

Minutes of ExComm Meeting November 14, 2010, held at home of Sylvia Zadorozny.

Present: Sylvia Zadorozny, Thomas Thomas, Kathy Crum, Ronan Heffernan, Theresa Hohmann, Eloise Hurst, Barbara Loewe.

Absent: Maxine Kushner, excused absence Melissa Stephens

Officers: Jay Johnson

NOTE: Due to fat fingers of Scribe, the first page of notes up to Testing Coordinator was accidentally erased. What follows is a close approximation.

Meeting Called to Order:

Minutes:

Motion: To accept minutes of Excomm Meeting August 2010. Passed.

Motion: To accept minutes of Annual Meeting October, 2010. Passed.

Reports:

Treasurer:

KC: Report sent in. Treasurer's Report for April thru November will be published in the December *Sounding*.

Testing Coordinator:

TT: (reporting in Maxine's absence.) Fran held a test in Ruskin, Terry Wolfe observed. He is qualified to observe once and be observed once, and he would like me to observe him.

We have the same problem as before, that of how to contact prospects.

BL: Can National send us another list?

TT: No. Only the Testing Coordinator has access to the online prospect list. National office only allows a single individual in each chapter to have this access.

Discussion: What we can do to obtain access. How to mitigate impact on chapter by not having access to prospect list. Review of by-laws regarding annulling appointments.

Scholarship Coordinator:

TH: Everything is in that is supposed to be in. I am trying to contact other counties. Marilyn did not give me the 2010 Winning Essay information.

Gifted Children Coordinator:

TH: Several members came for the Fossil Dig last month, I did not go to the one yesterday. No one is showing up for Bagels-On-The-Beach. I am having trouble getting things on the Calendar, I have a lot of last-minute things I want to put on.

SZ: It would be a good idea to expand the Calendar so Theresa has access to it.

TH: I am considering stepping down from ExComm and continuing as GCC.

SZ: I would want you to continue as GCC.

Publicity Officer:

SZ: Melissa is not here. We had MTD and we have an RG to publicize.

TT: We did no publicity for Mensa Testing Day.

Calendar Editor:

EH: Calendar is working.

Editor:

RH: I sent in my report, (appended). *Sounding* is going to the printer tomorrow. I will get the new minutes on the website right away.

Membership Officer:

RH: New Member Packets just went out. Crewe list is up but not printed. Howard Prince notified me that some members are not showing up on the New Member list. I will ask Mel to bring this up at the AMC – we need to contact new members faster than 30-45 days out. I got some names late, they already had their membership card. New membership cards are printed and sent each Tuesday, that person could also send us an email. All is wasted if members don't get a good experience their first month.

TT: The National Office is doing a restructure of their web services and may not be able to address specific change requests at this time. The New Member or Offers of Membership data may or may not already be part of the restructure.

Circulation Officer:

TT: We sent 552 issues in September, 560, 564, and December will be 565. Electronic distribution is growing: 100 in September, 102, 103 and 105 in December. We have 5 undeliverable.

Our per-item mailing is about 16¢ which is more expensive than it would be if we were fully automated which we are not. That is because it would cost us more; 15¢ to put the 2-inch paper tabs on 3 sides of *Sounding* that we mail out, so we are not fully automated.

There is the full-bar-code issue going on right now – new regulations for automated mailing. National is trying to figure out how to do this with the local groups but since we are not going automated and we can't go automated in a fiducially manner, I don't think it matters if we do or do not get bar-codes, we will get the same rate. We will not have to worry about the bar-codes.

We are using the non-automated rate because we are not using the wafer seals. Using the wafer seals costs more than 16¢ per issue, even if we buy in bulk. Those things are meant for mailers who send out thousands, not hundreds.

As far as Circulation goes, things are going smoothly.

I expect post office rates will go up again next year; I would like to get as many on electronic distribution as possible.

Deputy LocSec:

TT: I talked about the RG at SCAM so people know it is happening. I will give committee reports later.

LocSec:

SZ: My report is in the *Sounding*.

MaL:

BL: Nothing.

Committee Reports:

RG 2011:

TT: Melissa is the designee to give the report. We don't have much, many meetings have been cancelled.

SZ: I signed the hotel contract.

By-Laws Committee:

SZ: We are already conforming with National.

TT: The question came up whether we should put in an age limit for ExComm. It would impact contracts and distribution of funds. I will check with National whether the application of a director of a corporation to AMC is equivalent to a chapter which is not corporate. We don't want to put in anything that is more restrictive. In fact, I would like to put something that says 'as required by national' as often as we can so that if National changes their rules we can go with them. For example, balloting: if they go electronic, we can change, whereas if we put 'paper' in our by-laws we are stuck.

SZ: I also think we should bring it up in ExComm.

RH: We are going to ask National, and depending on what they say, it may not be an issue. It may be a moot point.

SZ: Agreed, but I want to see how the ExComm stands. Is it a good or bad idea? Jay, you brought it up why don't you explain it.

