from Jolly Joeys and their elections are in November.

S East – Steve Dilsworth – no report

Old Business:

Reminder that Andy Q will need to provide, PRIOR to the convention, a PAID MEMBERSHIP list to the host alley and to the competition chair for next year's convention to assist with ensuring that all registrants are paid TCA members and to help with securing competition judges in advance. Need ideas for getting and qualifying judges.

Need to be sure that future ballots (mailed with *The Joey Journal*) provide for a place for the TCA Member #, to identify region for area director vote.

Ideas for getting TCA Membership cards to members. Perhaps area directors could distribute them?

Remember that all new members should be getting a NEW MEMBER PACKET, which includes a Welcome letter from the president, a Welcome letter from TCA, a membership card and a complimentary copy of *The Joey Journal*.

Still need hosts for 2012 and 2013 conventions – we already have contract with Dallas hotel. Perhaps we need to think outside the box for new ways to host conventions.

New Business:

Idea to add a Face Painting Competition at TCA Conventions – this topic was tabled. Andy A will present this idea at the general membership meeting and appoint a committee to present the board with a feasibility study and/or guidelines etc.

Depending on the result of elections tomorrow, the board meetings will be held in San Marcos, Houston and Dallas for the next 2 years. Newly elected officers will meet after the elections to set the meeting date for the next board meetings.

Andy Q moved to adjourn and Peggy B seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully submitted by
Mauri Norris, secretary
10/6/2010