

MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 17TH @ 1 P.M. C.S.T.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:02 p.m. by Frank Kirchner, President
- II. ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken by Bob Allen, secretary. Present are the following: Rufus Wickliffe, voting representative GMIndy, Lee Gardner parliamentarian, ABC from Florida, Ron Savaria, voting representative of Bigmen of South Florida, Rich Zerilli, voting representative of Girth And Mirth of D.C., Dorian Henao. Treasurer of ABC, Michael Strange, ABC newsletter editor, David, voting representative of Southern California Girth and Mirth, Bob Allen, ABC Secretary Vice President of Girth & Mirth of Arizona, Tony Colosimo, ABC Vice President and voting representative for Girth and Mirth of the Rockies, Joe Schwartz, voting representative & President of Philadelphia Girth & Mirth, Frank Kirchner, ABC President, president of GMIndy, Shiloh Madsen, ABC webmaster, Damon Blumberg, president and voting representative, Girth & Mirth of Arizona, Jeremiah Mulford, convergence webmaster. ABSENT: Joe Wood & Joe Lewis, Girth & Mirth of D.C., Ben Peckingpaw, Bigmen's Club of Houston, Ricky Hinckley & Festus Trammell, Dallas/Fort Worth Bigmen's Club, Ryan Salyer, Bigmen's Club of Central Florida.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last board meeting by Ron Savaria and seconded by Joe Schwartz—unanimously approved
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorian stated we have the following balances in our accounts: \$4,383.64 in our general fund, \$1,016 from the raffle at convergence 2010, \$4,438.74 in the convergence account for a total of \$9,838.38 Dorian further stated he is having difficulty opening a new account in New York because they require the seal and paperwork which Dorian does not have. Basically, Gary & Patrick have been using stalling tactics and have not been forthcoming with the information—not returning phone calls, etc. It is expected that a new P.O. box should be set up by December Dorian requested a motion be made to seek legal action against Gary & Patrick. Motion was made by Damon Blumberg and was seconded by Ron Savaria. Approved by all except David of Southern California Girth & Mirth who voted no.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1 .Convergence 2010: Gary & Patrick had an outstanding bill of approximately \$24,000. which has been negotiated down to \$14,000 with some open issues. Two checks were bounced totally \$16,000.00 Checks were written on 8/25 & 9/8. \$10,000.00 has been paid leaving a balance of \$5,500.00 to be taken care of. Frank said we must pay the hotel the balance of \$5,500.00 to clear this up. Dorian is having trouble accounting for what he has determined to be at least \$49,000.00 that should have been received for registrations at convergence 2010. Once he has control of the accounts, he will be able to determine what has been paid and go from there. Right now, we have committed a felony in the state of Florida for the two bounced checks and it has to be taken care of ASAP! Dorian also stated there were \$2,500.00 in comped room charges. The room service charges are the responsibility of Gary & Patrick and they have to pay them on their own. Damon suggested Clark Fowler may be able to offer us legal counsel on this matter. Google was part of the problem by withholding monies that Shiloh was able to negotiate with them to release. The account was reporting a balance of only \$268.00
 2. Convergence 2011: Jeremiah states that there are 138 registrations for convergence 2011 so far and that there were a few that have not been processed yet and everything is running smoothly.
 3. Welcome South Florida: Frank as president of ABC officially welcomed Bigmen's Club of Central Florida into our group of clubs.
 4. Start up Money: Frank has encouraged Bigmen's Club of South Florida and Southern California Girth & Mirth to petition ABC for their startup funds of \$100.00 Dorian further stated that the two clubs should contact him at nyc.dorian@me.com to receive

their funds. Rufus made the motion that they should receive their funds which was seconded by Tony. And was unanimously passed

