

Seneca Land District Fall House of Delegates Meeting

September 26, 2010

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Rochester, NY

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Pete Carentz at _10:06_am

Invocation: The invocation was give by Barney Johnson__

Opening Song: Skip Berenguer led us in singing “The Old Songs”.

Roll Call -- Taken by District Secretary Tom Jones; __X__ indicates present ____ indicates absent.

Board of Directors:

President	Pete Carentz	__X__
Executive VP	Jim Barickman	__X__
Immediate Past President	Rob Hopkins	__X__
Secretary	Tom Jones	__X__
Treasurer	John Howe	__X__
Board Member at Large	Bob Weekley	____
Board Member at Large	Brian Moore	__X__
Society Board Member	Alan Wile	__X__
VP FUN-	Larry Brennan-	__X__

Operations Team:

VP Chap. Support & Ldrshp.Trng-	Eric Saile-	__X__
VP Music & Performance-	Matt Clancy-	__X__
VP Contest & Judging-	Don Stothard-	__X__
VP Director Development-	Louis Petroni-	____
VP Youth in Harmony-	Bob Coant-	__X__
VP Membership Development-	Art Zelesnikar	__X__
VP Marketing & PR-	Eric Van Druff-	__X__
VP Events-	Todd Horton-	__X__
VP Finance -	Warren Capenos -	__X__

Chapter Delegates: 23 of 32 Chapters Represented

Allegheny Division=====

Bradford	Gary Larson	__X__
Dubois	Bruce Cornelius *	____
Coudersport	John Sherer	____
Warren		____
Salamanca	Paul Mahan	__X__
Jamestown	Pernell Caster *	__X__
Crawford County -	Milosh Mamula	__X__

Allegheny Division (cont.):

New Bethlehem	Galen Shirey	____
Olean	Marshall Allen	__X__
Grove City	Warren Capenos	__X__
Venango County	Eric Beightol	____
St. Marys	Fred Burne*	__X__
Erie	Pete Frank	__X__

Appalachian Division=====

Canton	Ben Budelmann	__X__
Onondaga Co.	Jerry Swanson *	__X__
Auburn	Don Harvey	____
Watertown	Stephen Jennings	____

Mohawk Valley	Bob Porter*	__X__
Oswego Valley	Barney Johnson *	__X__
Syracuse	John Campolieto	____

Catskill Division=====

Painted Post	Wayne Bailey	__X__
Binghamton	Tom Jones	__X__
Oneonta (Garrick Hoadley)		____

Hornell	Ward Votava	__X__
Ithaca	Jeremy Beutel	__X__
Elmira	Bob King	__X__

Ontario Division=====

East Aurora	Ed Lyons	__X__
Rochester	Joe Bradbury*	__X__
Warsaw	F. Lincoln Walkley	__X__

Buffalo	Norm Guenther	__X__
Batavia	Linc Walkley	__X__
Geneva	Todd Horton	__X__

Past Presidents/Guests

Past Presidents: Andy Nazzaro, George Jarrell, Bob Coant, Fred Burne, Rob Hopkins, Joe Bradbury

Guests: Skip Berenguer, Caki Watson, Pat Close

*Red denotes a planned and /or last minutes delegate change-4/2010

* Denotes a planned or last minute change-9/2010

23 OF 32 Chapters in Seneca Land District are represented at this meeting

Acceptance of the House of Delegates minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the House of Delegates meeting held on April 11, 2010. After discussion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Howe presented his report to the House of Delegates. John's report showed the total monies in all accounts as of Sept. 22, 2010 to be \$32060.00. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as stated. The resulting vote passed.

Society Report-Alan Wile

Society Board member Alan Wile gave his final report to the Seneca Land District House of Delegates. Alan thanked all members of the HOD as well as the officers of Seneca Land for the hospitality offered to him for the last three years. Alan highlighted the letter given to all members from Bill Biffle and also discussed the society's concern for declining membership within our districts and chapters. Alan touched on the concerns for the smaller chapters and also asked us to try to have a net membership increase for the year of just 1 new member/chapter.

Youth in Harmony

YIH chairman Bob Coant discussed his 1st ever Youth Festivals in Jamestown and Liverpool, and also discussed the 2010 Harmony Explosion camp held at Hobart/William Smith College. Bob spoke of the 67 students, the music educators and fully expects over 100 participants at the 2011 Harmony Explosion Camp.

Events

Events chairman Todd Horton spoke of the possibility of signing the Rochester Radisson Downtown and Convention center to a 5 year extended contract to host the fall conventions for Seneca Land. Todd is looking into Erie, Pa for the spring of 2011, and has a lock on Geneva for the spring of 2012.

Convention/Contest and Judging

Don Stothard reports that he will be switching to contest administration from judging in the singing category. Don also reports that he will be actively seeking qualified candidates for the contest and judging field.

CDD – No Report

Music and Performance

Matt Clancy reports that "POW-WOW 2010 was a great success. TOP GUN will be held Jan 14 & 15 2011 at Hobart/WS College. "Everything is moving in the right direction for POW-WOW July 22 & 23 2011 at Hobart /WS College". We have made contact with the following instructors - Al Baker, Kirk Young, Ron Knickbocker, Don Campbell, Kathy Mendenhall and the quartet A Mighty Wind.

CSLT

Eric reports that he is working on new manuals for COTS school, and asks that every chapter try to send at least President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Marketing & PR

Eric's goal is to have "everyone" know about barbershop in Seneca Land. Eric feels that we need to continually put ourselves "out there" in front of all kinds of groups in order for everyone to know who we are.

Membership

Brand new VP of membership Art Zelesnaker is already making plans to increase membership in our district by contacting old members who have dropped by the wayside, as well as bringing in new members to swell our ranks!

Harmony Foundation

Guest speaker Caki Watson spoke on the level of contributions to Harmony Foundation; So far this year, the Foundation is attempting to increase contributions from a meager 7% to 10% society-wide. This can be done by enlisting individuals to “give what they can”-even if the contributions are 10\$/month from checking deductions. She also reports that in 2009 the average age of the Society went from 53 to 48 years of age. Caki also reports that in 2009 24% of our new members were under the age of 25!

FUN – No Report

OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Presidents Vision

President Pete Carentz made a power point presentation of S.I.N.G., which stands for Satisfy, Inspire, Nurture, and Grow. Pete spoke of 6 decades of Barbershop in Seneca Land, and in order for us to insure a happy ending to the 6 decades, we need a detailed plan. Pete briefly outlined the plan and how we can make a difference in Seneca Land.

2011 Budget

The 2011 budget was presented to the House of Delegates with an apprx. \$8000 deficit vs. a \$2500 deficit in the 2010 budget. A motion was made and seconded to review the budget and resubmit it at the Leadership Academy in January of 2011. The motion passed without incident.

Another motion was made and seconded to support all international competitors, both quartet and chorus, in the amount of \$195.00/individual. The motion also passed without incident.

2011 Elections

Elections were held and those elected for 2011 were as follows; President-Peter Carentz, Exe. VP-Don Stothard, Treasurer-John Howe, Secretary-Tom Jones; Immed. Past President-Rob Hopkins. A discussion was held concerning the number of Board members –at-large. A motion was made and seconded to expand the number of Board members-at-large from two to four. The motion passed without incident. Board members elected to the 2011 Board of directors of the Seneca Land District include Jim Barickman, Warren Capenos, Bob Coant, and Barney Johnson.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed and adjournment came at 12:22 pm.

Respectively submitted by Tom Jones-Seneca Land District Secretary