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Board of Directors
Conference Call
June 4, 2008 7:00 p.m. EST

Present: Joel McCarty, Grigg Mullen, Curtis Milton, Chris Gunn, Sue Warden, Will Beemer, Sandy Bennett, Whit Holder, Rick Collins, Leon Buckwalter, Al Anderson.

Regrets from Brenda Baker. Minutes handed off to Joel McCarty.

Approval of the Minutes. Unanimous.

Action Item: Joel will record and post to Becket and to the web.

Financial Reports:

No burning questions. We are looking forward to seeing the audit report. No delivery date has been promised for these documents.

Wide-ranging financial discussion of the Camp Letts registration levels, and strategies thereto. We're looking at a hard date go/no go around the 15th of July. We need 142 attendees to make our budget. Per person margins are low. Overhead and facilities fees are high, with hard facility costs, and a large leadership team.

Action Item: Curtis, Rick, David and Will will take this offline, and report back.

Minor questions about the proper way to account for auction expense, sponsorship, and income. Answered to everyone's satisfaction.

Brief discussion of late-breaking UBS financial report. Board elects to accept the short term recommendation of the fund manager, and revisit in 90 days.

Berkshire Taconic manager is more than happy to talk to Finance, as our needs require; none at this time.

Sue Warden departs at 1726h.

Becket Report:

TTRAG facilities bill just came. All good news.

Conf committee report in BaseCamp. We're going back to NCTS (Shepherdstown WV) in 2010, Western in Utah or back to CdA, as backup. We're on track for alternating trade fare supporting conferences.

Alstead Report (includes Projex):

General (positive) comments about John C Campbell proposal, Ginder Status, Salle's underwriting, and more.

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SFASU proposal and budget.

Action Item: Joel will e-mail the Board a link to the BaseCamp Dox.

Board members will review and Joel will poll the Board electronically, both Thursday and Friday, for an endorsement decision (or revisions), by the end of the week.

Education Comm report.

Brief discussion of the most recent meeting; minutes available on BC.

Action Item: Board directs Ed Comm and staff to author an advert for the next Scantlings; “We need help in the following areas:”

Membership: No report.

Nominations: Sue has recently delivered election cost numbers, to compare to the costs of a voting module within an association management software package.

Brief discussion of the timing awkwardness of recruiting candidates at conferences. Longer discussion of the nomination process.

Action Item: Chris will write an explanatory piece for the next Scantlings. (Deadline 6/9). Joel is pledged to assist.

Deadline for completed nominations is September 5th. Voting complete by October 31st. We will find a way to support electronic balloting in addition to the traditional methods.

Conferences: Will presents. Excellent lineup for Fall, with Odate and Benson. Curtis has been digging up options, as this is his summer neighborhood; Vinylhaven, and more. TTRAG has a solid tour and speaker set coming in May. Saratoga has Hadden back and the fabulous James Howard Kunstler, plus Jack Sobon.

Grigg, Whit, Rick and Will are attending Frame this year – which is all good news.

HR; no report. Brief discussion re Executive structure. More to come in the midterm. Talk of an umbrella administrative position.

Scholarship: Half of the annual budget remains. Heartwood has an app in for Gindler and Camp Letts. This represents a significant portion of what remains.

Curriculum: Safety being delivered at H'wood. DoL action summary available in Will's report. PM module at Letts coming together. Much much more remains to be done. We'll need be alert to the need to budget for some of Ken Rower's time in this area, 2009.

Publications: Barn book report. Regular contract with and encouragement for our author. Barn

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related inquiries to Becket seem to be falling off. No action yet from the USPS re a new postal permit. Unusually high level of activity on the web forums.

Electronic distribution of TFG pubs: Active discussions on the Forums. Board directs Joel to develop a proposal. Postage discount (only) seems to resonate with the BoD. We'll work it out on the staff level.

Old Business

ByLaw Review; no report.

New Business; none.

Adjourn: 2054h

Minutes by JCMc

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