

1/16/2010

Meeting Minutes

Location: 101 Jefferson Ave., Olean, NY

I. Open Mtg @ 12:30 w/MOS and Rdgs

II. Roll Call

- A. Executive Co. - all present except NF: absent w/out report and RD absent w/report
- B. ASC - all present except RCM for NF: absent w/out report
- C. Subco - all present: open at this time: Convention, H&I, and PI

III. Mail Distribution

- A. No mail distributed - lost PO Box due to failure to pay bill
- B. New PO Box: 736 Bflo., NY 14207

IV. Review of 11/20/09 Meeting Minutes

- A. Read: Motion to accept w/out correction or additions Ed B.  
2nd and passed

V. Next Regional Meeting Location

- A. 750 Wherle Dr., Cheektowaga, NY (St. Steven's Church)
- B. Policy Subco Mtg @ 11 to review recommended changes to By-Laws

VI. Opening Treasurer's Balance

- A. \$8,257.59
- B. Rent: \$10 moved to New Business

VII. Reports

A. Executive Co

- 1. RD Bob B - abs: no email service accessible for reading of report - report read by Dave M. via cell phone connection - emphasis was placed on request for funds for CAR, workshops, and conference.
- 2. RD Alt Jim L. report made and breakdown of funding request reviewed and accepted - dispersal approved
- 3. Note at this time funding of CAR Workshops was discussed and approved as follows: \$750 for all workshop expenses - check made out to Bob B. and all RCM's responsible for coordinating the set of workshops with Bob B. Dates at this time are: Sunday 2/21 - Buffalo and 2/28 Alley-Catts both to start at 12 noon.
- 4. Chair Richard P - see report. No Convention Chair elected at this time. Discussion regarding policy and convention planning co was had see Minutes of 9/19/09 and 11/20/09. Alley-Catts and Buffalo both recommended postponing convention. Convention Planning Co. meetings started wk of 1/09/2010. Phyllis Cook appointed @ this time until official election can be held. Chautt - point of order - this is new business. Mark T. and Cedric S both removed once again from bank account as signatories. Bank statements reviewed. Reviewed issue of lost PO Box.

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5. Vice Chair Ken P - see report. Conflict identified regarding reports of Convention finances. Possible variance of \$3,757.76. Recommends audit immediately. Also recommended that Convention VC move up - this would be a policy change. \* Policy Chair Dave M agrees with the recommendations.

6. No secretary's report necessary - position open Jim L performing duties as Acting Secretary @ this time.

VIII. Area Reports

A. Alley-Catts Matt Cox

1. Statement of Gratitude
2. Filled positions of PI and Activities
3. Fixed Guidelines
4. Working on newsletter - 9 Lives - looking for input/suggestions from other Areas
5. Schedules will be distributed in the future at Region
6. Project 7 - avoiding the rush to keep it spiritual. At this time the project is @ 5
7. Last speaker jam was a learning experience
8. Balance: \$80 less \$20 donation: \$60
9. Q&A: Will newsletter be online? Yes. WEB servant requests A-C email info.

B. Buffalo Ed Brunner

1. Introduced new RCM Harvey Lingle
2. See report - all Area positions filled
3. Q&A: WEB servant requests updated schedules especially regarding closed meetings. Referenced email address and its purpose

C. NIO Stephen Dysent

1. See report - Opening Balance: \$618.33
2. Donation: \$150
3. Free Super Bowl Party 50 Cottage St. bring dish to pass
4. Q&A: Can NIO Area use Buffalo Copier and Region's tax exempt ID #. No use of copier outside of Bflo Area and No use of the tax exempt ID# it is for Regional business use only.

D. Chautt Smitty

1. See report
2. Concerned w/#s from the Convention and possible financial errors called for review of all books/audit requested
3. Balance: \$152.20
4. Donation: \$50
5. Q&A: WEB servant requests schedules be reviewed and email any upcoming events

E. Niagara Falls RCM absent no report

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IX. Sub Committee Reports

A. Web Servant Michael B.

1. See report
2. Website up and running - minutes posted
3. PO Box updated on site and with WSO
4. Request Areas update schedules so that new PO Box # is on new schedules

5. Request \$193.86 disbursement for Web last check was returned and voided. Michael B paid for service and is requesting check be cut to him.

B. Policy Dave M

1. see emailed report
2. First review and recommended changes completed 1/16/2010
3. Revised version will be available as a word doc for review online
4. Asking for individuals to print off copies electronically
5. Targeting a year before final review is completed and revised version is ready to acted on
6. Q&A: WEB Servant Michael B recommends By-Law change regarding Convention Vice-Chair. This was identified as new business.

C. Open Subcommittees/Other Positions

1. H&I
2. PI
3. Convention
4. Literature
5. Activities
6. Secretary

\*\*\*Smitty motioned for break at 2:40/2nd - return @ 3:15

X. Old Business

- A. Nominations - none Chair requests RCMs take back to Areas and announce open positions.
- B. Dave M. declines nomination for Convention Chair
- C. Convention Banners - tubing tabled until researched further
- D. Convention Chair - Phyllis Cook already appointed and previously recommended by prior Convention Co. Chair directed RCMs to take name back to Areas and return with conscience for March vote.
- E. Elections
  1. H&I Ed Brunner - 4 yea 1 Absent
  2. PI John Monin - 4 yea 1 Absent

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XI. New Business

- A. Convention Chair/Vice Chair - change By-Laws so that the VC moves up @ completion of term of outgoing convention chair. Tabled till next mtg of Region.
- B. Previous Convention Closing Financial Report
  1. Audit of Convention books called for motioned and 2nd NIO RCM Alt - 10 yea 0 ea 1 absent
  2. Policy Subcommittee Issue - should audit of Convention be included in the By-Laws changes and recommendations?
  3. Chairperson and Nio RCM Stephen D have both agreed to review the financial records and provide report by next Regional mtg.
  4. Convention Banners - # of tubs (for storage and protection), size and cost to be determined.

Will be called in Matt Cox

So motioned/2nd 11 yea 1 absent

XII. Closing Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance: \$8,257.59

Disbursements: \$3,261.87

Additioinal Inc. \$270.00

Closing Balance: \$5,265.72

XIII. Motion to Close 4:39

Yours in Service,

Jim Lowe, Acting Secretary