5. Report on revising the by-laws: The revised by-laws will be ready to be sent out to the voting representatives and member clubs two months before the meeting held at convergence 2011 to give everyone a chance to read them and prepare their comments. Any suggestions for changes to the by- laws can be forwarded to Rich Zerilli biggrich@verizon.net or Joseph Schwartz, josus1957@yahoo.com Also, they can be forwarded to Bob Allen, rallen18@cox.net.
6. New website report: Registrations of clubs and officers have been flowing in and Shiloh received some feedback on the site and has made changes to it. Shiloh pointed out that tools on the website can be used to increase membership in your clubs. Also please include your club logo in your site. Appoint a tech, savvy person from you club to help set up the account. Frank asked that Bigger City be added to our list of social contacts. Damon and Shiloh would be happy to assist any clubs or individuals in setting up their site on the ABC website.
7. Report about communication: Bob Allen reported on the new system of communicating with the clubs by phone monthly. Asked if it was working well. Tony said the system was great so Bob will continue to contact the clubs once a month.
8. Other old business: There was no other old business to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter Editor: Michael Strange has been appointed newsletter editor. Michael states the newsletter will be published quarterly with the first one being posted in about a week. He would like to hear from clubs about any MAJOR events that they will be hosting. In addition, he is requesting clubs send in recipes that can be featured in the newsletter AND also, we are planning to publish a recipe book that will be sold at convergences. You may reach Michael @ muncieclub@gmail.com or Bob Allen @ rallen18@cox.net
2. Historian: Lee Gardner, chubluv67@gmail.com & Damon Blumberg ineedalldata@hotmail.com are jointly working on gathering information from clubs nationally to put together the history of ABC. There is a document ready to be shared with the clubs that they will forward to you in the near future. They would like to receive and scan in as many documents from the club for the history. Frank mentioned that GMIndy's newsletters from the beginning are on their website and he granted them permission to scan them into the history.
3. Advice on legal matters: Clark Farrow would be happy to offer advice on legal matters to any club needing assistance. Send requests to Bob Allen rallen18@cox.net that will be forward to Clark's attention.
4. Artist: Frank mentioned that he has been in contact with Tony Brown, an artist who has been part of the bigmen's movement for years will be happy to design a new logo for ABC, GMIndy's 10th anniversary logo, ABC's 25th anniversary logo and logos for individual clubs.
5. Webchat: Contact Damon for setting up of webchat groups for your club such as yahoo. Information can be forwarded to Bob Allen rallen18@cox.net who will forward it to Damon.
6. Convergence Kit: Tony Colosimo & Bob Allen are in the process of designing a pamphlet to be given to the clubs giving them suggestions on what to do to run a successful convergence. They would like help in assembling this. Forward any information on things that went well or were not so good to them at Tony: cuddlystud1218@msn.com or Bob: rallen18@cox.net
7. Getting ABC onto social networks: we welcome your suggestions for social networks that should be included on our ABC website.
8. Survey list: Frank would like a survey designed asking the clubs what they see as ABC's role in the future and how they can support their clubs. Dorian Henao will head up the committee to ask for suggestions of what should be included in the survey. Joe Schwartz of G & M of Philadelphia, Damon Blumberg of G & M of Arizona and Bob Allen, secretary has asked to be on the committee as well.

9. Asking clubs to do their part: Frank has asked all the clubs to do their share and become active members in successfully promoting the Bigmen's movement, their individual clubs, and ABC as a whole.
 10. Advertising: Frank has suggested that every three months we select a part of the country to advertise in local publications to try to encourage individuals to form clubs in their area Ron Savaria thought this was an excellent idea and fully supports it. Ron Savaria made a motion that Frank pursue advertising possibilities for ABC. Motion was seconded by Joe Schwartz and was unanimously approved.
 11. Voting Rep information: Frank asked that the clubs forward the voting representative's information to Bob Allen ralen18@cox.net so that they can be included in the calls also.
 12. Request for any other new business: No additional new business was brought up to be discussed
- VI. SETTING UP NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next conference call will be Sunday, December 5th @ 3 p.m. central time/
- VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Joe Schwartz made a motion that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Rich Zerilli and unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Bob Allen,
Secretary, ABC