

RAS Board Meeting, Thursday June 17, 2021

Present: Thomas Narten (TN), Curtis Smith (GCS), Chris Smith, Maggie Poole (MP), Caroline Morgan (CM) [middle part], Michael Maieli (M2)

Regrets: Jamye Carr (JC)

Minutes produced by: Thomas Narten

Meeting length: 2H03min

Topic: Minutes approval. April minutes approved (5-0). May minutes not prepared. Recording got started late, much of meeting not recorded.

Topic: June Meeting Review. Ryan Chan on Zoom, in-person meeting at Ramada Inn. M2: Meeting exceeded my expectations. Good attendance. One question. Should we keep having zoom meetings separate from in-person ones? Program Committee has been discussing that. m2: would prefer we do one or other not both. To keep meeting short, we can limit talk or auction. Curtis: I went to Ryan directly to get description of event to publicize on FB (not ideal). TN: Program Committee met today. Going forward, Neil will get speaker info to TN, TN will distribute to the board. M2: lot of extra work to have 2 separate events (zoom and in person). Longer discussion on how to balance time/work/etc. For July meeting, Neil will do short presentation, intended to be interactive with audience. Followed by auction.

Topic: Social hour. Curtis has been talking to Eric Butler about taking over. But haven't agreed on time. TN will followup and try to get social hour back on track.

Topic: June Auction report. Details not on google drive, in a separate spreadsheet. Summary: Total revenue of \$604. Total expenses: \$346 (auction splits, room rental.). Net Profit: \$258. 72 items auctioned, 24 buyers, 15 sellers, 36 auction paddles handed out.

Topic: Treasurer report. High level points: club has about \$1200 more in assets today, than in February of this year. So we continue to do well financially. Membership is good and new memberships continue to trickle in.

Topic: group buys. Next frozen food order from Jehmco? None scheduled yet. Maybe target August meeting.

Topic: Wet Spot order. There seems to be interest in another wet spot order this summer. Chris to organize. With in-person meetings resuming, should we go back to having orders line up with meetings? No, pickup will continue to be at Chris' house. Last order was smoothest and least stressful of them all. Want to continue that. Plus, it's the only way that we can satisfy WetSpot's requirement that any issues with delivery be reported within 4 hours of delivery.

Topic: Black worms order. Grace Danks took over last order. Didn't go smoothly. Some people didn't pick up in first two days, then worms started dying. Yuck. Some buyers hadn't paid up front and then didn't pay. Board agrees to reimburse Grace for the money she lost (up to \$150). She made a good faith attempt to help the club and should be penalized. Going forward, need to make clear that for all group buys, payment needs to be in advance, and if pickups are not done in timely fashion, buyer deals with consequences.

Topic: Event planning. For upcoming meetings, we will have in-person meeting at Ramada Inn on July 1. Looking at possible zoom call Aug 5 and in person meeting (Ramada Inn) Aug 12. Picnic: we should have one. Aug 14?. Saturday after meeting. Sertoma park. Logistics work well for m2. He can go there in the morning and claim our spot. Has worked well in the past. Would be lunch time. Discussion of alternative venues/options. We circle back to possible dates. Would be better to not have picnic 2 days after in-person meeting. So August 21 would be better picnic date.

Fall auction. Ramada not available until November. TN to check with Holiday inn. M2: I would vote against a big auction this year. Don't think we have the bandwidth. Prefer a tag sale. Curtis: I support tag sale. TN: tag sale would be less work, but auctions are really popular!

TN: I have reserved March 5, 2022 weekend for workshop at Ramada. Will need to do outreach about date and check with other organizations to minimize possible conflicts with other events.

Topic: board meetings. Would like to move back to in-person meetings. Curtis is centrally located (Morrisville) and volunteer to host an upcoming meeting.

Topic: Mask wearing at events. Majority wore them. No confrontation. Generally worked fine. Will we require masks at meetings? curtis says yes. Maggie says should not require. Some discussion. No motion to change, so existing policy stays in place for now.

Meeting ends after 2H03min.