

Draft Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting of January 26, 2014

At 8:04 PM the meeting was called to order.

In attendance: Patty Simonton, Mary Shaffer, Dave Diller, Mark Nyon, Buddy Kilpatrick, Dove Russo. Absent: Ed Rosen

The BOD held a discussion on attendance at call-in meetings. It was decided that upon missing two meetings in a row, the president would call the absentee and inquire about the member's absence. Three consecutive absences is automatic emeritus status, as is 4 in one year. The call-in meeting date was changed to Sunday at 8 PM, on the last Sunday of the month. We will try to keep meetings to 90 minutes. February 23rd is the next planned meeting. The vote was 5 ayes, and one abstention.

The Board will pay the cost of tickets (\$100), but not airfare or other expenses, to the regional Burning Man conference in San Francisco for members as well as coordinators who are invited to attend. There was a discussion about assistant coordinators and others, but it was determined that only a select few are invited, so there is little reason to be concerned about expenses getting out of hand.

A letter from PDF to the person who gave an event photo to the press without Board authorization will be sent under the president's signature. This letter will outline the necessary steps and deadlines for compliance the member of the community must accomplish in order to get back in the good graces of the community.

A board retreat was planned for the first weekend in March. Tentatively we decided that a suburb of Philadelphia would be the likely location, but this is subject to change. We determine how we will structure the retreat, and whether a facilitator should be used. Write-ups of members' thoughts on the retreat are due Sunday, February 2.

Dove Russo summarized the Jan 11, 2014 Southeast Regional Leadership Conference discussion in Asheville that she attended. All in attendance but her represented for-profit LLCs. The issue of event insurance arose when it was mentioned that Burning Man is looking into providing insurance for regional affiliates. Dave Diller talked about a potential new insurance provider, but he has little information at this point.

There was a Council planning update. The committee to design the Council has scheduled call-in meetings, but nothing is happening. A plan is due by Feb 28th. People outside the Board do not want to drive the conversation, and getting people to take responsibility to do the work is hard.

Patty Simonton presented an annual report update. Departmental Afterburn reports are

completed, but a summary is needed to include in the annual report. Mark Nyon will create this summary.

Patty Simonton talked about the upcoming financial report. She stressed that all Board members are responsible for our finances, and therefore should review and understand the data.

A discussion of photography for the PDF website was delayed until the next meeting. It was noted that our website has some outdated parts. There was also a very limited discussion of art grant proposals.

Other business:

The discussion of road repair on the VVMC property will be discussed at the retreat. I will ask the Vet liaison to the Board if he, their president, and other designated representatives, if any, will be available for the retreat should we change the location to Delaware.

The minutes of Dec 19, 2013 were approved. They will be posted to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.