JJ: This occurred to me when I saw Isabelle had written herself in on the ballot and then crossed herself out again. I began to think that any opportunistic parent could do that – write in their kid's name, get votes on it, and that kid would be on the ExComm. I think experience and wisdom are required for an informed vote and I don't think young kids necessarily have that. It just seemed reasonable that the Committee should consider a minimum age.

Discussion: What is involved? What are the rights of each member?

Sylvia will check the LocSec Boards and ask of other groups who might have a minor on their ExComm.

Annual Meeting Committee:

SZ: We haven't met, we will meet soon.

Domination Techniques Workshop Committee:

RH: We have narrowed down the list of topics, we are going to fit in the 'advanced' category of LDW. We have April 2 as the date. We have 4 locations we are looking at. It may go to 1 ½ day into April 3.

SZ: We are going to send to other LocSecs within Region 10 to see if they are interested.

Retreat Committee:

TT: Melissa tried to get us a place but it fell through. We do not have another date or location. To secure this location before the 30-day cutoff we have to send a handicapped person down make the reservation.

BL: I will do it.

Discussion: New date, overnight?

Old Business:

SZ: Dan Chesnut as Assistant Treasurer?

KC: Having him is going to be more work than I have now. I will contact him to see if he is still interested. I found the 2002 inventory equipment list, we really haven't bought anything since then.

RH: Someone has to have full access to the accounts, bank numbers, etc.

BL: I don't think we need to 'appoint' an assistant, if we appoint them and they don't do the job, then we have to remove them.

Editor Research and Backup:

SZ: I don't mind doing backup, I will just do cut and paste.

RH: Research is looking at newsletters and finding stuff we should reprint, and checking to make sure of what has been printed before.

Membership:

RH: I just need a backup, I will think about recruiting an assistant.

Annual Meeting:

SZ: We had an Annual Meeting in October.

Discussion: We bombarded them. Set aside a special time before an ExComm meeting for GM? Does ExcComm qualify as fulfilling our meeting requirements to members?

Fall Picnic:

SZ: We had a successful picnic at Starkey.

Crewe List:

RH: It is on the website. I did not print up copies yet because it is pricey.

TT: It is an expenditure of funds, not discretionary spending.

Motion: To allow Ronan to spend up to \$299 for the printing of limited number of Crewe List.

Second BL. Passed.

RH: National Directory is better, more current.

New Business:

Winter Social:

SZ: Didn't happen, we didn't have a place.

Discussion: Expense, Cliff Butt's recommendations, timing of announcement and post cards, Barbara finding hotels and restaurants. What we told membership. Skip it and go directly to Spring? Need a reporting mechanism so no one drops the ball.

Sylvia will ask Maxine where she stands on hosting a social.

Thomas will talk to Cliff and see if he is interested in becoming a volunteer for venue identification.

BL: I think we should have an Annual Calendar and then see if we can rotate places geographically.

Spring Picnic:

SZ: We need a honcho, location, the whole bit.

TH: I had offered to do the whole winter thing and everyone ignored me. I am tired of it, it is a waste of my tie. I spend so much tie and I am ignored. I don't want to do this anymore, it isn't fun. I want to spend my time doing what I can do.

Discussion:

MindGames:

SZ: It has been suggested that we put in a bid to host MindGames 2012.

Discussion: Timing. Helpers. Space requirements. Potential of success. Do a games weekend first? Do either MindGames or RG not both. Hospitality? Benefits to TBM.

Sylvia will get more information.

A bid will be prepared and presented at next ExComm.

Volunteers to help: TH, EH, BL, KC.

Election Committee:

BL: I will call Jim Perry and see if he wants to serve. (yes)

SZ: We need to ask Erica if she already has anyone.

RH: Erica mentioned she might want to run for ExComm.

BL: Terry Wolfe might be interested in either ExComm or Election Committee. I will ask him.

SZ: If Theresa steps down her seat will be up, Eloise is not going to run again, Maxine may not. Five seats are up, 3 may be open.

TT: I nominate Jay to the Election Committee. BL second. Accepted.

SZ: Election Committee will be finalized next meeting.

Bay Sounding publication, (a government agency):

SZ: Do we care about that name?

BL: I thought we probably should say something to them or else they could come back and tell us we can't use our name.

JJ: Would it be wise to get to one of our lawyers, even if it is a local one?

BL: Yes, let's send it to National.

TT: I think we should talk to Mel. He is a lawyer, and in AMC meeting this weekend but this is something he can give us immediate direction with. I will do that.

No other new business.

Testing:

TT: Fran (Orenstein) is the Assistant Assistant Coordinator. She can get the list. (Call Fran) She will accept the list, will coordinate with other proctors in the area. She will check frequently and get the info out immediately.

Next Meeting:

SZ: The next meeting will be held December 19, 11:00 at home of Thomas Thomas prior to FSM.

Motion: To adjourn, KC. Second TH. Passed.

Meeting adjourned:

Note: Theresa Hohmann is resigned from ExComm. This will be dealt with the next meeting, so as to give us time to identify a replacement.