

Minutes

2015 Annual Meeting

Highpointers Club Board of Directors

Worthington, Minnesota

July 25, 2015

The Highpointers Club Board of Directors met at the Comfort Suites and Conference Center in Worthington, Minnesota during the Highpointers Annual Convention.

I. Introductions

President Tim Webb called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

Board Members in attendance:

1. Kamell Abdnour
2. Marion Bauman
3. Mark Comstock
4. Mick Dunn
5. Charlie Feris
6. Nikki Hemphill
7. Don Holmes
8. John Keator
9. Kathy Mitchler
10. Ray Nelson
11. Alan Ritter
12. Jim Sutton
13. Gary Szalc
14. Tim Webb

Board Member not in attendance:

1. Roger Rowlett

Ex-officio Director attending:

1. John Mitchler

Other Members in attendance:

1. Bomber Brown
2. Ruth Anne Heselbarth
3. Jan Nelson
4. Fallon Rowe
5. Eric Schroll
6. Penn Watson

II. Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes (Mick Dunn/Roger Rowlett)

There were no e-mail minutes to discuss so no action was taken. Previous relevant minutes had already been approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Don Holmes)

Don reported a healthy financial situation and the budget was approved unanimously.

3. Honorary Members (John Mitchler)

Don and Marion questioned whether or not the Club was getting benefit in return from the Honorary Members. Don, Alan and Marion contributed significantly to the conversation; Alan (Liaison Chair) conveyed his perspective from experience. Mark moved that any action regarding Honorary Members be tabled until a later date after a closer examination could be made. This was seconded by Nikki and the motion passed.

4. Awards (Don Holmes)

Don presented a ballot to the Board for the approval of those in consideration for Frank Ashley Awards. Those in consideration were the following:

- a. Jessica and Thomas Barthelme
- b. Mike Earll
- c. Hawkeye Point Foundation
- d. Steve Koski
- e. Agrihan Climbers (Fr Morgan Batt, Jeremy Dixon, Clint Kaul, Roger Kaul and John Mitchler)

The ballots were returned to Don for tally at a later time.

III. Committee Reports

1. Mercantile/Outside Vendors (Jim Sutton)

Discussion was had regarding the sale of, and the clarification of rules pertaining to, outside vendor merchandise through the Mercantile. It was decided that Bomber (as Mercantile Chair) would be the sole decision maker regarding the process of outside vendor sales through the Mercantile.

2. Gun Raffle (Don Holmes)

A gun raffle for the evening Banquet was unanimously approved. Don had moved and Jim seconded.

3. Conventions (Nikki Hemphill)

Nikki reported that the current (IA15) and future (MT16) conventions planning are moving along very well. Alan made a motion to donate the Pancake Breakfast proceeds to the Hawkeye Point Foundation. Don made a motion to modify the original motion by holding off on the donation until Ray is finished with the Membership Budget.

Jim led discussion regarding convention materials transfer and the potential creation of permanent boxes for storage and shipment of such items. It was decided that Jim will chair a committee for this purpose.

4. Newsletter (John Mitchler)

John Mitchler distributed his Editor's Report and informed the Board of the issue regarding newsletter #109. An older mailing list had inadvertently been used for mailing. This resulted in newer members initially not receiving their newsletter and ex-members receiving newsletters that were not due them. John is hopeful that the problem has been fixed and that this problem will not recur.

5. Records (John Mitchler)

John Mitchler initiated discussion over how the new age definition of “marriage” impacts records categories for the Club.

Fallon spoke about modern social media and networking, and how it could be applied to Club membership, especially our younger members. Fallon has volunteered to commandeer the Club’s social media/networking initiative under the Marketing Committee headed by Kathy.

6. Liaison (Alan Ritter)

Alan is heading an initiative aimed at revamping the current Highpoint Liaison/Helper program.

7. Website (Roger Rowlett)

Although Roger was not present with us he did send forward a handout of discussion points regarding the state of the Club’s website at Highpointers.org and the Club’s Facebook page. Roger states that for personal reasons “it is very imperative that we find a backup” for him and the website.

8. Membership (Ray Nelson)

Ray reports a slight increase in membership. The mailing snafu of newsletter #109, where ex-members had received newsletter not due them (see above), resulted in 33 of those ex-members renewing membership in the Club. Ray also discussed the benefits of using PayPal stating that we would lose little in fees by utilizing PayPal and that the ease of convenience is well worth the cost.

9. Mercantile (Bomber Brown)

The Mercantile is a smoothly running operation. No further discussion (see above) or report.

10. Bylaws (Don Holmes)

There have been no changes to our Bylaws. No discussion.

11. Foundation (Kathy Mitchler)

Kathy presented a detailed Highpointers Foundation Report to the Club via Liaison handout.

12. Marketing (Kathy Mitchler)

Kathy led discussion regarding retention of members and acquisition of new members.

13. Finance (Marion Bauman)

There was no report.

14. More Than 50 States (Kathy Mitchler)

Kathy initiated discussion regarding money from the Jack Parsell Memorial Fund being used for a scholarship program to be named the Highpointers Club Jack Parsell Scholarship Program. A motion was made regarding such use of these funds and was passed. It is anticipated that a yet-to-be determined percentage of Mercantile funds will be applied to the Scholarship as well as donations from Club members.

Kathy and Mark discussed Highpoint accessibility for folks with disabilities.

IV. New Business

1. Directors and Officers Liability Policy (Don Holmes)

It was moved and passed that Don will lead the Officer Liability effort.

2. Jack Parsell Donations (John Mitchler)

(see above)

3. Highpoints at Risk (Don Holmes, John Mitchler, Tim Webb)

It was moved that Tim form a committee to research easement rectification for the states of IL, IN, NE and ND. Alan moved to amend the motion to include the implementation of such easements as well as research. Motion passed as amended.

4. Items from the Floor (open)

a. Don wishes to implement a new Club letterhead.

b. John Mitchler asked whether or not the Projects Committee was still active.

(1). Funding is needed for the Highpoints Signs project.

(2). Marion will head the Highpoints Signs as Project Chair.

c. Stony Burk (via Don) suggests a plaque for the Governor of RI to recognize his assistance in assuring access to the RI Highpoint.

V. Group Photograph

VI. Adjournment