

Executive Board Meeting
1/19/16
Embassy Suites – Ridgeland

People present:
Mark Whiteside
Richard Stampley
Ken Givens
Steve Seal
Jennifer Williams
Brad Smith
Jim Palmer
Ricky Leister
Jason Watkins
Stan Owens
John Pope
Ray Burkhart
Jim Stout
Ronnie McGilberry
Henry Outlaw
Richard Murden
Terry Tucker

Pres. Pope called the meeting to order at 1332.

Approval of Minutes from Nov Meeting

- Motion – Brad Smith
- Second – Jason Watkins
- Motion passed
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Approval of Financials

- Ronnie McGilberry
- Second – Jason Watkins

Received 10 memorial stones; expecting 10 more
Changing vendors to vendor that currently does our engraving

Flags – Jason Watkins is working on this.

Invoice for Insurance

- Jim Stout and Ray Burkhart from Provident discussed why rates went up
- Additional options
 - o Possibly upping our coverage or adding AD & D
 - o Will send them to us prior to Natchez in case we decide to go to the body
- Broker of Record change from Lowery Agency to Bernard Agency
 - o Brad removed himself from the meeting during the conversation about insurance changes
 - Motion to change to Bernard Agency

- Motion – Ricky Leister
- Second - Steve Seal
- Motion passed

Swapping to flat-rate postage for memberships

Burn Camp

- Core staff had a strategic retreat to come up with a 3 yr plan
- Building a relationship with the Burn Center
- 20 yr anniversary
- Requesting funds
 - \$10,000 up front
 - \$5,000 each quarter
- Motion by Brad Smith to pay 10,000 and 5,000/quarter until account reaches 50,000 (if falls below, we start qtr pmts again); this does not prevent us from paying additional if needed.
- Second – Stan Owens
- Motion passed

Legislative Issues

- Steve Seal talked about what he felt was lack of communication

MS Fire Chiefs

- Voted not to do CFSI since Congress will not be in session.
- Requests that we create a committee to oversee the tag money. Meet with AG to see what we can or cannot do.
 - Take under advisement
 - Ricky Leister will bring us a formal request.

NVFC

- Dues are due
- Directors need to be named
- Motion – Jason Watkins to pay dues and leave directors as Brad Smith and George Stevens
- Second – Henry Outlaw
- Motion passed – Brad and George abstained from voting

AFG Recruitment and Retention grant to apply for a Recruitment/Retention Coordinator for 4 yrs.

- Do we want to apply?
 - George will write the grant
 - Motion to apply for grant, president will handle documentation – Steve Seal
 - Second – Ricky Leister
 - Motion passed

FF Cancer

- Need to raise awareness

George Stevens talked about legal districts and protections

- Draft resolution to support measure on proposed legislation
- Motion – Brad Smith

- Second – Ronnie McGilberry
- Motion passed

Pope requests that we pay his expenses to attend the LSU Equipment show in Baton Rouge to draw up more vendors and sponsors to our conferences.

- Motion to send 2 people – Brad Smith
- Second – Steve Seal
- Motion passed

Motion to adjourn

- Jason Watkins
- Ronnie McGilberry