

BOARD MEETING

April 10th, 2011

Call to Order: Attending: Dorian Henao, Treasurer ABC, Damon Blumberg, Website coordinator, Bob Allen, Secretary, ABC, Rich Zerilli, voting representative Girth & Mirth D.C., Ron Savaria, President Bigmen's Club of South Florida, Joe Schwartz, President of Girth & Mirth of Philadelphia, Frank Kirchner, President, ABC, Tony Brown, Artist ABC, Jeremiah Mulford, Convergence 2011 webmaster, Rufus Wickliffe, Girth & Mirth of Indy, Dennis Carr, President of Dallas/Forth Worth Bigmen's Club, Bob Schneider, Newsletter Editor. Absent: David, Southern California Girth & Mirth, Joe Lewis, President Girth & Mirth D.C., Tony Colosimo, Vice President ABC, Ben Peckinpaw, Bigmen's Club of Houston, Lazarus Mitchell, Girth & Mirth of Orlando, Jeffrey Weaver Co-President of Pacific Northwest Girth & Mirth, Dan Dempsey, President Twin Cities Girth & Mirth.

Minutes were submitted by Bob Allen, Secretary for approval. Ron Savaria made the motion—Damon Blumberg seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Dorian filed a report with the Minnesota police department to determine whether they can pursue Patrick in Minneapolis or if the suit has to be filed in Delaware where we are incorporated. Security was not paid and upwards of \$10,000. is missing from the ABC account. The hotel has been paid in full from the convergence account and some ABC savings.

We have a balance of \$1,373.28 with bills of \$218.27 leaving us a balance of \$1,155.01. Ron Savaria motioned that the report be approved with Rich Zerilli Seconding the motion which was unanimously approved by all.

Jeremiah reported we have 181 registrations for Convergence 2011 with 145 days left till the event. Package price went up to \$299.00 on April 30th. Hospitality plan and water park prices will be posted soon for the daily attendees. If the water park is available Sunday, Cabanas can be rented for \$50.00 Frank wants to rent one for the use of ABC and the club presidents. Ron motioned that \$50.00 be spent from ABC funds for it which was seconded by Joe Schwartz. Rich Zerilli objected to the cost being taken from ABC funds instead of G & M Indy funds. The motion was unanimously approved.

Revising the by-laws by Rich Zerilli and Joe Schwartz. April 25th, Rich Zerilli will be visiting Joe Schwartz in Philadelphia to discuss this issue. Bob Allen is to be given the list of contacts to review the revised bylaws which will be voted on at the annual meeting. One person from each board be considered to hold office so we do not run into the fiasco again with one club holding three positions literally controlling the board. Damon Blumberg agreed with this proposal.

Abel from Rio Grande wants to start a club and will be contacted by dennis to support them in their efforts.

Website by Damon: is helping clubs with their websites and will offer his help to anyone needing it. A proposal was discussed making the webmaster an ABC board position. Abc President has the power to appoint this person. It will be talked about further at the next meeting.

Damon reported on the artwork submitted by Tony Brown who is willing to help any club design a logo or artwork for their use. Can contact Tony or Damon directly about this.

Bob Schneider received the January newsletter and will work on revamping it in his own style for ABC. Bob needs news and events that the individual clubs would like advertised in the newsletter with any important events in the near future that your club is sponsoring sent to him by April 30th.

Dorian has mailing addresses for the yearly dues that must be mailed to the P.O. Box in San Francisco. Dorian will design a letter informing the clubs that their dues are to be paid and submit it to Bob Allen for publishing.

Presidents meeting last month went very well with the next on scheduled for May 22nd at 2 p.m. Ron thought it was as very good start. This is a general meeting where anyone can contribute their viewpoints on topics—it is not frank's meeting per se.

Not everything has been listed for the agenda at convergence as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeffrey Weaver is forming a new club in Washington State together called Pacific Northwest Girth & Mirth.

Frank and Damon are working on sponsors for Convergence 2011. Bob Allen is assisting with this and so far, Biggercity, King size Male, and Bear Films are involved.

Damon needs past history of the clubs so that it can be placed in the ABC archives. Newsletters, websites, etc. before 1966 are a problem to locate. A presentation is planned for Convergence 2011 for the 25th Anniversary of ABC.

Bob Allen needs the clubs to submit their most recent contacts to him to be added to the ever changing contact list.

We need pictures of your family (pets) to be submitted to Bob Schneider for publication in the newsletter. One will be published each month. Bob Allen likes

this idea. Will give people another reason to visit the site and Dorian believes it will keep it fresh.

Any events that the clubs would like to be published on the website are to be submitted to Damon. Dennis provided a list of events for April and May to Damon.

Volunteers for Boston Convergence: Tony Brown will volunteer. Ron Savaria wants to know what will be required of the volunteers. Bob Allen, Ron Savaria, and Damon Blumberg have offered their services.

Dorian reported that the current convergence news is from last October due to Edward of Biggercity being in Argentina for awhile.

Buddy system: used to be called the satellite system. Names of prospective members should be forwarded to the nearest ABC chapter of Girth & Mirth. Damon Blumberg or Bob Allen will make the initial contact. Mail to the San Francisco P.O. Box will still be accepted for those who do not have a computer. When they want to start a club, the information is received by Bob Allen who then refers the information to Frank Kirchner.

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS?

Next meeting and conference will be held on Sunday, June 12th at 2 P.M. EST.

Dennis needs the forms in for MCA ASAP!

Ron Savaria motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Joe Schwartz