

Texas Clown Association (TCA) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2012

Meeting was held at the home of Andy Quittner, 116 Nichols, San Marcos, TX.

Meeting was called to order by President Andy Anderson at 10:00am.

Board members present: Andy Anderson, John Luce, Andy Quittner, Mauri Norris, Judy Cornett, Christie McNeill, Peggy Barton, Diana McCurtain-Talbert.

Board members absent: Robert Whitley (no proxy), Valerie Bandy (no proxy) and Jeanette Sanders (proxy received and on file).

Guests: Rhea Anderson, Kay Quittner, Jerry Barton and LJ Lomenick.

Minutes from the board meeting of November 5, 2011 were distributed via email to all board members. Christie moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Diana and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Quittner distributed a financial report showing a total bank balance as of 12/31/2011 of \$29,587.74. He mentioned that the report presented at the last meeting had some errors due to problems with the consolidation of the Quicken reports after the bank change. All board members also reviewed the proposed 2012 Budget and due to USPS price increases, the budget for the P O Permit was increased to \$62.

TCA 2012 Convention Report – 48 pre-registrations received to date. Still have not figured out how to register via PayPal. Andy A will talk with Robert to get this resolved and a link/button placed on the website to allow convention registrations via PayPal. Also, Andy Q mentioned that it would be good if Family Members could combine their PayPal payments into a single transaction to save TCA money. Judy reported that there is only one hotel room reservation made at this time. Everyone needs to reserve their room soon. (Diana will check to see – she thought she had a room reservation already). Best to use the hotel link on the Convention Registration form (online) or in *The Joey Journal* to make reservation. All board members are encouraged to “talk-up” the convention at their home alleys and mention that registration price will increase again after 1/31/2012.

Competition Report – Andy A reported for Robert. All board members reviewed the proposed Face Painting Competition Guidelines/Rules and Score Sheet. There were a few suggested changes; Judy will update the documents and email to all board members. Andy A will get with Robert for publication on the website and Andy Q will publish in *The Joey Journal*.

Committee Reports:

Ambassador Award – June Hinkle chair – no report at this time.

By-Laws - Andy Q chair – need to publish one proposed change to clarify the ages for Regular versus Junior members (currently it indicates age 16 is both membership types).

Education – Rhea Anderson, chair – the next *Joey Journal* will have another page of Convention Registration Scholarship information and application. Also, she plans to send out email reminders promoting the scholarship. All of the Area Directors need to promote this opportunity at local alleys.

Historian – Susan Keys – no report

Membership – John Luce, chair – currently awaiting the results of the dues renewal incentive contest published in last *Joey Journal*. Need to have a list of the TCA Membership Benefits published in the next issue of *The Joey Journal*.

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Also, John plans to send the list of the membership benefits to all of the TCA Alleys for them to promote TCA to their memberships. Also, may offer to help plan and/or host regional workshops. He will contact some former TCA members to ask them why they left TCA and what TCA could do to bring them back to the membership. Judy mentioned that she feels that the Area Directors really need to communicate more with the local alleys. How can we get people more Fired Up about TCA? Communicate more! There is more to TCA than just an annual convention. All board members (especially the Area Directors) are asked to talk-up TCA during this next quarter and discuss the membership benefits and bring feedback to the next board meeting. Andy A asked John to form a committee of non-board members to brainstorm ideas for ways to boost membership and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Nominating – Diana M, chair - Andy A mentioned that Bill Fritsch is interested in running for the NE Regional Director position. It was mentioned that Peggy, Jeanette, Andy Q and Mauri are term limited and cannot run again for their current board positions. Both Diana and Peggy said that they MIGHT consider running for the office of President. John is interested in running for VP again. Mauri MAY run for the office of Treasurer. There are currently no nominees for the office of Secretary (Andy Q is term limited and cannot run again). Judy is undecided if she will run for the Sgt-at-Arms position again. Christie may be interested in running for a vacancy on the slate (not as President). Need a final slate to the board by June 1, 2012 and it needs to be published in the May/June issue of The Joey Journal.

Spark Plug Award – Andy Q, chair – will publish the Spark Plug article at the proper time.

The Joey Journal – Kay Q, Editor – Kay apologized for some ink lines/marks in the last issue; there were some printer problems. All ad payments are due. Need to continue trying to barter free ads for articles. Aurora *BeBop* Krause is interested in this deal. Also, contact Joyce Keedo Dowell from Houston about printing some of her Prop Shop articles. Area Reps need to send in articles. All board members are reminded that they are responsible for submitting at least 2 articles per year. Send in articles ASAP. Next issue is Jan/Feb and is due out around Feb 1st.

Website – Robert Whitley, chair – Andy A reporting – Andy will get with Robert about the PayPal buttons. Also, need to ad link or note about our FaceBook page. Andy Q now has the administrator controls for our TCA FaceBook. Need to promote the convention and the convention registration scholarship n our FaceBook page.

Sunshine Fund – Christie, chair – still have a balance of \$146 – no collection taken at this meeting. Funds are used to send flowers for deceased immediate family members of board members (living in the same home). Also, the funds are used to cover the cost of the Ice Cream Social during the annual convention.

Old Business –

PayPal – still not working for convention registration (see notes above). Andy Q has some ideas but only Robert has the control of the website content and functionality. Andy A will speak with Robert about our options and how to get this to be more user friendly.

TCA Thank You cards – Andy A presented a quote for size A-2 (quarter page) cards with envelopes. The cards have the color TCA logo on the front. Total for 250 cards/envelopes \$97. Judy moved to approve the purchase of 250 cards/envelopes at \$97 and the motion was seconded by Diana and approved unanimously.
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TCA FaceBook – Andy Q now has access and control of the TCA FaceBook page. (see notes above)

Patches/Stickers – Andy A presented some prices for TCA stickers/decals and clings. These have the TCA logo only. There was a general consensus of the board that there is no value added for these items. No sticker/cling purchase will be made at this time. Andy A will check the price to order more patches (as we only have about 26-30 patches left) and email the board members with the prices for a vote.

No New Business was presented at this meeting.

Area Reports –

Peggy - nothing further to report at this time

Diana – mentioned that the Jolly Joeys graduated 6 new clowns recently. She will encourage them to join TCA. Another class is set for later this month (if there are enough students for the class to “make”). Aurora *BeBop* Krause is teaching the class and Diana is assisting. It is an 8 week course – one night per week for approx. \$48. Judy mentioned that Cheerful includes the COAI and TCA Dues as part of tuition at their clown school and this might be something that Jolly Joeys can do too. Diana will take that suggestion back to Aurora for further consideration. Diana is also trying to work with the San Antonio area Parks and Rec. department to get clowns into their programs.

Joey to the World is coming up on February 3-4, 2012 in Houston.

Next TCA Board meeting is set for May 5, 2012 at the convention hotel in Irving, Texas. If you want to stay overnight at the hotel, contact Judy and she will try to get a good rate. If you fly into Dallas, there is a free shuttle to the hotel from DFW. If you have to fly into Love Field, contact Andy A and he will try to arrange a pick up.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Peggy, seconded by Christie, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm. A TCA 2012 Convention Planning Committee meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Mauri Norris, secretary
January 10, 2012