

WIRLCA BOARD MEETING MINTUES

Tomah
March 20th, 2020

OPENING:

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Berg at 8:50am

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

PRESENT:

President Ron Berg, Vice President Bob Lueck, Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Pingel, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Erica Kragness, Executive Committeeperson Chair Susan Tiffany, Committeeperson, Frances Smidt and Committeeperson Jason Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Erica Kragness to approve agenda 2nd MC

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Pingel to approve mins 2nd MC

NEW BUSNISS

- Finance
 1. Dawn to set up appointment with the accountant.
 2. Cancellations due to COVID-19 has an impact on this year's overall spending vs actual spending. Our budget is dramatically under.
- Membership
 1. 50 year awards, Erica will work harder on getting investigates done and ready for state convention, if held, these members could be presented their awards in Dubuque.
 2. Membership numbers have dropped some, over all we are still looking great over 3,300 numbers.
 3. Dawn is still working on 1 year rebate checks, but has had great progress she should be current by May
- National Convention
 1. Ballot preparation dates will be May 14th and the 21st
 2. If Nationals cancels convention, board is hoping its done before ballots hit the mail stream or the printer to not waste funds
- Recruitment/Orientation
 1. Currently have the option to be at both orientation and the academy, it was discussed if we should keep both options or expunge one. It was mutual agreed upon we want to keep our rights to recruiting at both. We are not requesting NSS pay for this, not our issue but other places to be aware of this issue.
- Local Meetings
 1. Annual meetings could be done in the fall when the pandemic is over at the local units discretion and the board is going to encourage them. They

would be informational only. Members of local MUST BE notified by writing if there will be elections during the fall meeting.

2. Board discussed sending letters to local units about this possibility and their options. *Board will revisit.*

- Newsletter

1. Articles will depend on the end results of. If we can host State Convention.
2. AUX and Juniors to have letters in the upcoming newsletter for May
3. Include info on Scholarships

- Video Teleconference

1. Bob will research inexpensive ways for us to video conference during this pandemic.
2. Board discussed this would be more beneficial than emailing or meeting in-person as the upcoming challenges our board may be facing could be difficult and require voting.
3. Video Conferencing to save money on daily wages and mileage, even hotel costs.
4. Board would still meet in person a minimum of 5 times per year without change and discussed a *constitution change for the next meeting.*

BREAK 10:27AM TO 10:45AM

- State convention

1. Dawn and Erica to arrive in Dubuque Monday. Rest of the board will arrive in on Tuesday for an afternoon board meeting.
2. Erica will contact the committees to follow up and remind them of their meeting times to ensure everyone's attendance.
3. IF- Convention is to be canceled this year, the possibility of returning to Dubuque in 2023 was slightly discussed.
4. 2022 State Convention contract was signed, for the Delta in Racine June 24th to June 26th but have meeting rooms starting the 21st and ending the 27th
5. Juniors will be hired for entertainment again this year

- Re-elections

1. Everyone on the board intends to run for a board position or same in the same position this year, expect for Ron, he is out!

- Board Meetings

1. Board will meet in Rhinelander in June if state convention is canceled
2. July meetings are also especially important, could be a new board with new duties

Motion by Jason to adjourn meeting at 12:51pm. 2nd MC

Minutes were Respectfully submitted,

Erica Kragness

Assistant State Secretary/Treasurer