

## **Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting of October 17, 2013**

**Present:** Dove Russo, Patty Simonton, Mary Shaffer, Dave Diller, Buddy Kilpatrick, Ed Rosen, Oryx Gazella.

**Absent:** Amy Stentzel-Jensen, Mark Nyon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

### **Minutes**

There was no quorum for the last teleconference meeting, so there were no minutes to approve. The minutes of 9/12/13 teleconference meeting were approved. Approval of the spring retreat minutes was postponed at the request of the secretary. There was further discussion of posting actual minutes on the PDF website versus posting a summary.

### **Council Meeting**

The fall PDF event meeting: 5 members of the Council, 2 members from BOD, 3 from community. Manual of event. Discussion of potential community members for the Council.

There was discussion of how the nominees to the actual Council will be selected. A working committee is to be set up to determine the details with a deadline of November 30, 2013. This formation is to be reviewed by the board at its next meeting after November 30.

### **PC Meeting attendance - BOD participation**

We discussed who would go to the Nov 10 Planning Committee phone call.

Afterburn Reports - Deadlines, collection of reports The reports from coordinators are to be put on Trello.

### **Porta-potty Payments to Vets**

Patty will verify that what VnVMC charges us for porta-potties is in line with what local companies charge (we do not pay the provider directly). This means doing some market research checking with other local services to see if we are being charged more.

### **Requested Capital Improvements by Vets**

The VnVMC proposed laying down gravel and paving if we would pay for the materials. The estimated cost is \$5000. We decided there is no hurry to make a decision, since the work cannot be performed before next spring.

### **"Restricted Funds"**

There was a discussion of whether indicating that our last ticket increase (from \$35 to \$50 in Spring of 2010) was being done so that we could set aside even more money for land purchase made the extra \$15 "restricted" - thus tying it up and making it unusable for any other purpose.

Discussion highlights - we are “selling tickets” and not “accepting donations”, so there’s no “donor restriction” relevance here - when you buy a ticket you don’t get to specify what is done with the money, but if you give a donation, sometimes you can - consequently there’s no *legal* issue should we ever want to redirect funds currently on-hand.

What we DO have is the commitment to the community that “extra monies at the end of the year are entirely to be used for land purchase”, so any change to that intention would need to be announced, to ensure transparency is maintained.

Example for future uses for net income could potentially include additional moneys for Art Grants (currently 10% of previous years’ gross) as well as Community Grants (currently no designated funding stream; still working our way through Art of Change income).

### **Nicole Stanko’s roles and transferring responsibilities**

Nicole Stanko resigned from the BOD this week. We discussed whether she had responsibilities that specifically need to be covered by other BOD members. She had one liaison to a coordinator job.

### **Emeritus Status Details**

Emeritus status is designed for members who resign from active status, but are allowed to stay on the email list, with the idea that they may return to the BOD at some point (and are interested in sharing their institutional knowledge in the meantime). There was a discussion of whether we should allow people to remain part of the all the conversations we have. There seems to be a consensus that this policy should be revisited, but nothing was determined at this time.

### **Southeast Burning Man Roundtable**

There is a meeting in Asheville, NC January 2014 of a new group to discuss BM regional and non-profit events. Who do we want to send: potential Council members plus members of the BOD? There was a long discussion, but no decisions were made. We will reach out to some coordinators to see if there is any interest - topics sound like a good fit for hardcore operational folks - always good to see how other events work. Dove and Oryx may go.

### **Request for Additional Conversation - Financial Investment at FSA**

We decided we need a longer discussion of our investments and where we should put our money. A question of potential conflict of interest was raised by one board member given that the recommendation comes from a BOD member who holds funds at FSA, but it was not fully resolved. Disclosure of the potential conflict partially ameliorates it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM