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TIMBER FRAMERS GUILD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 5th Oct 2006
Time: 19:00 – 21:30 EST
Location: Teleconference

Present (TFG):

Brenda Baker
Will Beemer
Joel McCarty – Minutes
Grigg Mullin
Curtis Milton
Leon Buckwalter
Al Anderson
Rudy Christian
Gord Macdonald (joins 19:20)

Apologies (TFG):

Rick Collins
Laura Brown

1. Matters Arising

All Minutes of last meeting approved.

2. Financial Reports

Led by Curtis Milton. What bubbles we see are the result of timing issues, not ringing alarm bells. Side discussion of the method to properly account for the money associated with the Life Time Memberships. Why are we 25% under budget for Advertising as of this date?

Action Item for WB: Investigate and report back.

As near as we can tell, we're right on track for '06.

Extensive discussion about budgeting for Projects in 2007, as it impacts staffing and larger changes in the Guild and its perspective. Long term planning is what the Board is for, and what the Board has been doing in recent years. We're growing (programs, staff, programs) at a deliberate rate, which is as it should be. One of our agenda items for the F2F in February has been and will be long range planning. Where and how do we wish to grow?

3. Executive Reports.

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Becket

UK Tour was a success. French Tour is shaping up for late May at the very earliest.

We strongly support tours as a member service. One a year is the goal. Will believes that this is achievable without additional staffing. We may elect to split the job into two; identify and interpret sites, and another person to book facilities.

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General Projects discussion. Approved modification to LISEC/Bayles budget to allow for travel reimbursement for volunteer Milton. Are we adequately staffed for the workload? Back to long range planning.

Briefest of discussions about Project Comm.

4. Committee Reports:

Projects. Rick offers an apology, and an appreciation for increased communications to pick up the slack while he is on detached assignment in Oklahoma.

Joel's attempts to reorganize the operations of Jamestown were reviewed and generally applauded.

Protracted discussion of the Development Agreement strategy.

Action Item; AA will make informal inquiries of the folks at Jamestown.

Advertising for Projects:

Action Item, Joel is to run his choice of placements past the Pubs Dir and get those ads in print. \$1,500.00 added to this year's budget, expense side, without offsetting revenue.

Education - no report

Membership - no report, except a not to reexamine the Lifetime fees.

Nominations - four on the ticket and one on the table. Rudy is on it.

Conferences - Summary report by WB. Brief Conferendezvous discussion. Will is expecting a proposal from the Harbor in Portland (ME). We might just decide to supplement Guilford with a conference, or a part of a conference, later in the year in Portland.

Action Item: Will and Joel will develop an alternative site for the F2F in either Albany (NY) or Portland (ME).

Action Item: Joel to make sure we have a room for a BoD dinner meeting at Roanoke, Thursday night, 1800h.

HR - Brief discussion about developing further the PC job description.

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Action Item; Joel to solicit further comment from HR.

Curriculum - Will makes a brief report. He will bring Chad up to date.

Publications - Steeple grant team is doing their first visit on 18 October. Plan Book is moving forward at long last.

Brief discussion of TTRAG planning, and the National Barn Alliance meeting.

Please consider attending the IPTW meeting in New Orleans.

IPTW.ORG It's going to be really cool, and you ought to be there. 26-28 October.

Lacking Old and New Business, we elected to adjourn at 2054 eastern (-5 GMT)

Next Meeting set for 1 November, 2006. 1900h eastern, 1800h (Rick) 1600h (Gordon).

Meeting Adjourned 20:54 Eastern