

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President
Tess Kidd- Vice President (by phone)
Joleen Linson- Secretary
Judy Costello- Treasurer (by phone)
Kerry Spears- Communications (by phone)
Sheila Ballard- District 4
Leita Spears- Conference Committee Member

Approval of Minutes: Sheila Ballard moved to approve both board meeting minutes, Kerry Spears 2nd, motion passed with no opposition

Secretary Report: None

Committee Reports

Website: The website has one contact that it sends new members to- who do we want the email to go to? Judy receives an email from paypal when a membership is paid, we all need to check user name and profile, pages are set up, shows the membership list but does not show email unless you sign in, system can email, “join us” email has a code so that email filters know it is not spam, bundle administrators for groups can add members, will have to join before register for the conference, will send out reminders to renew 14 days and 7 days before expiration, the day of expiration, and then there is a grace period before membership is kicked out

Finance/Review: We are doing good, everything good to what we budgeted, money has been transferred from small account to large account; some of what is paid by paypal goes to paypal- do we want to make it an option for members to cover the paypal charge? There was discussion on setting up an automated draft to pay the renewal fee for the Post Office box. Joleen Linson made a motion to set up an automated draft to pay the PO box renewal, Kerry Spears 2nd, passed with no opposition

Awards/Scholarships: Tess would like to nominate Murrell Home’s 2nd Agricultural Fest for outstanding event. Tess would be in charge of getting plaques. Scholarship applications are due January 19th. Tess’s email will be the contact. The scholarship does not cover workshop fees. Kerry Spears made a motion to offer 4 scholarships with bunkhouse lodging or up to \$15 per night. If recipient chooses to stay at the hotel they have to pay for that on their own. Joleen seconded. Motion passed with no opposition. Kerry suggested that they get reimbursed after the

article was received. Tess said that she would contact the recipients for the article. There was a discussion on changing the requirements to an article or presentation.

Communications: Kerry still needs articles from Carly and Brandon within a week. An email will be sent out to members about the new website including past member. There is a blog option on the website. There was a discussion about changing the constitution to take out the requirement of a newsletter. We would have to notify the membership 30 days in advance. The finance report can also be done on the website

Education:

District 1- not here

District 2- not here

District 3- not here

District 4- The Choctaw Youth will join ALHA and do the an apprenticeship workshop in January.

Certification: There are two that want to teach the apprenticeship class to complete their journeyman requirements. Tess has to the get the mock up for the pins to the person making them.

Conference: The workshops and sessions are set. Harness and Driving will be all day. The keynote speaker will be Tonya Staggs who did a 180 on site, will be paid by AHC grant
Pricing for conference: Full \$55 (\$70 after early bird) Saturday \$30 (35 after early bird) Sunday \$15 (\$20 after early bird)

Food- Potluck dinner on Friday night, Business lunch- make your own burrito/taco bar, Saturday night- Historic Washington's restaurant. A question was asked about t-shirts. It was decided that if we do them then the members can self-order them. Conference hotel and early bird deadline is February 2nd. Conference registration ends February 16th. Do we want a band or recorded music for Saturday night?

Old Business

Website: discussed at the beginning of the meeting

New Business

Tess will be chair of the nominations committee for the positions up for election- Treasurer, Communications, Vice President, and Districts 1 and 3. Kerry and Linda are term limited.

District reps will be on committee.

Josh will email DAH about sponsoring a break.

Sheila made a motion to adjourn. Kerry 2nded. Motion passed with no opposition.

