ALHA Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

**Board Members Present**

Josh Williams-President

Aaron Loehndorf- Vice President (by phone)

Judy Costello- Treasurer (by phone)

Joleen Linson- Secretary

Chris Adams- Communications (by phone)

Jeanine Thompson- Northeast District Representative (by phone)

Leon Tidwell- Central District Representative

Sheila Ballard- South District Representative (by phone)

**Approval of Minutes**: Leon Tidwell made motion to accept the minutes, Judy Costello second, no corrections, motion passed with no opposition.

Summary of business meeting: 2 constitutional changes- district map and no more quarterly newsletter; tabled at the meeting was membership changes with dues, constitution suggests forming a committee, if we don’t have Wild Apricot it might be difficult to keep track of membership if we don’t do it on the calendar year

**Secretary:** We have 183 members, nothing to report

**Treasurer:** It looks like we do not have as much income as we budgeted for but we are still waiting on the check from the Humanities Council. Auction did well, holding steady between $1300-$1500 in the auction. Membership dues are more than previous years.

**Committee Reports**

Awards/Scholarships: Aaron reported that we had 7 apply for the ALHFAM fellowship and we awarded 3, one of the three was not able to attend so Teresa Watkins was swapped into that place. Only 5 people applied for the ALHFAM membership and 4 were attending the conference. We might look at dropping down a level since we have so many ALHA members that are ALHFAM members through their institution. We need to promote ALHFAM membership within our members. Being ALHFAM members also allows us to go to the regional conferences. We need to send an email this summer about the benefits of ALHFAM membership. Judy Costello was named co-chair for the SEALHFAM. Kari Barley from Alabama is the other co-chair. Kim Hosey is in charge of communications for ALHFAM.

Communications: nothing to add; sent out Blake’s newsletter, might do a couple tweaks to the website- add conference planning documents and certification documents. Tess Kidd was added to the communications committee to assist with the Facebook page.

Certification: met at the end of the conference, Elista has everything up to date in certification; discussion- send workshop request to committee for them to find a journeyman to teach, assign a master to attend workshop to help if needed, certificates for apprentices, buttons for journeyman, and button with cockade for master level; design to redo logo- talk to Preston Ware about working on the logo, do have promo board and brochures but they need to be updated, certification committee work on logo and have board final approval

**District Reports**

**Northwest:** Laura Jennings stepped down from the rep position. David Fowler is interested in completing the term. Leon made a motion to accept resignation and accept David as the representative. Aaron seconded. Discussion- David would be a good rep. Motion passed with no opposition. David Fowler will now be new representative. Aaron reported for the NW district. Several helped with ALHFAM, will be having a Living History 101 in July with David Fowler and Jennifer Frazee, will be having a sewing workshop

**Central:** We had Territorial Fair at HAM, OSH hosted Statehood Day, working on setting up an apprenticeship workshop at HAM in July, Frontier 4th at HAM

**South:** nothing to report, looking through evaluations and thinking about fall workshops. Conference evaluations look good, overall liked; suggestions on workshops- journeyman requirements, want better tours; press releases in the local papers to help advertise

**Northeast:** went to Kansas City to see the Arabia, toured WWI Museum, planning future trips, share pics on ALHA’s facebook page

Workshops: $500 each year for each district- is there a procedure to ask for the money? Document receipts and turn into treasurer. Judy: approval for workshops by finance committee, submit proposal for workshop to the committee, encourage 30 days advanced notice, Judy will have to keep track of how much money the districts have spent; money can be used to reimburse presenter for travel, cannot be used for alcoholic beverages. Judy made a motion that district reps will have $500 to spend for workshops with the proposal submitted to the finance committee, 30 days notice is encouraged, no retroactive approvals, year is conference to conference. Aaron seconded, motion passed with no opposition.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Section on members page for members to put what their interests are- if made public it would help find people for programs, individual members could decide if they want it public

**Conference:** February 22-24 in Little Rock; SEALHFAM is looking for potential locations and is thinking about a joint SEALHFAM and ALHA conference; HAM and OSH are both ok with hosting a joint conference. It’s a good way to get newbies involved with ALHFAM. TLHA is hosting the Mt. Plains Regional in January. May have to refocus theme if we have a joint conference. Leon motioned to have joint conference. Aaron seconded. Judy asked about cost sharing. LRCVB is an option for a sponsor. Motion passed with no opposition. Sheila can help with the conference. Keynote speaker- we have some potential people in mind, will also need them to do a session. Josh and Aaron will contact two options to see about their ability to do keynote. AHC grant again to pay expenses.

Judy motion to adjourn.

Leon seconded.

Motion passed with no opposition.