

Minutes of ExComm Meeting December 17, 2010 held at home of Thomas Thomas

Present: Sylvia Zadorozny, Thomas Thomas, Kathy Crum, Barabara Loewe, Eloise Hurst, Melissa Stephens

Absent: Maxine Kushner, Ronan Heffernan  
Officers: Jay Johnson

Guests: Fran Orenstein, Erica Rogers

Meeting called to order 11:21am

Minutes:

Motion: To accept the Minutes as previously distributed to members and as amended. Bl. Second, EH. Passed.

Reports:

Scribe:

JJ: Motions relevant to the general membership were published in *Sounding*, specifically those in reference to the RG and location of the RG. The minutes approved at the last ExComm have been posted on the website. No other call for Scribe reporting.

Treasurer: (report appended)

KC: Overall, we are cutting away the deficit, we are down to only negative \$2500. We are getting close to the end of the year, this is not the End-of-the-Year Statement. You can see the totals are lower than what we projected for the year, and next year's budget will reflect the new totals. We are right on track for National Support. Expenses were high for the Handbook, but we haven't done it for so long I don't think it is a problem. There were fewer requests for refreshment reimbursements than expected, I may have over budgeted. The Socials are down because we didn't have any expenses for the December Social. The only contribution we had was from Arthur Kelland that came with his Crewe List update. If we want to use that as a source of income again, I would suggest we publicize that when you send in your Crewe List Update, please consider a contribution. We can set up a PayPal link.

I wrote a check to the 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank to reactivate that account so they don't charge dormant fees – I have to do it every year.

I talked to Dan Chesnut about the equipment list and he is working on it. I found one list for '02 and another for '05, no updates since then.

Testing:

SZ: Maxine is our coordinator, she no longer has time for it. Fran Orenstein has agreed to become the new Testing Coordinator.

FO: I was Proctor Coordinator in Arizona, so I have experience. Thomas oriented me and gave me a lot of information. I still do not know the geography of the area. My plan is to contact the proctors and find out who is doing what, get their locale, and coordinate the incoming requests

to the different proctors according to where they are. Then let them establish their own routine.

JJ: Currently we are not allowed to use the meeting rooms of the public libraries in Pasco County because of their strict rules. I talked to my librarian and he suggested I plead our case to the main coordinator. I sent her a letter this week laying out all the reasons why we deserve to have her reconsider allowing us to use the meeting rooms. If she permits us to use the libraries I can start testing in Pasco County again, because until now I have not been able to find another location. I will let you know her decision as soon as I hear back from her.

Discussion: Some alternatives, YMCA, community colleges, a hotel room.

TT: I completed the papers for Melissa Stephens and they are in National.

As discussed before, we don't have a lot of people showing up for a test but that may change with their rule change. For those who are not aware, National has decided to release test scores. As of January 1 they will release scores to those who take the test and get an invitation to join. Those who took it over the past 10 years and are members can get it free of charge. Those who have lapsed or did not join may request a score for a \$15 fee. Those who never joined will get a voucher for \$15 towards the first year of membership. Those who did not qualify will not receive scores.

Scholarship:

SZ: Theresa is not here but she is working on it. She posted to TBM-gm, and TBM-discussion lists.

GCC:

MS: We are keeping up the standard events. We had 2 17-year olds test so we will see if we can get more people involved. They showed up on games night.

Publicity:

MS: Not much to publicize now. I do want to get with Fran about publicizing testing events. Art is doing his own publicizing of Games Weekend. Outside groups are interested.

SZ: We need to publicize Scholarship.

Calendar:

EH: Games Weekend is on the Calendar.

Editor: (report appended)

SZ: Ronan reports that everything is progressing as normal.

Webmaster: (report appended)

SZ: Ronan reports that the embedded Google Calendar is back up on our website, their software bug is fixed.

Membership: (report appended)

SZ: Ronan reports that everything is progressing as normal. Four more Welcome Packets should be going out next week. He has not yet tried to get our RVC to address the issue of more timely updates on new members.

Circulation:

TT: We have a few more on electronic distribution. We want to increase that with the upcoming change in bar-coding rules. Ella tells me we can do automation – they changed the rules and we still have to follow the rules on where to place tape, but we don't have to use expensive discs.

In protest against the content, one member has opted out of receiving *Sounding* entirely.

LocSec:

SZ: As usual, what I have to say that is relevant I put in my monthly column of *Sounding*.

AMC passed a motion to increase dues as of January 1 by \$4.00. They also made some revisions to the minimum standards of by-laws. Since we are going through our own by-laws, we need to be aware of that. They are having their next meeting in Atlanta.

Committees:

RG 2011

MS: We will be meeting before January 1.

Mensa Dominance:

SZ: We have a list of programs that we are looking at – they will be the more advanced programs so hopefully they will attract experienced leaders from other chapters.

By-Laws:

SZ: We find we are pretty much in line with minimal requirements from National.

TT: Now that National has published their latest revision of the Minimum Standard By-laws we can look at them. One thing we want to look at is electronics – the way to communicate is changing and we want to keep up with our members. We need to include that.

Annual Meeting:

BL: We haven't met.

Retreat:

MS: Do we want to try again at Starkey?

Discussion: What we need to do to get a reservation.

SZ: The committee will work on whether non-ExComm members can attend.

Election Committee:

TT: Jim Perry agreed to be on the Election Committee.

Motion: To nominate Erica Rogers to take Theresa's place on ExComm. TT. Second MS. Passed. Erica Rogers is on the ExComm Committee, taking over the place of Theresa Hohmann who resigned the ExComm at the last meeting. Erica accepts the nomination.

SZ: We are back to Election Committee because Erica was originally head of the Election Committee.

ER: Kyle said he would be willing to do it.

JJ: There is a possibility I will not be able to be here for the count, I will let you know, you can find a replacement later.

Key Positions:

TT: We need to appoint Fran Orenstein.

MS: To bring it into Old Business, we will say Maxine has resigned and go forward with the new nomination.

Motion: That Fran Orenstein be nominated Testing Coordinator. Passed. Fran accepts the nomination.

Assistant to Key Positions:

SZ: Circulation – a person who could find locations for FSM.

TT: I have been working on it, next month's FSM will be in Ozona at the home of Chris Clement.

SZ: We are also looking for an assistant Editor and research person.

Old Business:

Retreat:

SZ: Covered.

Winter Social:

SZ: We are going to abandon Winter Social.

Spring Picnic:

SZ: I talked with Maxine and she is willing to coordinate it.

Bay Sounding (magazine)

SZ: Thomas was going to ask Mel about it.

Discussion: Our goal. Registration, copyright.

New Business:

Annual Meeting:

MS: I would rather have it in the summer because it is an indoor meeting.

Motion: To hold the Annual Meeting at the Summer Social. TT.

Discussion: Too binding, think about it, logistics.

Restatement of motion: Motion: That we hold the 2011 Annual Meeting at our 2011 Summer Social. TT. Second MS. Passed.

SZ: Who will run the Summer Social?

Discussion: Restaurants, hotel, meeting rooms. Geographical location. How to get recommendations. Tentative date.

Motion: To appoint Erica Rogers as Funmeister of Summer Social. TT. Passed. Erica accepts the appointment.

SZ: Other New Business? (no)

The Next ExComm Meeting will be held February 20, at home of Fran Orenstein at 12:00 to be followed by FSM.

Motion: To adjourn. TT, second KC.

Meeting adjourned 12:56pm.

Jay Johnson, Scribe