

Texas Clown Association
Annual General Membership Meeting - Minutes
Thursday, September 30, 2010

Meeting was held in the ballroom of the Granbury Conference Center.
Meeting was called to order by President Andy Anderson at 4:05pm.
Andy A introduced the current board members present.

Minutes from general membership meeting of 2009 – Valerie Bandy moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by James Gill and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Quittner

Copies of the financial report and proposed 2011 budget were distributed for review and discussion. Andy Q announced that budget-wise the organization is healthy and we have about 3 years worth of budget in the bank. Total bank balance is \$28,746.43. The proposed budget for 2011 is a net NEGATIVE amount (\$2,082.00) mostly due to the low attendance at this convention. Jeanne Maskell moved to accept the budget as presented. Martha Warren seconded the motion. One question was asked as to whether or not an increase in the postage rate due in 2011 was considered when this budget was prepared. Andy Q stated that any increase would be negligible. Motion passed unanimously.

Special THANKS were given to all of the Cow Town Clowns for their work on this convention. It's been good so far. There are currently 101 registered attendees. There were some miscellaneous announcements related to the convention plans and schedule.

It was announced that Dave Olsen had contacted the TCA board about a memorial for his mother Mary Chesser and a \$50 memorial in her name has been received. Also, Barbi Nippler passed away in late August and Lillian Flopsey Martin, the 1986 TCA Ambassador, passed away recently as well. A moment of silence was held to pay our respects to these lost members and to any other members lost in the last year.

The Buddy Program is underway, if you agreed to be a Buddy, please be sure to see Rhea Anderson to get hooked-up with your assigned Buddy. Buddies are offered to folks for whom this is their first TCA convention.

Andy A invited anyone for whom this is their first TCA Convention to come to the front to be recognized and to be presented with a ribbon. Others are encouraged to welcome these folks and to assist them to better enjoy their convention experience.

2011 TCA Convention - Earl Warren, Martha Warren and Debbie Davis – announced that the 2011 TCA convention is set for August 10-14, 2011 at the Westin Hotel DFW Airport in Irving (the same hotel will host the 2012 and 2013 conventions as well). The 2011 host alley is Mid-Cities Clown Alley and the theme is READY, SET, CLOWN! The hotel has been refurbished since we are there in 2001 and we have a great room rate of \$90/nt+tax. Convention registration is \$115 until 12/31/2010.

Competition Committee Chair – Christie McNeill made some general announcements and comments about the upcoming competitions. Already the balloon competitions are finished.

Elections and By-Law Changes --- Paper ballots were distributed to all members attending
Andy Q presented a proposal to change the TCA By-Laws to delete a section regarding TCA Associate Alleys. A motion to approve the proposed change passed unanimously.

NOTE: I DO NOT HAVE THE NAMES OF THE FOLKS WHO MOVED AND SECONDED THIS MOTION. ANYONE?

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Office of President – Mauri handled that election – Andy Anderson was the only nominee on the ballot. There were no further nominations from the floor and Jeanne Maskell moved to cease nominations and elect Andy A by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Martha Warren and passed unanimously.

Andy A now took over the election process:

Office of Vice President - John Luce was the only nominee on the ballot. There being no further nominations from the floor, Mary Morris moved to cease nominations and elect John L by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Linda Greene and passed unanimously.

Office of Secretary – Mauri Norris was the only nominee on the ballot. There being no further nominations from the floor, James Gill moved to cease nominations and elect Mauri by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Nancy Arent and passed unanimously.

Office of Treasurer – Andy Quittner was the only nominee on the ballot. There being no further nominations from the floor, Robert Whitley moved to cease nominations and elect Andy Q by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Martha Warren and passed unanimously.

Office of Sargent at Arms - there were two nominees on the ballot: Judy Cornett and Steve Dilsworth. There was a call for any further nominations from the floor, there being no further nominations, Christie McNeill moved to cease nominations and vote. Motion was seconded by Sassy Papasan and passed unanimously. Members were asked to mark their ballots and they were collected and counted by John Luce. Judy Cornett received more than 50% of the votes and is thereby the newly elected Sargent at Arms.

5 Area Directors were up for election – all members were asked to gather in their respective regions and a board member joined each group. Each group was to accept any additional nominations and then vote on their choice to represent their area. Ballots were tallied and the results for the 5 regions are:

Northeast Region – Jeanette Dusti Sanders (re-elected)

North Central Region – Peggy Minnie Mustard Seed Barton (re-elected)

Panhandle/West Region – no nominee – position to be board appointed

South/Central Region – Diana Buttons McCurtain-Talbert

Southeast Region – Valerie Valliboop Bandy

Dale Flashberg is the new Regional Director for Clowns of America International (COAI) for Texas. She presented a Letter of Appreciation for TCA from COAI for their efforts and contributions on behalf of COAI. The April 2011 COAI Convention will be in Anaheim California.

Aurora Krause is the current president of The World Clown Association (WCA). WCA currently has about 2700 members. The 2011 WCA Convention will be held in NYC – March 14-18, 2011.

There was a call for any interested persons to serve as the TCA Area Representative for the Panhandle/West Region. The board will make an appointment and any interested member will be considered. All new board members are to meet after this meeting to set the date for the next board meeting. TCA Ambassadors are to meet after this meeting to discuss their Ambassador selection for 2010.

Don't forget to sign-up for your banquet table.

The hospitality room is open tonight at the LaQuinta Hotel.

Convention evaluation forms are in the back of your convention booklets. Be sure to complete and turn in each day to be part of the daily drawings.

Christie McNeill moved to adjourn the meeting. Patsy McMillan seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

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