

Seneca Land District Board of Directors

Teleconference

March 7, 2010 7:30pm

The teleconference meeting of the Seneca Land District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:36pm on 3/7/2010. Those present were Pete Carentz, Jim Barickman, Tom Jones, John Howe, Bob Weekley, Alan Wile, Rob Hopkins, and Brian Moore.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2/28/2010 were read. An addendum was made to capture the information regarding the assignments of the Board member monitoring the individual members of the Operations Teams. John Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Hopkins. The resulting vote passed.

District President Pete Carentz discussed the new S.L.D. officer, **VP of FUN**. The discussion centered on a correct and complete description of the function of the office. The results were:

**9.11- District Vice President of FUN: The DVP of FUN shall develop a FUN curriculum that can be executed at the Chapters. The role of the job is to improve the retention of Seneca Land District Chapter Membership. He shall identify, recruit and train Chapter Agents of FUN that are charged with weekly FUN activities during the chapter meetings. He shall also identify, recruit and train a Team of Special Fun Agents across the District and create a schedule for those Special Agents to interact with Chapters. He shall monitor and communicate results and is responsible for effective communication and promotion of Seneca Land activities through the Smoke Signals. He shall report monthly to the District President. He shall attend all HOD meetings and District BOD meetings as directed by the District President.**

Rob Hopkins moved to amend the Rules and Regulations to add Section 9.11, District VP of FUN, and to renumber subsequent ones. After a second by John Howe, the motion passed. Rob Hopkins also moved to amend section 5.06 to change the recommendation of the candidates for the Society Board of Directors from the House of Delegates to the District Board of Directors. This means that approval of said candidates shall come from the District Board of Directors after the board receives and reviews the information on the candidates given by the Society and makes an informed decision. Therefore Section 5.06 will read as follows:

**5.06 SOCIETY BOARD DIRECTORS AT-LARGE:** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 7.01(c) (iii) and (iv) of the Society bylaws the District president shall annually obtain and report to the Society nominating committee the recommendation of the District as to the pool of candidates under consideration by the Society nominating committee for nomination for the position(s) of Society Board directors at-large. The District president shall obtain the recommendation of the District through the District Board of Directors. The recommendation of the District shall be made by approval voting whereby a single vote may be cast for each candidate in the pool who would be acceptable to the District if nominated by the Society nominating committee and elected by the Society Board.

After receiving a motion to second, the resulting vote passed.

The section **4.03 FAME** fund was discussed. John Howe proposes that Section 4.03 (c) read “The regular annual chapter show(S) will be assessed ten cents per seat for the number of seats stated on the BMI/SECAC show clearance and license application. Payment will be forwarded to the District Secretary with BMI/SECAC form”. A motion was made by Tom Jones with a second by Jim Barickman to change Rules and Regs 4.03 (c) as proposed by John Howe. After discussion, the motion passed.

John Howe proposed a list of individuals that is annually read into the minutes of the Board of Directors who are authorized to collect funds on behalf of the Seneca Land District. The list is as follows:

George Jarrell for Convention Treasurer, Chautauqua Serenade, and Convention Ads

Albert “Butch” Talada for Convention Raffles and Convention 50/50

Jim Barickman for Pow-Wow and Leadership Academy (COTS)

Bob Coant for HX Camp and Youth Chorus Donations  
Steve Feldman for HX Camp  
Brian Moore for Contest DVD's and Judges Dinner

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Louis Petroni for CDWI  
Matt Clancy for Top Gun  
Jack Ernise for Barbershopper's Shop  
Mike Morgan for The Smoke Signals  
Warren Capenos for Endowment Contributions

A motion was made and seconded to approve the list of individuals authorized to collect funds on behalf of the Seneca Land District. The resulting vote passed.

Pete discussed allocation of funds for the budget. In addition, Pete discussed the use of Web-ex as a district tool. Rob made a motion to sign the district up at the yearly rate of \$49.99/month, second by John Howe. The motion passed.

House of Delegates Agenda items to discuss:

- ~District Support structure-discuss how Pete wants things to be set up.
- ~Discuss the by laws and the Rules & Regs
- ~Discuss the possibility of two Leadership Academies
- ~Discuss an assessment cost to fund President, Treasurer and Secretary for each chapter to attend Leadership Academy (will need to determine cost and for what)
- ~Create a list of qualified individuals by category for possible district use.

Other Topics:

~2009 Board meeting minutes. Tom promised to have the meeting minutes done as soon as possible and will be distributed to the current board as well as Chuck Harter.

~What response to make (if any) to the convention team, which did not manage to end the Saturday night finals within the time limit set by District policy. Change start time? Do awards presentation in the afternoon wherever possible?

~A discussion was enabled concerning the new afternoon "Sing Festival" and a district policy stating that "every society member that performs on the contest stage, whether he is competing or not, possess a valid contest registration for that convention, not an events pass". John Howe made a motion to exempt the afternoon Sing Festival from this rule, second by Bob Weekley. The motion passed

~A discussion was held on the Convention manual-who has it, does it need updating, etc. Pete will check with several former convention committee members.

~The Chapter Counselor program was discussed. Pete asked what exactly is done by the individuals when they visit a chapter. Are the visits done regularly? Do the individuals ask the right questions of the proper individuals? Pete wants to have division vice-presidents who do only that job. Jim Barickman will send the PowerPoint presentation of the Chapter Counselor program to all members of the board.

~Pete asked where the District Headdress and the Tomahawk gavel are at present. Brian says that they are stored at Harmony House and will be brought to the House of Delegates meeting.

Pete discussed a letter of resignation he received from Pete Frank. Pete Frank feels that his energies need to be spent more at a chapter level.

John Howe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. After a second, the motion passed

Respectively submitted Tom Jones, Seneca Land District Secretary