

BLIND PRIDE INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Call to Order

President Guillermo Robles called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM CST.

Roll Call

Guillermo Robles, William Burley, Mark Hanohano, Kevin Ratliff, Gabriel Lopez, Michael Wiseman, Caitlin Hernandez, Richard Marion

Meeting Minutes

Richard asked about the Annual Board Meeting Minutes and if they should be approved at the next annual meeting. We have always approved them at the next board meeting. Guillermo will speak to Harlow about it.

August meeting minutes were approved as submitted. MSC, (Burley, Wiseman)

President's Comments

Guillermo talked about board communication and deadlines for committee reports. If people are having problems meeting deadlines, they should let him know or let a committee chair know.

Treasurer's Report

Balances

Paypal: \$0.0

Checking: \$1449.08

Savings: \$886.34

Endowment: \$500.10

Don asked Gabriel to describe the mechanism in place to track the payments toward a lifetime membership and the reasoning behind not having those funds come into a designated, separate account. Gabriel said that he will entertain a motion to handle it differently. Don asked if the numbers reported for the endowment fund ARE incorrect, because the monthly payments are not being included. Mikey asked why the monies paid towards lifetime memberships are not deposited in the endowment fund. Gabriel said that he was of the understanding that we had to wait until all money had been collected before depositing the money into the account. Don said

that constitutionally, the money should be collected in that one fund. Mikey made a motion to have the \$190 moved into the endowment fund and that money collected in the Paypal Account for lifetime memberships be transferred once the Paypal account reaches \$500. The motion was approved. MSC, (Wiseman, Brown)
the treasurer's report was accepted as read. MSC, (Marion, Burley)

Budget and Finance

Gabriel reported that the BPI Paypal account was closed and a new 1 was opened. They needed to get total control of the account. Butch Arnold's name was on the account, and they couldn't make any changes without his information including his social. Mikey said that the board should have been included on the decision to close the account. Don agreed and stated that we have the policy and procedures in place to handle these types of matters. Richard said that he thinks they acted within their right as a committee to make the administrative decision. Will recommended that the committee send an announcement to the Board List stating that the committee overstepped and made a decision without board approval. Mikey asked how the new account was opened, Name Social Security Number. Guillermo said that the new account was opened with BPI's Tax ID number, with him as the contact person. Mikey asked if the board should make a decision about who should be contact persons on the account. There was more discussion about the new Paypal and who should be the contact person and who should have access. Don said that he feels that this is something that not only the board needed to know, but also the members have a right to know this kind of information.

The Budget and Finance committee recommends making all future Postgater payments from the checking account. MSC, (Wiseman, Brown)

Gabriel reported that the committee is working on the budget for the upcoming year. If committees or board members would like to make requests or have suggestions on budget expenditures. The submissions are due by October 15.

The budget committee made a motion for the president to be authorized to spend up to \$100.01 without board consent; \$100.01 to \$200 need President and Treasurer approval; \$200.01 and above would need board approval. MSC, (Wiseman, Brown)

Fundraising Committee

Guillermo reported that the committee has met briefly to discuss some fundraising goals. An information and referral service driven website could be the focal point for fundraising. Raffles are also a possibility. He has also contacted Wells Fargo and AT&T regarding applying for their charitable giving programs. There will also be a Scholarship Committee charged with working on acquiring funds for scholarships. Mikey said that new members should be encouraged to get involved in their local chapters and perhaps they will be able to get a recommendation from their local chapter president for the DKM 1st Timer award.

Membership Committee

Kaitlin reported that she has emailed George and Sharron about adding new members to the online database.

Outreach Committee

Cynthia reported that the outreach committee is working on a plan and they are charting their own way, building the committee from scratch. There will be a town-hall type meeting via conference call on Friday the 13th. She hopes that a lot of people will call in, so that they can get a good representative sample of the needs and wants of members. Caitlin reported that they have reached out to ACB Students to see what we might do together.

Programming Committee

Don reported that the committee is waiting on the new website. He has a contact at the Riviera Hotel. He will make a request for a night's stay at the hotel. He will also request 2 round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines. These items will be for an online/electronic auction. Kevin expressed some concern about an electronic nationwide raffle. Guillermo said that he has received some information about what can and cannot be done with electronic raffles.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Ratliff
Secretary