

# Texas Clown Association

# General Membership Meeting

Date: October 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm. Andy asked the membership to review the previous minutes that were handed out while he goes forward with the other items on agenda.

Introduction of board members – Andy Anderson, Christie McNeil, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Kathy Keaton, Martha Warren, Judy Cornett, Voncille Hardy Cox, and David McCullough. Dwain Wilhite and Diana McCurtain-Talbert were absent. Introduced Greg Stanford as Competition Chair and Linda Greene as Educational Director.

Treasurer – financial report stated that we have a budget for this year and proposed budget for next year. There was an increase in insurance this year because the rider for conventions had been dropped about seven years ago and had to be reinstated which caused the increase. In March Mauri Norris' home was burglarized which resulted in a loss of a lot of information. A new TCA computer was purchased for \$250 which is noted at the bottom of the Treasurer Report. No questions were asked about the financial report. No questions were asked about the proposed budget. TCA exceeded the membership that was proposed for this year and hopefully will be on track for increases moving forward. Board expenses increased because of travel distances. Valorie Bandy made a motion to accept and Debbie Garcia seconded. All in favor and all was passed unanimously.

Minutes - WT Keys made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Robert Philips seconded. There was a short discussion about the videos that were taken at last year's convention and it was suggested that we need to talk to Paul Walsh individually.

2015 Convention - David McCullough and his alley were recognized for putting on a great convention. David then mentioned they found a baby rattler at swimming pool and demonstrated what was in the goody bag. Saturday there will be a circus at TCA convention. They invited about 100 families with special needs to attend and are having an All Star extravaganza with all the lecturers as performers. Everybody will get a ticket but it is not needed – the ticket has advertising promoting becoming a clown with TCA. Hoping it will become a collector's item. David mentioned that there is a possibility two people at the hotel are thinking about becoming clowns. Tent is already up and the photographer is going to be on top of building for the group picture. David will have group photo available for \$10 before end of convention. Please come and play with the crowd. It will be as close to a real circus as they can make it.

David mentioned about the raffle/silent auction items and thanked his alley members for coordinating everything.

OLD BUSINESS:

Competition - Greg Stanford made competition announcements and requested volunteers to help. Reminded everyone to be sure to hit deadlines for competition. Also said he needed some runners and help with the lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

First of May - Andy asked for the Area Directors to come up and present the First of May ribbons to the 14 first timers. Congratulations and hope to see you back next year.

2016 Convention - Oops Alley will be hosting next year's convention in San Angelo, Texas, and Kathy Keaton is the committee chair.

Kathy said her community is excited about this upcoming event. Theme is Art from the Heart. Their local chocolatier (who won a competition in New York) gave her a basket worth \$50 to be used as a prize to encourage registration for next year's convention. All those who sign up at this convention for next year's convention will be eligible for the drawing to be given away at the breakfast on Sunday. The date for next year's convention is Sept

21 – 25, 2016. \$135 to sign up now. Will have maps on Saturday night giving directions to San Angelo. Bring your own water. Make sure to go to the lily ponds that are world famous.

Ambassador - Ambassadors please meet after meeting to go over nomination for this years' ambassador.

Elections - There are term limits on some of the board members so please see David McCullough if you are interested in running. Information is on web page for the mechanics of each position. Need a lot of people to run for the board.

Other goings-on - COAI and WCA conventions next year. Joey to the World in February.

No other announcements were made – Pam Blalock motioned to adjourn and Earl Warren seconded the motion. It was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Patsy McMillan  
TCA Secretary