

National Rendezvous & Living History Foundation
Dec. 16,2004 - 8:00PM (Eastern Standard Time)
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Meeting was called to order 8:00Pm (EST)

Individuals Present:

Michael Pullins (Chair)
 Jay Hando (Vice-Chair) Jim Badders (Del)
 Father Thomas (Sec.) Larry Clark (Del)
 Danny Gichner (Treas.) Marsha Fountain (Del)
 Joey Hall(Bd.) Cheryl Gallagher(Del)
 Wade Reynolds (Bd.) Jim Moody (Del)
 Dick Bennett (Bd.) Ken Weglarz (Del)
 Bill Irons(Bd.)

Number Required for a quorum=6 Directors - Yes - (with 12 being in attendance)

Others Present:

Addison Miller (Parliamentarian)
 Linda Blizard (Acct. Magr.)
 Rick Blizard (Quartermaster)

Chair's Comments, Announcements & Assignments:

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and stressed that the Board had a lot of work to cover,

Minutes of the Sept 30th and November 3rd Meetings had been printed and distributed to all Directors and Delegates as well as being posted on the NRLHF Discussion Board. Mr. Bennett made a motion and it was seconded by Joey Hall to dispense with the reading of the Minutes.

A Treasurer's Report - No report was given. Account information was on hand and the Treasurer stated he would answer any questions if any one hand any. No questions were asked.

The meeting then moved to Other Reports:

1. Account Manager Report - No report was given.
2. Quartermaster Report - No report was given.
3. Director of Staff Development and Operations Report - No report was given.
4. Budget and Finance - Danny Gichner - Reported that two events were currently being worked with: ONW- due to the lack of information about its

- budget and the MW- due to the discovery of some errors in the Budget.
5. Ethics - Dick Bennett - Reported that two issues were of current concern: the first is the miss-use of the internet by our participants to deride our events and leaders and the issue of Non-Members being held to Foundation Ethic standards when they are not at an event.
 6. NR&LHF E-Group - Chuck Hamsa - was given.
 7. Funding - (No Chair) -
 8. Legal Advisor - Jeff Scroggins -No report was given
 9. Public Relations & Advertising - Father Thomas - reported about those items that had been approved for the various events. Also pointed out the inconsistencies of the Early Set-up by our various events and the lack of application of rule #33. It was agreed that this rule would be amended and sent around for all to review with the intent to revise this rule at the Spring Delegate Council meeting.
 - 10.Parliamentarian - Addison Miller - No report was given.
 11. Range Oversight - Jim Morrison - No report was given.
 12. Rules of Rendezvous - Paul Kubich - No report was given.
 13. Strategic Planning - Dick Bennett - Reported that a good start to further develop future planning with the approval of the Raccoon Creek (Corp of Discovery) event as a Foundation Territorial Event.
 14. Seminars - Ruth Py - Reported she was asking to Board for approval to have printed in Smoke & Fire News an article calling for individuals to give seminars. Appropriate paper work would be require of them including the signing of a release so their names could be published.
 15. Trade and Commerce - Mike Pullins - No report was given.
 16. Web-site - Rick Blizard - No report was given.
 17. Growth Program - Father Thomas - This material was given as part of the Advertising committee report.

Rendezvous Status Reports:

1. Southeastern - Wade/Marsha were not in attendance
 - B.05-event - Linda reported this event seems to be well on its way.
 - C.06-event - No information was available on this event - no paper work has been submitted as of yet.
2. Old Northwest - Michael/Jim
 - a. 04-event - Michael reported he had tried to contact the Booshway - there is still some question about the outstanding \$2000
 - 05-event-Jim reported that with the addition of a new scribe (Sheila Guy) the revised event flyer had now been approved. The Booshway had turned in a tentative Budget but due to some errors it still is pending approval.
 - 06-event - It was reported this event had its first staff meeting in Nov. and that plans were on the way for this event.
3. Northeast - Larry Clark/Ken Weglarz -the other Delegates was not present.
 - 05-event - Larry reported this event was well on its way.

