

August 20, 2011 ExComm Meeting held at home of Sylvia Zadorozny

Present: Thomas Thomas, Sylvia Zadorozny, Kathy Crum, Ronan Heffernan, Art Schwartz, Erica Rogers, Dan Chesnut

Absent: Melissa Stephens (Excused) Barbara Loewe (Excused)

Officers: Theresa Shadrick, Jay Johnson

Meeting called to order: 2:09 pm

Discussion regarding how and when an absence should be excused or unexcused was taking up too much meeting time and was producing no solution. The question will be discussed further either on the list or by private email to be taken up again as Old Business at the next meeting.

Motion: That we consider both BL and MS absences excused for today. SZ, 2nd ER. Passed.

Minutes:

Motion: That we accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as sent to all ExComm Members. Passed.

Reports:

Scribe: Appended

LocSec:

TT: I made sure reassignment of all new officers was sent to National. I sent Scholarship information to National. National set up a new list, a LocSec announcement list where they will send out what we need to know. Our meetings have been running fairly smoothly with everyone keeping up and sending in their reports. We held the Annual Meeting at the Summer Social.

Treasurer:

KC: I emailed the report to everyone before the meeting. To recap, the RG had a great profit. We received reimbursement for all expenses of the LDW. Everything in Inflows is running as budgeted. Since we did not do our Crewe List issue where we usually ask for contributions, we probably won't get any for both Scholarships and general. We might want to rethink that next year. We have gotten more renewals which affected Outflows. Office Supplies were down because of the electric stapler. The 2 socials were under budget leaving a bit more money for the last 2. I put in the \$1000 for the LDW after the budget was approved as it came in later. Cash Flows are the same. Transfer of money to the post office is listed. Account Balances are up. Inflow/Outflow shows \$1400 coming in over the course of the year which was mostly the RG. There is no CD. Interest rates are still terrible.

There is a question about whether DC is eligible to do the audit now that he is on the ExComm.

TT: (reads by-laws) The constraint is if you receive or disburse funds, and since you are not involved in those activities, you can do the audit.

KC: Since it was due today, we will make the new deadline October and have it ready by then.

Testing Coordinator:

TT: I conducted 2 sessions, tested 5 people since the last meeting. Jay wants to set up a regular test session in southwest Pasco. I need to talk about "Mensa Brilliance" testing in October. I received some material from National. I need to talk to Erica to set up a publicity plan for it.

Scholarship:

TS: I am trying to get addresses. I would like to get more organized than I was last year. I need to be put back on TBM-ex. The writer of the winning essay got a check from National. Do we send a separate check?

KC: Yes. Our local winning essay goes to National and whether National sends the writer anything is up to them. You have to decide who is the overall highest in our group.

TS: Our judges determined which essay went to National. I will send the essay to *Sounding*.

GCC: Fossil Dig is started up again. I am trying to get a new house and if I do I want to start a games day. I realize I can't please everyone so I will do things I enjoy and that Isabelle will enjoy, but it will be all age groups, I won't limit it. I want multiple games going at the same time. I foresee 3 rooms – one is multipurpose and the other two are games-related.

Publicity:

ER: I have not done any publicity but I have seen the October Testing plan and materials, and it is exciting.

Programs:

MS is absent.

Calendar:

SZ: I had a little trouble maintaining consistency, it is in my report. (appended)

RH: Google still has I-Cal, but there is no tool to convert it to our Calendar.

TS: If we can get 15 people together the admission is just \$5.00 each at MOSI so I will set that up. I am trying to set up a trip to Crater of Diamonds in Arkansas for March. There are 40 different kinds of precious stones in that park. It is a 17-hour drive.

Membership:

ER: We had 4 renewing members, one transfer in, 4 move-ins, 4 new and 1 reinstating. I called the new members and sent them the packet. There is one who has not sent in his membership so I called him to talk about some events that might interest him.

Circulation:

AS: No report.

TT: I had the labels transferred to you.

Deputy LocSec:

SZ: See my report. (appended)

MaL:

TT: BL is absent.

DC: No report.

Committee Reports:

Summer Social:

ER: I was a bit disappointed because we had 50 RSVP but not that many showed up. We spent \$325.15 of our budget. I thought the food was fantastic and the place was fantastic. Dave's talk was wonderful, and he said he is willing to do another at another time. We had a problem with Google Maps. Because the map sent people to Tarpon Springs, 3 people called or emailed that the directions they followed were wrong.

Discussion: At least more than 31 showed, how to deal with Google Maps, what will happen to the Guest Book?

Fall Picnic:

RH: There is an ad in this *Sounding*, next month it will be on the cover. I will contact Maxine for amounts to buy.

Winter Social:

SZ: It is in my report. Jay suggested a carnival.

JJ: Not so much a carnival as a Monte Carlo night with games and a silent auction as a way to raise money to fund those events that do not qualify for TBM reimbursement.

Discussion: Legality, how to manage chips, suggestions for silent auction.

SZ: One person at the Summer Social contacted me and said that he has a hall in Safety harbor that we can use.

RH: I know a man who belongs to a kind of fraternal organization. His group owns their own facility and they rent it out. There could be a problem, they allow alcohol and smoking.

Old Business:

Funding for Ruby Agnir's Chorale.

SZ: Ruby is still trying to get it together. She needs 12 people to make it viable. She is going to be paying for a location and is still looking for an accompanist. If anyone knows of an accompanist, let her know.

Lapsed-Member Mailing:

TT: Thanks to Art, Erica, and Ronan we contacted everyone and received a reimbursement of \$48.50. I don't know if we converted any members.

Recruitment Day at USF:

AS: There is going to be National Recruitment in October, we could coordinate our efforts with that. Any of the colleges is good. We have to contact the colleges to see if they will let us set up a table. Stress we are a non-profit and a benefit to the students. If we can do 4 colleges within a month that would be good. Do some publicity, put something in *Sounding*.

