

TEXAS CLOWN ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: September 22, 2016

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:15pm. Andy asked the membership to review the previous minutes that were handed out while he goes forward with the other agenda items.

Board Members Present: Andy Anderson, Christie McNeil, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Kathy Keaton, Martha Warren, Judy Cornett, Voncille Cox, and Diana McCurtain-Talbert. Mentioned that Greg Stanford was and Area Representative and the Competition Chair and he would be in after completing the balloon competition.

2. Minutes: Andy Anderson asked if everyone had a chance to look over last year's minutes, and if there were any questions or corrections. W T Keys motioned to accept the minutes as distributed to the membership and Debbie Garcia seconded. All agreed and was passed. Patsy McMillan will send to Greg Stanford to be published in the Joey Journal and to be put on website.
3. Treasurer: Mauri Norris stated that the bank balance as of 9/19/16 is \$39,977.44. This includes four Joey Journals and that we are \$600 short of dues at this time. The convention expenses are not reflected in this report. Proposed budget for 2017 shows we are a little less robust in the projection and showing a loss for next year. If we lose \$2,000 each year it eats away with what we have. Mauri asked if there were any comments or questions about the treasurer's report. Peggy Barton motioned that we accept the Treasurer report and W T Keys seconded. All in favor and was accepted unanimously. Mauri Norris will file for audit.
4. 2016 Convention: Kathy Keaton says it seems to be going pretty good at the moment, with only a few snafus at this time (which is standard). Kathy then urged everyone to visit the museum and witness the shooting of the cannon. Advised performance competitors to eat first so they won't be so stressed about getting ready for the evening competition. Still selling the logo cards for a chance at winning \$500 Kathy then introduced a staff member (didn't catch his name) to give us the history of Fort Concho, a frontier army post from 1867-1889 which is one of the best preserved forts of the Indian Wars Era.

Kathy then introduced Catie Weidenhofer who is the Director of their Non-Profit of choice "San Angelo Safe Kids". Catie, in turn, introduced one of her safe kids who said a few words – so few I didn't catch them. Catie then gave an overview of their program to keep the kids today safe.

Andy Anderson mentioned Greg Stanford is going to set up stationary cameras at all the competition areas, theme party and worship service; and he will be charging \$25 for a DVD of the happenings.

Also mentioned that Greg is stepping down as Competition Chair and is asking for someone to step up and take over a very important job.

5. First of May: Asked all first time convention attendees to come forward and receive their first time ribbons. Andy Anderson and Mauri handed out the ribbons to all the new ones. Asked to have the ones that weren't at the meeting to get with Mauri and Andy to get their ribbons.

6. Introduction of Board Members: Andy Anderson introduced the current board members stating their current positions because some of them are term limited and are stepping down. It is noted that Andy teared up as he was finalizing everything.

7. Elections: This is the slate of nominees as listed in the August/September Joey Journal

Sgt. at Arms – Voncille Cox. Asked if any nominations from the floor. John Luce made the motion to accept and W T Keys seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Cindy Rice. Asked if any nominations from the floor – Plain Jane motioned to accept and Peggy Barton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Secretary - Patsy McMillan. Asked if any nominations from the floor. Suzie Wall motioned to accept and Mary Alice Owen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Vice President – Linda Greene. Asked if any nominations from the floor. Peggy Barton motioned to accept and June Hinkle seconded. Passed unanimously.

President – Judy Cornett. Asked if any nominations from the floor. Mary Alice Owens motioned to accept and Pam Blacklock seconded. Passed unanimously.

After this was completed each area met to elect their Area Rep.

8. Presentation of New officers:

President	Judy Cornett
Vice President	Linda Greene
Treasurer	Cindy Rice
Secretary	Patsy McMillan
Sgt at Arms	Voncille Cox
North East Area Rep	Shirley Hamilton
North Central Area Rep	Lana Sue Fridge
Panhandle/West Area Rep	Susan Butler
South/Central Area Rep	Viviano Pena
South East Area Rep	Patti Gilbert
Past President	Andy Anderson

9. Presentation of 2017 Convention: Pam Blacklock gave the dates of next year's convention - Sept 27 to Oct 1st - at LaTorretta Lake Resort and Spa which is located on Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas. The charity of choice is Boys & Girls Country. The convention theme is "School Daze"; theme party will be a Clown Prom where a king and queen will be elected by their classmates. Early registration is \$140 and the room rate is \$106. And last but not least, the headliner is Julie Varholdt.

10. Other goings-on or any new business: As we were coming to a close of the meeting, there was a drawing for a DVD using the same tickets as the ones for the shooting of the cannon. Diana McCurtain Talbert won the DVD.

Then the drawing for the shooting of the cannon - Sandy Imoe was the proud winner!!!

Suzie wall requested that the board consider changing the cheek art parameters. Because the Fort Concho soldiers had been standing in the heat in their wool uniforms, we decided to table this until the January Board meeting.

Andy asked all the new board members to get together and decide on the date and location of next board meeting.

Patti Gilbert motioned to adjourn and Voncille Cox seconded the motion. It was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy McMillan
TCA Secretary 9/22/16