

SAME BUSINESS MEETING
November 12, 2011
Audubon Aquarium of the Americas
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

Chris Verlinde called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Minutes

Chris Verlinde passed out minutes from the Boston, 2011 meeting. Minor changes were suggested.

MOTION: Chris Breazeale motioned to accept the minutes with minor changes.

Second by Angela Capello

VOTE: Motion passed unopposed.

Financial Report

Dianne went over the financial report checking account balance is \$12,664.90 which is also the total assets. The CD was cashed in on the request of the membership in order to provide funds for planning and deposits for NMEA 2013 in Mobile, Alabama. Certificate of deposit (\$7,970.02) was cashed in on November 14, 2011.

NMEA Funding

Chris talked about the need for miscellaneous items for planning and deposits (food, venues, speakers) for the NMEA 2013 conference.

Discussion on the finances included the CD in our account. The planning committee will need revenue for the deposits until we receive the \$6K loan from NMEA. Once NMEA 2012 concludes and finances settled NMEA 2013 will receive the loan. SAME will need to pay back the \$6K loan once finances are settled after the conference. SAME will receive 40% of the first \$20K profit and 60% goes to NMEA. For profits over \$20K SAME will receive 30% of the profits and NMEA will receive 70%. A discussion ensued on ways to raise additional capital including the need for sponsors and a successful auction. The Sponsorship Committee is working on sponsors.

MOTION: Jennifer B motioned to cash in the CD by November 20, 2011 to provide cash for NMEA 2013. This will be paid back to SAME when completing financial responsibilities of the NMEA conference.

Second by Tami McConnell

VOTE: Motion passed unopposed.

SAME and NMEA Scholarships

Chris talked about scholarships and explained the idea of SAME scholarships. She encouraged everyone to nominate someone for the award. There was a discussion on the scholarships for SAME and NMEA.

MOTION: Carrie motioned that SAME provide a \$500 scholarship towards registration for the NMEA conference in Anchorage, Alaska and a \$100 for the SAME meeting in Mobile 2012.

Second by Tami McConnell

VOTE: Motion passed unopposed

Funding 2012 Hurricane Bowl

Chris led a discussion on contributions to Hurricane Bowl. Dianne requested that we receive a formal request for the donation each year.

MOTION: Joan motioned to support Hurricane Bowl with \$200 for the 2012 competition and offer memberships to Bowl coaches

Second by Chris Breazeale

VOTE: Passed unopposed. Motion is passed.

NMEA 2013 Committee Updates

Chris V. reported on food catering progress. There will be a low country boil at Five Rivers and heavy hors d'oeuvres at Dauphin Island.

Carrie announced that Valerie Kleinschmidt is now downtown Mobile with the Mobile Alliance and will be helping out. She said there will be a PR packet at the NMEA 2013 Board meeting. For the promo a script has been completed and filming will be December 1, 3 & 4. Mobile public schools will be filming for three days and will edit the promo for free. The target for completing the film is the end of February. The plan is to show it at NSTA in Indianapolis in April at the NMEA Board meeting/banquet.

Upcoming Events

-December 3, 2011 IMMS is hosting Santa and the Dolphins

-Alabama COSEE will have a workshop in December

-Louisiana Oil spill video conference funded by COSEE is scheduled for November 19th for the general public at the Aquarium of the Americas, LSU and SciPort.

-Oil spill video conference funded by NOAA for teachers in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana at a total of 10 locations is January 28th.

Announcements

Chris V. passed the rain stick and the office of president to Tricia LeBlanc. Congratulations Tricia. Tricia announced that if anyone would like to walk around the aquarium after the meeting is welcome to do so.

Adjourn

Motion: Angela Capello motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded Tami O'Connell

Vote: Motion passed unopposed

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

In Attendance

Chris Breazeale

Jennifer Buchanan

Angela Capello

Tom Brett

Georgia Clesi

Meia Crisler

Georjean Crosley

John Ellis

Tricia LeBlanc

Dianne Lindstedt

Charlene Mauro

Tami McConnell

Ilka Porter

Carrie Riley

Jane Putnam

Dennis Putnam

Christine Taylor

Joan Turner

Louise Todd

Chris Verlinde

Christine Wagner

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