- 06-event - No information was available about this event
4. Midwest - Jay/Fr.Thomas
- a. 05-Jay reported that all is going well with this event and it is expected to go well - he stated that at times he needs to rain-in the Booshway because he likes to spend to freely.
 - c. 06-event Father Thomas reported this event is well on its way. A meeting was held on Dec. 11th and the Booshway now has complete staff list, a tentative Budget and it is expected by the 1st of the year to have a flyer and budget submitted for approval.
 - d. 07-event-It was reported that a possibility of two groups may be making a bid for this event.
5. Eastern - Danny & Joey were in attendance.
- a.04-event-Linda reported this event has almost all the final paper work turned in and is mostly wrapped up.
 - b.05-event-Danny reported this event is well on it way.
 - c. 06-event -No information was available on this event.
6. NMLRA-Delegates Report:
- Mr. Irons - was Not in attendance.
 - Mr. Bennett - No report on the NMLRA activities was given

Unfinished (Old) Business:

1. Discussion of the issue of Charging Day Visitors who come in "Period Garb" more than the regular visitors concluded this was not in the best interest of the Foundation. Linda stated this was a practice that had been suspended some years ago. It was decided that a "Public Notice" should be drafted and all Booshways informed not to continue this practice in the future. This issue of "Sneek-ins" and "Stay-overs" was brought up but the feeling of the Board was that these problems were not sufficient to cause our fellow re-enactors who come in period garb such a financial hardship. Father Thomas and Linda were directed to draft something for Board Review and Publications.

2. The sale of Foundation T-shirts and Hats was brought up for sale to our participants. A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Father Thomas to authorize the Chairman to try a "Pilot Program" of purchasing a select number of items for sale in order to determine the financial feasibility of the Foundation to engage in such sales. Concerns were raised about how and where to sell such items. The motion was carried on a roll-call vote of 5 to

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- Michael Pullins - Yes
- Jay Hando - Yes
- Father Thomas - Yes
- Danny Gichner - Yes
- Joey Hall - No

Dick Bennett - Yes

A straw pole of the others present was also recorded:

Larry Clark - Yes

Jim Moody - No

Ken Weglarz - No

Addison Miller - Yes

Linda Blizzard - Abstained

Ruth Py - Yes

3. Discussion of re-adding to the Management Workbook the Booshway Time-line was raised. Jay Hando made a motion to add the timeline to the workbook and it was seconded by Danny Gichner. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. I was suggested that a Booshway Flyer be developed so that Delegates would have something to give to prospective Booshways. The flyer was to include such items as: Budget Material, the timeline, and Officer Requirements. Larry Clark volunteered to work on the development of such a flyer.

5. Dick Bennett asked that the Tracker List be re-instituted and Linda stated she was working on doing so on a monthly basis.

New Business

1. Proposal#1 - The establishment of a coordinated Gate-book Advertising program. This motion was presented by Father Thomas and seconded by Jay Hando. The intent is to sell full-page ads for all five events on a coordinated basis. The money is to be divided on the basis of the six areas: the five events and the Gate-envelope program. The motion passed unanimously.

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3. Proposal#2 - The establishment of a coordinated rendezvous program where all events must be separated by a minimum of 5 calendar days from the "End Date" to the next "Start Date". This motion was made by Father Thomas and seconded by Jay Hando. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Proposal#3 - The establishment of a committee to develop consistent and workable election procedures for all five rendezvous. It is anticipated that

these new election procedures may require an amendment to our existing bylaws and the committee was charged to develop its plan in time for presentation at

the Spring Delegate Council meeting. The motion was made by Father Thomas

and seconded by Jay Hando. The motion passed unanimously.
Proposal#4 - The establishment of the Raccoon Creek Teaching Rendezvous (Corp of Discovery Event) as a Foundation sponsored "Territorial Event. The motion was made by Danny Gichner and seconded by Dick Bennett. Mr. Don Recchetti as the proposed Boosway for the event was on hand to answer questions and provide information. The motion was revised with the acceptance of a "friendly Amendment" which limited the initial moneys available for the event to a maximum of \$3100. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposal#5 - The public notice of intent to amend the Foundation Bylaws to allow for the averaging of the past four years to determine the number of Delegates to be elected from each region was withdrawn due to the lack of Directors support.

6. Proposal #6 - the public notice of intent to amend the Foundation Bylaws to allow for the extending of the Officers term of Office to two years was withdrawn due to the lack of Directors support.

Other Issues:

1. The Board of Directors voted to approve the revised Registration Form as developed by Linda that now includes a "Hold Harmless Clause" at the bottom. The motion was made by Father Thomas and seconded by Joey Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.
2. The chairman stated he would look into finding a replacement for Jack Beville to attend the "Southwestern" event, which had stated its interest in seeking affiliation with the Foundation. Mr. Bennett stated his willingness to help in dealing with this issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joey Hall and seconded by Danny Gichner. The Meeting adjourned at 11:30PM (EST)

(The End)

The end of the Minutes for the Dec. 16th, 2004 NR&LHF Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Father Thomas
NR&LHF-Secretary