

BMHA Board of Directors Meeting - Jan 11, 2013

Attendees Chuck Staetz, Chip Wilder, Andrew Wilkinson, Brian Unter, Jim Bair, Helene Hall

Agenda & Minutes

Chuck called the meeting to order at 4.20pm. The minutes for the Dec 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved. In the future those unable to attend Board meeting will be listed as, 'apologies from...' Comments received from Chuck and Brian to be consolidated.

Treasurers Report:

Chip reported that we have \$6,298.67 on hand with \$22,154.85 in a CD. Chip reported that despite several attempts he was unable to establish whether there was any preferential rates available from PayPal for 'not for profit' organizations like BMHA. Motion to consolidate BMHA accounts at Sierra Central was unanimously approved by the Board

- Action: Helene to discuss PayPal with FireSafe Council as a final attempt to see if there were options to reduce the fee's
- Action: Chip to commence the consolidation of accounts at the beginning of February

Board Election

Election results were shared by Chuck. Motion that the Board members retain their current positions was unanimously approved

Committees - Chairman and Members

Communication & Membership was discussed together as related subjects. It was decided that BMHA will have three lists. List #1 will contain paid members to be maintained by Chuck and Chip. List #2 will be the communications list which is fed from list #1 and Brian's extended email list. List #3 is a parcel list defining the universe of potential BMHA members, some of the addresses being undeveloped parcels.

- Action Jim to provide historical member information for consolidation

FONA Representation. Andrew remains as the sole (Official) representative.

No board member was willing to take a backup role of alternate FONA representative. Chuck can only fill in when the days are longer because of night driving restrictions.

BMHA non-profit tax status. It was determined that we are a 'not for profit' versus 'non-profit' organization. Consensus was that it we should review our tax status to avoid any unknown liabilities

- Action Jim to talk with Dave Scinto to receive advice on our tax status and report back at the next meeting

Updates

Membership committee. It was agreed that we will not conduct door to door solicitation of new members and that we are working with effective collaboration between the Treasurer and Membership sub committee to drive growth in membership. We are also looking for a 7th Board member and it was request that we seek opportunities to fill the role

Incentives. Jim has active engagement with B&C on the proposal for a 10% discount to BMHA members. As Brian is a neighbor to Kennan Pardini - Hills Flat he offered to discuss the proposed discount in person.

- Action Brian to meet with Kennan Pardini

Webpage. It was agreed that we will use 14px font on the web site and Andrew will update accordingly. It was agreed that the web site was compete enough to publish and Andrew will work to make it available under the www.bannermountain.org address. The use of the name@bannermountain.org email address was revisited and Andrew will organise to make this available with re-directs to person email accounts to provide a professional impression and simplify management of email for Board members

Newsletter. It is desirable to send email news from a bannermountain.org address and it is dependent on Andrews work as above, with the Web Site go live taking priority. Brian will consolidate the security newsletter content to meet the space defined by Jim. Recommendation to contact David Ray

for a news article of fire safety. Scotch Broom pull date was proposed to be April 20th or 27th. Andrew confirmed that Nate Beason will provide a news article 300-600 words by Jan 25th and is pleased to participate

- Action Helene to contact David Ray- NCDF for news article
- Action Helene to contact DeMolay for help again this year

Any other business

The calendar of future board meetings will be defined by Chuck and agreement to notify BMHA members at least 2 weeks in advance

Future Meetings to be communicated by Chuck, Location will be at Coyote Street Fire Station

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.