

## **MAA Business Meeting Minutes 10 Nov 2001**

Location: Honors Conference, Trout Lodge, Potosi MO.

Annie called the meeting to order at 1110.

Members in Attendance (16): Annie Foncannon (President), Diane Sager (Vice-President), Krista Deckard (Secretary-Treasurer), Shirley Scarbrough (Facilitator), Jim Campbell, Chris Cary, Phil Cary, Mike Duchek, Lauren Kennedy, Jennifer Meyer, Katona Mulholland, Ann Parks, Mike Sager, Rachael Shaffer, Erika Whitworth, Dawn Young. Guests: Katrina Pfeiffer, Jonathan Young.

Minutes of the previous business meeting (Leadership, 30 Jun 01) were reviewed and approved (motion by Erika, second by Jim).

Krista gave the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$499.71. We had an Insufficient Funds Service Fee of \$3.00 for a bounced check. That member has already agreed to pay the membership dues and the \$3.00 service fee in cash.

Shirley let us know that turnaround time for the luggage tags would be only 10 days. We confirmed that we should charge 1 @ \$3 or 2 @ \$5. We will start with an order of 250 luggage tags, with the Greek letters in royal blue on a white background.

We again discussed the feasibility of Annie's "Icebreakers Handbook" for a fundraiser. No one has yet to submit ideas, but when they do the following assignments are still applicable: Krista and Jonathan will create the cover art for the booklet, Diane will act as editor, and everyone else is to submit ideas. Instead of the small handbook idea, Sager suggested that we spend a little more time with it and have it "perfect-bound", apply for an ISBN number and sell it as a book. Shirley will email HQ for approval of the idea. Contributors should have their icebreaker ideas to Annie by 25 Dec 01.

The Teddy Bear Project was discussed including pros and cons. We all agreed that it would be a good project to repeat, but not annually. Perhaps every two to three years so that it wouldn't be the same group of members doing the project each time. It also proved a challenge to get all the bears to the conference and get them all out again to be distributed. In future years, we should perhaps collect pictures of the bears, along with total counts, for each chapter or group and let them distribute what was collected in their own areas. As Sager pointed out, we should not lose sight of what the project goal was: to collect bears for children that need a friend. The grand total collected was 3,512 stuffed animals. Annie wrote down the breakdown of bears by district, but has been unable to locate the tally.

Shirley announced she'd resigned her position as chair of the Alumni Manual Project with International.

We began discussion on the proposed amendment to the by-laws which would change the make up of the Executive Committee. Instead of having a member at large, that position would be filled by the past year's President to provide some continuity, making the past President more readily available for advising, if needed. Sager suggested that we make it the future year's President instead of the past. In this way, the future President would have experience with being on the Executive Committee before having the greater responsibility. Discussion began and two reasons against Sager's proposal became apparent, 1) members would not necessarily be able to commit to a term as President two years in advance, and 2) after serving as the at large member for a year, the "future President" may decide not to take the job after all.

Before discussion continued, Krista pointed out that it was 1200 and our group was scheduled for lunch in Sunnen Center. She moved for a recess, was seconded by Lauren, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting continued at 2352 after the evening's scheduled activities concluded. Members present for the second half included: Annie Foncannon, Diane Sager, Krista Deckard, Jim Campbell, Mike Duchek, Lauren Kennedy, Jennifer Meyer, Mike Sager, Rachael Shaffer, Erika Whitworth, Dawn Young (and guest Jonathan Young).

Erika called for the vote on the proposed amendment and Jim seconded. Sager moved to table the issue until the next meeting, as no one seemed to have a hard copy of the amendment. Krista pointed out that everyone had seen the proposal in writing as it was submitted to the membership via email several weeks prior to the conference. We voted on Sager's motion to table the proposal, but the motion failed. We then voted on the proposal to change the member at large committee member to the past year's President. The motion passed with twelve votes in favor (including four absentee ballots), three votes opposed, and one abstention.

Annie asked how many members had met her challenge to recruit at least one new member by this conference, and of those present, only four had recruited a new member. She extended her deadline to Regional.

The Regional Convention will be 22-24 Feb 02 in Columbia MO. Krista brought up the point that it would be nice if the conventions rotated from city to city as they had in years past. This will be the third year in a row that Regional has been in Columbia MO. Most present agreed that they missed the opportunities that other cities provide, including the dinner theater in Kansas City (Thanks Lauren!)

Annie asked Sager if he would be willing to make the contacts for the College Fair again this year and he agreed. He commented that he would ask for payment in advance for the donations from the college representatives. Only four of the colleges from last year paid, and at this point we will most likely never see the money from the other four that attended.

Duchek and Jennifer were complimented on the job they did with the DJ/Dance for PeTey's birthday party and were asked if they were willing to conduct the dance for Regional next February. They accepted.

Annie brought up the topic of the 2002 float trip and alternate locations were discussed. Sager had said on a previous trip that the Eleven Point was a very nice river to float. Krista said she'd looked for campsites that also supplied canoes and had no luck. She also said that Twin Bridges on the North Fork of the White River was an excellent float and had campsites with lots of trees available. Because of its location almost at the Arkansas border, it would be a very long drive for most members. We decided to give Blue Springs a try again next year as it was a pretty nice float this past summer.

At 0020 (11 Nov 02 – Sunday morning), Dawn moved we adjourn, Lauren seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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