ER: As an alum, I can help you contact Eckerd and USF St. Pete.

AS: Ask if they can give us a hand, or at least give us the right name.

TS: I think Catherine Barney would be good for that.

Retreat:

TT: I haven't done anything about it but we do need to set up a place. Ronan and I were talking about it, if we still want to do it, perhaps an outdoor thing later in the year.

SZ: We need to do it now, the year is already moving on.

TT: We will probably have to use the list to find when people will be willing to do it – their schedules, and then find a location. The purpose is to set the direction for the year, the goals. We haven't actually done that kind of planning session. It can be a day or a weekend, there are different formats that National provides. I think we want to do a full day. I will take that to the list.

By-Laws:

RH: We decided to table all of it until National released their changes. We have to do a new review to check our compliance.

TT: The new National standards revolve around 5 issues. The By-laws Committee will check the by-laws we have in the manual to National's to make sure we are in compliance with the minimum standards. Minimum standards gives choices, our by-laws specify which choices we made. We make our by-laws and submit them to National. National will review them and make suggestions, then send them back to us. We print the changes on a ballot in *Sounding* and the membership votes on it. The whole process usually takes 2 years. Ronan and I are on the committee. If anyone else is interested, let us know.

New Business:

RG 2012:

TT: After a successful RG 2011, we can go forward. Theresa is interested in being Honcho. Elissa (Rudolph) mentioned our RG in her column; it was very unexpected and very nice. She used that as a springboard to get people to go to the RGs.

Motion: To have an RG in 2012. DC, 2nd TS. Passed.

Motion: To nominate Theresa Shadrick to be Honcho. 2nd ER. Passed.

TS: I would like a committee and a lot of input. I wondered if AS might be interested. I was talking to Jason Knight in Ybor and he said he likes the hotel. I would like to be more proactive in advertising.

TT: Need to keep in mind the small size of the hotel.

New Business:

Audit:

TT: The audit will be done and ready by October.

Crewe List:

RH: Since it is no longer a part of *Sounding*, it is no longer a job of the Editor. It is a compilation. I plan to finish the Member Handbook first, and then get to the Crewe List. Jay will proofread.

(ER and JJ may be able to assist.)

Virtual Symposium:

TT: There is a new online symposium where you go online to watch the topic then chat about that topic.

TS: Didn't someone suggest we should have a TED chat in Tampa?

Next meeting: Discussion: Should we have it before a social? Before a games night? Will there be any committee meetings such as Winter Social or RG?

Next meeting: October 8, 4:00 pm at home of Sylvia Zadorozny

Motion to adjourn: KC, 2nd AS. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm.

Jay Johnson, Scribe

Editor:

The September issue went to print and is ready to pick-up for Sunday's FSM (which Jay has volunteered to do, thanks!) The Treasurer's Report is in the September issue (it is required to be printed twice per year). The updated Member Handbook is almost ready. There aren't many changes. We could make many more changes, but we need a supply of new Member Handbooks soon for Welcome Packets (we are completely out). The 2012 update can be more ambitious (fingers crossed). The 2011 Crewe List is not started (volunteers?)

Webmaster:

Nothing to report.

Fall Picnic:

Everything is on-track. The site is reserved. The first ad (small and plain) went into the September issue of Sounding. I intend to send postcards to all member-households. The first task for postcards is to order a set of labels from National, by 8/26 (since they should be in the mail by 8 Sep.). Do we know the cost? Is it cheaper to print the labels ourselves? Should I order those, or is that a "LocSec deals with National" task?

--ronan

Calendar Editor's Report:

We've had a little trouble maintaining consistency between the online calendar and the print calendar in the Sounding, i.e. rough draft. Corrections have been made, and I'm hoping all errors have been eliminated, at least for the upcoming month.

I learned that our esteemed editor must reenter items by hand, which introduces the possibility of errors. At this time, technology apparently does not support direct importing of the calendar, but I'm hoping we can find another way. It's something I'll be working with the editor on.

I should be getting calendar items directly now too. I wasn't before, even though we thought the email forwarding had been taken care of.

The August joint trip to the Ringling Museum was moved back a week, and the Miami Mensa LocSec told me she has had trouble getting members interested in making the trek up to Sarasota to join us--apparently part of the problem is that that group doesn't publish a calendar in the summer, so they weren't able to give members sufficient notice. It remains to be seen if Broward Mensans will come up for this event. We may schedule another trip later in the year with Miami.

Starting with September, there are a number of changes coming up in the calendar: Frisbee & Beer is a brand new event at Crescent Lake Park in St. Pete; Thursday evening Bowling is back but at a new location in Temple Terrace; the Fossil Dig is starting back up now that the heat of summer is abating; Afternoon Movie at the Beach Theater (St. Pete Beach) will become a regular feature on the last Sunday; we have a field trip to Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales on free museum day; Games Night is returning to monthly on the second

Saturday; in October Shakespeare Watch will be moving to the first Saturday, although, because of the Broward RG, Shakespeare will be on the third Saturday in September; GourMensans continues to move around; and other events are continuing on as they have been.

Deputy LocSec Report:

I wrote my last (outgoing) LocSec column in the August Sounding. Now that I no longer have to deal with the myriad details foisted on the LocSec, I have more time to contemplate the direction TBM should be headed in the future. I'm looking forward to the ExComm Retreat, so as to know where I might best focus my energy as Deputy LocSec of TBM.

Winter Social Director Report:

I have been inquiring into a location for our Winter Social; nothing is set yet. Jay suggested we have a carnival, and she has been coming up with ideas on how that will work. Input from the ExComm and other TBM members is greatly appreciated!