

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Brookfield, Wisconsin- July 6th 2017

Approved : 7/19/2017

Meeting opened by President Brian Clark at 7:00pm.

BOD members present: President: Brian Clark. Vice President: Alan Oldfield. Members: Rick Schick, Dick Sweeney, Larry Di Barry, Terry Wiegand, Bob Safrit, Edward De Pouli, and Secretary: John De Fiore. Also in attendance, Board Elect: Roberta Vasilow.

Approximately 50 members in attendance.

General Welcome by Pres. Clark, who noted additional presence of John Steed(National Chief Judge), Mike and Nancy Book (Office Managers), Pete Phillips(Bugle Editor), and several past BOD members. A 15 minute slide presentation, depicting Board Activities over the last year, was narrated by B. Clark. This covered several topics including: the new Chapter Chiwaukee Border, and current membership statistics. Of note, there is roughly 7200 members at present. Membership appears to be in decline again after expansion last year presumably due to the Allentown Anniversary. In addition the new General Liability insurance policy, which was recently enacted, was explained. When opened to questions, none were expressed.

Kirt Priest chairperson for the 2018 National Meet was given the floor. Kirt indicated the meet is in a suburb south of Denver. Dates: June 19-23. The meet is being planned with the idea of people making this a vacation. The Host hotel will honor the special rates for 3 days before and after the Meet. No questions were asked.

Pres. Clark announced the cars at this meet should be moved to their assigned spaces as soon as possible. This is especially important as additional members arrive tomorrow. Also, he has a pair of museum tour tickets available right now, if anyone wants them.

Ed. De Pouli was given the floor. After thanking Brian for his work as President, he announced that he was happy with the BODs achievements but disappointed in the members of the board who did not vote in the best interests of the membership regarding the clubs reserves. He announced that the club does not need \$500K in reserves and he will be introducing a motion as soon as possible to return that in some form to the membership. He said people should keep the actions of this Board in mind when voting for new BOD members who would purport to work for the best interests of the membership.

Dick Sweeney was given the floor: He announced that there was a shortage of judges for this meet. If anyone was interested in helping, please see Pete Phillips after this meeting. This included any ladies who may be interested.

Pete Phillips was given the floor: He asked the BOD to consider purchasing Audio Visual equipment for use at events, like this, as the costs of rentals is exorbitant. This would help keep costs for the meet lower which could be reflected in the pricing of the meet for all attendees. This lead to general discussion of what exists as "seed Money" or" BCA Grants" for hosting a National Meet, as well as the

various issues involved with purchase, maintenance, and security of this potentially expensive equipment. A suggestion was made that the BCA consider rental of A/V equipment as the basis of its grant to host the national meet. Alan suggested the BOD should research this issue. Brian asked members with thoughts regarding the judging and national meet issues to contact John Steed, the Chief Judge and current Chairperson of the National Meet Committee.

Bob Starzyk was given the floor: He asked what would become of the Modified Division. Was it really up to just one person to close the Division? Brian suggested it was really up to the folks who were members of the Division. They need to decide if they will appoint new leaders and continue the activities of the Division. Several members of the Board and audience expressed appreciation for the modified Division and hoped that it would continue to exist. It was determined that Bob Starzyk would be listed in the Bugle as the Modified Division contact for now.

With no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.