

Board Meeting - August 7, 2013

In Attendance: Dave Bagdasarian; Paul Butler; Kathy Cotter; Brian Murphy; Bill Phillips; Ellie Speh

Absent: Bob Flynn; Anamaria Gonzalez; Nancy Irving; Scott Irving; Chuck Redman

Guests: Alec Livingston; Bill York

- Approval of Minutes of the June 27th Meeting
 - Need to be approved on line since Brian was not officially a Board member on June 27th and we did not have a majority for this vote.
- Discussion & Approval of Internal Budget: Provided by Nancy via email
 - Tabled. Bill Phillips will call Nancy and go over numbers for the race that differed from his and an expense that should not have been charged to race (Carabasset spring water).
- Discussion & Approval of External Budget: Paul Butler
 - Unanimously approved.
- Funding Requests:
 - Life Flight Foundation based in Camden, is a non-profit emergency helicopter service that cares for critically ill or injured persons regardless of ability to pay. They are currently asking Rotary clubs in Maine to assist them in raising money for a new aircraft. Requested amount: \$1,000. This is a good organization but concern expressed that we focus on local community needs,. Request Denied.
- WinterFest Update: Kathy & Alec
 - Attached are the handouts that Kathy provided. Kathy and Alec answered a lot of questions:
- Fundraising: Whom are we targeting ? What is the overall plan?
 - The Board requested that Scott brief us at the next Board meeting on the overall fundraising plan. Concerns were expressed that we don't go to the well too often and that it is easier to raise funds if you are soliciting for a specific budget item (i.e. scholarships; food pantry, etc.)
- Are the profits targeted to a particular budget item?
 - No

- What money have we obligated to South Portland?
 - \$3500 to go into the fund to keep the event going next year.
- What is the \$ amount that is the minimum we target before we pull the plug?
 - Committee will know in mid October if sponsorship \$ is there. At that point they will stop soliciting until after the tree lot is over.
- What were the expenses and sponsorships from 2 years ago?
 - Alex will research this - records were not thorough in 2012.
 - In the interest of time, we had to cut off the discussion. Anyone on the WF committee will answer additional questions sent to him or her via email.
- Theater Night Update: Bill York
 - Things are under control. Committee met tonight with Sam Rinaldi (Board Chair of the theater) & everything is on track. Bill needs a few more folks to volunteer to help.
- Misc; Ellie
 - Buy Local Membership- \$25 membership for the club unanimously approved. Ellie will complete the application & send them the check.
 - Red Sox Night-We will be partnering with the morning club and 2 Portland Clubs on this. Portland Sunrise President is getting is trying to get us a weekend date
 - DG's Visit-Aug. 28th. Ellie has gotten a Jack Kenneally print framed and a plate ordered to affix to it for presentation that night. All the clubs in the District are pitching in to give her a big donation for her Guatemala Education Project. Later in the year.
 - Committee/Project Fair on Sept 4th. Prototype of display board by Nancy & Scott shown. Scott and Nancy will be away for this one so Ellie will need help doing these up for various committees/projects. Jack will help with the Bug Light one. Ellie will get the supplies and perhaps we can get together to do them up. We can have one for Membership, Fundraising, Community Service, Veterans Initiative, Youth Services, Bug Light, etc.
 - John LoBosco (our Assistant District Governor) is hosting a meeting at his house on Aug 20th for the presidents of SP morning club and 2 Portland clubs as well as Ellie. Let Ellie know any issues you would like brought to the table. The other clubs are very interested in collaborative opportunities..

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- New Member Meeting: Bill Phillips
 - Concerns expressed about satellite meetings and whether they should have gotten Board approval before proceeding with this initiative. Brian had attended a couple of earlier meetings but wasn't sure what the current status is. The Board would like to get a status update from Scott on this at the next Board meeting.
- Membership issues: Paul Butler
 - 44 of 61 members have paid their dues.
 - Mike Neff has been sent 3 notices with no response. His leave of absence expired in June. Ellie has been playing telephone tag with him and will try again to connect with him and have him definitively give us his intentions.
 - Jack would like to go on the 80-year rule. He still plans to spearhead Bug Light efforts but asked to be removed from the responsibility to schedule open lighthouse days. He also plans to stay active in the club but not be obligated to attend a weekly meeting. Board unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Ellie Speh

Next Board Meeting September 4th.