

OWAC Board Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2022, 5PM

The Lodge at Big Bear Lake, Boulder Bay Room

- I. Call to Order: 5:25PM
- II. Roll Call – President Carrie Wilson
 - a. PRESENT: Tom Martens, Peter Schroeder, Bob Semerau, Betsy Senescu, Barbara Steinberg, Carrie Wilson, Risa Wyatt
- III. Approval of 4-25-22 minutes (Appendix A)
 - a. Risa moved to approve, Peter seconded; approved
- IV. Finance:
 - a. General fund has \$18,076.10
Liability Insurance quarterly fee of \$414, paid
Host (Big Bear) payment to be approx. \$1,920
No awards have been paid out yet
 - b. No report on the Endowment
- V. Spring 2022 Conference Big Bear Lake, California May 9-12, 2022
 - a. 18 members and 6 guests registered
 - b. Covid protocols in place
 - i. Protocol sheets in sign-in packet
 - c. Sign-in desk assistance
 - i. Betsy, Chris Semerau 9:50AM - Noon
 - ii. Check off list, sign vax certification or swab, take packet from VBB
 1. Everyone must sign the Covid form/liability release
 - d. Daily Agenda/schedule, Carrie
 - i. Reviewed Conference schedule
 - e. General Meeting – discussion of topics, order and presenters
 - i. Agenda, Carrie
 - ii. Minutes, Tom
 - iii. Introduce the Board, segue into elections ...
 - iv. Board Elections, Peter
 1. Need to elect three new Directors – seek candidates
 - v. Craft Improvement: Rick Saez, Donald Quintana
 - vi. Newsletter – June 25 next deadline.
- VI. EIC Awards presentation
 - a. Four to be presented in person - framed certificates; balance to be mailed
 - b. Writer of the Year is now California Outdoor Communicator of the Year – to embrace all media arts
 - c. Discussed evening program, order of presentation
- VII. COY or not to COY

- a. Discussion on shelving COY program for 2022? Barbara will review at General Membership and seek someone to spearhead the program.
- VIII. Mission Statement (Who are we?)
 - a. Original intent of OWAC: about, by, from, for California?
 - b. Request the Board bring back concepts at next Board meeting
 - i. Tom will send the earliest version of the Mission statement and bylaws to the Board for review
- IX. Raffle: Barbara has organized all the donations and will run the raffle and silent auction. Discussion of the volume of work vs. income
- X. Legal issues: Tom – progressing.
- XI. Website:
 - a. Discussion of ongoing website provider:
 - i. Blue Cat: \$1,200 to automate registration (see separate proposal)
 - ii. Gigi: would like to work on day-to-day maintenance, etc. (see separate proposal) one year commitment
 - iii. Board consensus is to consult with John Williamson before making any decision
- XII. Fall conference sites?
 - a. Two Harbors, Catalina as an option - with tent camping; also Wrigley Institute
 - b. Tri-Valley in discussion
 - c. Camarillo/Ventura County – stalled due to Camarillo hotel fire
- XIII. Board agreed to give Dan McKernan a membership as a thank you for his work on the Big Bear Lake conference
- XIV. Photo Contest: who is running it, rules sheet distribution, and awards?
 - a. Mike Harris has volunteered
- XV. Next Meeting Date: 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2022
- XVI. Motion to adjourn meeting – Betsy motioned, Risa, seconded: approved
Meeting Adjourned 7:05PM

Appendix A

OWAC TELECONFERENCE MINUTES – April 25, 2022
7 p.m., Monday April 25, 2022
Call-in Number: 607-374-1189 Pin 141147#

- I. Call to Order Carrie Wilson, President 7:06PM
- II. Roll Call – Betsy. In attendance:
 - a. Carrie, Bob, Tom, Don, Barbara, Peter, Risa, John, Betsy
- III. Approval of minutes from April 11, 2022
 - a. Don motioned, Barbara second – approved unanimously
- IV. Spring 2022 Conference Big Bear Lake, California May 9-12, 2022
 - a. 19 members and 6 guests registered; list attached
 - i. Deadline is midnight tonight, but exceptions will be allowed
 - b. Covid protocols
 - i. Earlier determined to use regional protocol however there is no BBL protocol; agreed attendees must provide vaccination cards or pre-test (provided)
 - c. Sign-in desk assistance
 - i. 10AM – 12PM - Tuesday Chris Semerau, Betsy Senescu
 - d. Daily Agenda/schedule
 - i. Carrie to organize, publish and administer agenda, jobs, etc.
 - e. General Meeting
 - i. Agenda - Carrie
 - ii. Board Elections – Peter will handle Board Election from the floor
 - iii. Minutes –
 1. We will request someone to take minutes from the general membership – Tom will be a backup if no-one volunteers
 2. Betsy will take minutes at Board meeting
 - iv. Keep story telling tentatively on the agenda for the first night
 - f. Craft Improvement, Rick Saez, Donald Quintana
 - i. Barbara will introduce Donald

- ii. Bob will introduce Rick
 - g. EIC Awards presentation, checks to be mailed, framed certificates
 - i. Awards will be passed out to whoever is in attendance
 - ii. Carrie will announce/intro winner – no slideshow this year
 - iii. Cash Awards: seven categories that merit three awards - \$100 per category pay-out
 - 1. Total of 18 people submitted
 - a. Poll members why more didn't enter
 - b. Promote benefit of contest and recognition
 - 2. Net income was approx. \$649
 - 3. Judging not completed yet
 - 4. Discussion, and subsequent motion made by Peter to eliminate cash award to third place in every category and pay cash award to first and second places. Carrie offered to make up the balance to ensure the EIC contest breaks even Don – seconded the motion; motion carried
 - 5. Board will discuss in the future reconfiguring contest re: number of entries – prize money
 - h. Photo Contest: who is running it, rules sheet distribution, and awards?
 - i. Carrie has offered to organize rules, and distro etc. and will ask Dan McKernan if BBL has someone to coordinate and judge. Bob will help execute on site.
 - ii. Peter and Risa will donate three bottles of wine for top three winners
 - i. Raffle Barbara – Tuesday night
 - i. Needs description and value of donated items asap
 - ii. Large number of items – Barbara will set up ahead of time
 - iii. Legal issues: Tom continues to work on this
- V. Next Meeting Date: 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2022, at Big Bear
- VI. Motion to adjourn – Don, second – Risa passed unanimous
 - a. Meeting adjourned 8:01PM