

Texas Clown Association
Minutes from the General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2006

Clarion Hotel
4400 W. Airport Freeway
Irving, Texas 75962

The meeting was called to order by the Lisa Ezell, president, at 3:53 p.m. The present TCA officers and board members were then introduced.

The members were reminded that the 2005 meeting had been canceled due to Hurricane Rita and cancellation of the 2005 convention. As a result, the minutes needing approval were from the last general membership meeting, which was in 2004.

Andy Quittner, secretary, presented the minutes from the 2004 meeting. Valerie ^B~~Mandy~~ made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Barry Yount. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Lisa thanked the host alley for the 2006 convention for a job well done.

Pat Billings^{ups} talked about the charity, Disciples of Trinity, who will be the recipient of funds raised from the raffle. This group has some 2200 plus clients providing a wide range of services including services to the homeless, evacuees, etc. The charity does not receive any federal or state funding and spends all of the received donations on services rather than administration and paper.

Sue ~~Gortemiller~~ talked about competition. Stated the lineups were now posted. Sue stated that she still needed a couple of judges.

Mauri Norris gave the treasurer's report and presented the proposed 2007 budget. She discussed the income, which included a withdrawal from the Certificate of Deposit.

Andy Quittner presented a slate of amendments to the TCA By-Laws. There was limited discussion. Motion to accept by Deckard; seconded by Sue Sa? Passed unanimously.

Lisa Ezell then talked about the TCA board, and that it meets four times per year. Meetings are open to all members. If anyone was interested in a board position, nominations would be taken during the election later in the meeting. She told them that the new board will meet on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Kay Reed talked about the World Clown Association, recognizing the Jolly Joeys (San Antonio) as the first Texas WCA alley. Applications to join WCA are available at the convention by the registration desk.. The WCA 2007 convention will be in Fairbanks, AK. Joey to the World will be held February 2 and 3, 2007. Headliner is Norm Barnhardt. Kenny

Ahern will be there and doing a special advanced workshop the day before.

Andy Anderson began the election of board members. Started with Sergeant of Arms:

Nominees: Barry Yount, Robert Whitley, and Martha Warren

Mauri moved for the nominations to cease. Seconded by Patty Gilbert?

Ballots were distributed and counted. Barry Yount was elected Sergeant at Arms.

President. Lisa Ezell was nominated; Motion to accept by Lynette Edwards. 2d by ??? Passed.

Vice President: John Luce was nominated; Motion to accept by Kay Henry, 2d by ~~Delva~~ Dale DePrima ~~dePrince~~. Passed.

Secretary. Andy Quittner was nominated. Barry Yount moved to accept; D ~~Beete~~?
Seconded. Passed

Treasurer. Mauri Norris was nominated; Robert Whitley moved to accept. 2d by Linda ??
Passed.

The membership then divided into geographic areas to each elect their board representative. The following were presented to the membership as area representatives:

North Central: Andy Anderson

North East: Susan Keyes

Central: Donna Manna

South: Lisa Poche

South East ~~Donna~~ Katie Mae Wagner

West No one present; to be appointed by the Board

Lisa Ezell then led a discussion concerning some issues that are being raised by the Board.

Talked about the possibility of moving the convention date from mid-late September to the mid July to mid August time frame. Several people spoke out, both for and against such a move. Lisa stated that the board would give further consideration of this idea; however any change would not occur until the 2008 convention.

Lisa then discussed the declining number of persons participating in competition. This year there were more than 160 persons registered at convention, but only 22 are competing in make-up; and that is distributed over 5 categories. TCA is also experiencing problems finding judges. There is also a cost associated with the competitions. Wanted to know if interest is waning. Are more people interested in performance?? What about teaching make-up rather than competition? Maybe a self application class with judges as critique...perhaps even as a track. Some discussion ensued with some extremely opposed to removing make-up competition; others seemed to agree that an instructional track might be a good idea.

The membership was then reminded that a group picture would take place at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, be in make-up and ready to do some "action" for the picture.

Door prizes were drawn:

Donna Waggner won CD from Kudos

Richard Patterson won a platter and book from Maggill

Aurora Krause won a puzzle from _____

Sandy Sims won a neck tie

Olga Garcia won a Bib

Kirby Keater won a ~~clown~~ couple

Diane Willis won a DVD from Stretch

Barry Yount won a hat from Barbie

Vicki Long won a mini bib

___ Griffin won a poder puff

June Henkle won ????

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.