

Seneca Land District Teleconference Board Meeting August 14, 2011

The teleconference call of the Board of Directors of the Seneca Land District was called to order by President Pete Carentz at 7:37pm on Sunday August 14th, 2011. Those in attendance included; Pete Carentz, Bob Coant, Tom Jones, John Howe, Rob Hopkins, Jim Barickman, Barney Johnson, and Don Stothard. Absent was Warren Capenos.

President Pete Carentz spoke briefly on the health of the district, and ran thru the possible topics for tonight's meeting. Those included The Endowment Fund, Convention Registration \$'s, District mileage \$'s, and Batavia expenses.

- **Minutes-2/20/2011**-The minutes of the 2/20/2011 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by John Howe, 2nd by Jim Barickman. The motion passed.
 - 4/10/2011-The minutes of the 4/10/2011 meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Coant, 2nd by Jim Barickman. The motion passed.
 - 5/15/2011-The minutes of the 5/15/2011 meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Don Stothard, 2nd by Jim Barickman. The motion passed.
 - 6/12/2011-The minutes of the 6/12/2011 were read. A minor change was made changing the words send to sent. A change was also made to correct the spelling of Chuck McCollum. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by John Howe, 2nd by Barney Johnson. The motion passed.
- **Warren Capenos' health**-Warren had a heart attack due primarily to a 100% blockage. A heart catheterization procedure was performed to correct the problem. He is very weak, but out of the hospital and on the mend. Warren wants to take 2 of the tickets "on the 50 yd. line" that he receives from Harmony Foundation and raffle them off at District Functions (POW-WOW, Fall and Spring Convention, COTS, etc. This would be a great way to raise money for new programs or to supplement old ones. More discussion will need to be held on the direction of the funds and the rules.
- **Society Health, and Wellness Survey**-Will it be completed on time (by 9-01-2011)? If we complete on time (75% by 9-01-2011 and 100% by 12-31-2011) we will receive \$1000 from Nashville.
- **H.O.D. Topics**-Topics to be brought before the House of Delegates include The Endowment Fund, Convention Registration Rates, District Mileage Reimbursement Levels, and Batavia.
 - Endowment Fund-An idea was formulated at the last teleconference Board Meeting regarding a cap on the endowment fund. This cap would effectively freeze all funds until such time that the funds reached a pre-set level (\$100,000 or \$150,000 or whatever). The funds dispersed as a result would then be much greater and would be able to make a more significant difference in the district. The discussion centered on whether or not to stop dispersing the funds or to make a concentrated effort to raise funds. Also, do we want to move funds?? Pete will invite Fred Burneand Chuck McCollum to the House of Delegates to discuss the matter.
 - Convention Finances-The discussion centered on ways to change the financial outcome of the district convention finances. After discussion, Rob Hopkins made a motion to increase registration fees across the board by \$10 effective in the spring of 2012. After a 2nd by Bob Coant, a spirited discussion ensued. Barney Johnson moved the question, and the resulting vote passed.
 - District mileage/meal reimbursement-Rob Hopkins made a motion to change the mileage allotment to the IRS rate (presently 51 cents/mile) for out of town participants (such as judges, coaches, etc.) and for in district participants the IRS rate less 8 cents, effective on Jan 1st, 2012. After a 2nd by Barney Johnson, the motion passed.
 - Batavia chapter reimbursement-Of the 17 men on stage at international, 5 (30%) were from another district (Ontario). The Seneca Land District paid these men \$195x2 (spring and fall) to represent our district. After a spirited discussion, D P Carentz elected to take the matter to the House of Delegates.

- **Treasurer's Update**-Sign program-3 or 4 chapters have received their signs and submitted receipts for repayment. Binghamton and Mohawk Valley have ordered signs but are awaiting shipment.
 - Harmony explosion camp-Bob Coant reports that there is a possibility that the camp may have actually made money!
 - Budget-Pete has received 7 or 8 budget proposals back from officers and will try to have information to us so we can vote at the 8/28/2011 meeting.
- **Convention Manual**-due to a lack of available time, the Convention Manual will need to be discussed at a later time. Tom Jones, John Howe, Jim Barickman, Warren Capenos, Bob Coant, and Pete Carentz will all be at Chautauqua. Pete will schedule a Board meeting to discuss the Convention Manual at 11am on Sunday August 21st.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barney Johnson, 2nd by Tom Jones. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm.

Respectively submitted, Tom Jones Seneca Land District Secretary