

COASTCON, INC.
Governing Committee Meeting
July 23, 2006

TIME AND PLACE: Sunday, July 23, 2006, 5:00pm
Meeting Room of Ocean Springs Library

PRESIDING: Cynthia Majure, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Majure, Mike White, Mark Tempone, Carmen Tempone, Niels Erickson, Jason Fisher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristina Hanck, Derrek Baudoin, Bill Majure

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Ross, Tex Albritton, Tony Kimsey, Frank Schiavo, Robert Neagle, Tim Broome. Unity Broome

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting is called to order at 5:15 pm. A quorum of board members is found to be in attendance. Chairman requests that the members in attendance recite the pledge of allegiance. Since no flag was present in the meeting room, pledge was not recited.

READING & APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: **MOTION:** C. Majure
"To dispense with the reading of the minutes"

Motion carries

MOTION: C. Majure
"To accept the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections"

Motion carries

MOTION: C. Majure
"To suspend the section of Robert's Rules of Order requiring a discussion of the minutes"

Motion carries

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN

Coastal Convention Foundation – Letter to Randy Richards reviewed. Actions regarding this issue as described in minutes from previous meeting are reviewed. Response from the State of Mississippi has been received.

Fundraising Ideas

Cookbook – A working title for a fundraising cookbook has been selected: "To Serve Herbie". Several examples of printed cookbooks are passed around for examination/comment. Publisher "Lulu" (www.lulu.com) recommended as a possible publisher. Research into who publishes the fund raising cookbooks for the local Girl Scout troops is recommended.

Fan group calendar – A calendar with one month's graphics devoted to each local fan group is discussed

Golf tournament – The Gulf Hills Resort recommends that CoastCon hold a golf tournament as a fund raiser. Idea is discussed.

Domain Name – Doug Lewis has taken the initiative to renew the Coastcon.org domain name which expired this month. Appreciation is expressed to Doug for taking this action.

CoastCon 30 Venue Report – The Gulf Hills Resort has rejected our offer of renting the facility to host Coastcon 30. Their reasoning is that we would overwhelm their facility and staff as they are not able to host an event the size of the typical Coastcon convention.

The following alternative venues are offered for discussion:

- Cancel the Coastcon 30 convention
- Hold Coastcon 30 at the Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi
- Hold Coastcon 30 as the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg
- Hold Coastcon 30 at the Ashbury Hotel and Suites in Mobile which hosts the Mobicon convention
- Hold Coastcon 30 at the Gautier Civic Center

Discussion follows

The following consensus is reached:

- Cancellation of the Coastcon 30 convention is unacceptable by the board of directors
- The Lake Terrace Convention Center is too expensive and the hours of operation are too limiting
- The Gautier Civic Center does not offer enough floor space
- The Ashbury Hotel in Mobile which hosts Mobicon is outside the borders of Mississippi and the board prefers to hold the convention in Mississippi
- This leaves the Coast Coliseum Convention Center. Even considering the drawbacks of holding Coastcon 30 at this venue, it is the best choice of the available venues.

Further research is recommended.

TREASURER

Resignation – Carmen Tempone resigns as treasurer. Resignation accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Chairman reads Treasurer's report following resignation of Carmen Tempone.

No payment has been received from Lon Jerome on debt owed to CoastCon, Inc. As per discussions at previous meetings, this debt is being turned over to a collection agency. Since Lon Jerome has steadfastly refused to allow the ice chests and hot dog cooker he purchased for use at the CoastCon 29 convention to be credited toward his debt, these items will be returned to Lon Jerome.

A reconciliation of the CoastCon checking account shows approximately \$4,000 in expenses unaccounted for. We know that these expenses were previously approved by the Coastcon board but both the paper and electronic records of these expenses were destroyed by flood waters during hurricane Katrina. The fee charged by Hancock Bank to research these items is exorbitant. The treasurer has decided with general consent of the board that it is not worth the expense to attempt to reconstruct these financial documents. In order to prevent the future loss of electronic financial documents, Neils Erickson has generously agreed to donate a portable hard disk drive to CoastCon, Inc. in order to make a backup copy of such documentation.

No progress has been made concerning the returned check being researched by Mark Tempone (see previous minutes for details.) A note will be put on the Coastcon.org website asking if anyone knows the whereabouts of the person who wrote the bad check. Frank Schiavo offers to utilize the skip-tracing resources at his disposal to attempt to find the person in question.

GAMING DIRECTOR

Resignation – Lon Jerome resigns as gaming director. Resignation accepted.

ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

Chairman of CoastCon, Inc. states: Prior to this meeting all board members were notified that an election to replace the outgoing Treasurer would take place.

MOTION: R. Neagle

“To open the floor for nominations for the open treasurer position”

Motion carries

Michael White nominated

Michael White is elected treasurer by unanimous vote.

Consensus of the board members is that the election to fill the Member at Large position now vacated by Michael White should wait until the next regularly scheduled governing committee meeting to allow time for interested persons to attend. An announcement regarding this upcoming election will be placed on the coastcon.org website as a courtesy to the membership.

6:25 pm – Meeting adjourns for a 10 minute break.

6:49 pm – Meeting Reconvenes

REVENGE OF THE LARP’S COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Committee Chairman absent – no report submitted.

General concern over the lack of complete planning and preparation for this even is express by those in attendance. The CoastCon, Inc. chairman is not happy that the information concerning this event has not been forthcoming.

MOTION: N. Erickson

“To revise the Revenge of the LARP’s event to a one-day gaming event to be held on a Saturday”

Motion carries

MOTION: R. Neagle

“To set the dealer rates for the Revenge of the LARP’s event at \$20 for one 8-foot table with one membership to the event to be included at no additional charge for each table space purchased”

Motion carries

MOTION: J. Fisher

“To set the rates for the Revenge of the LARP’s event at \$10 for general admission and \$5 for staff and volunteers”

Motion carries

Dates of future meetings – The following dates were set:

July 30, 2006 – Revenge of the LARP’s event planning session

August 20, 2006 – CoastCon Governing Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm at the Ocean Springs Library

October – A fund raising gaming day will be held at the Fountainbleau community center in Ocean Springs

November – A fund raising gaming day will be held at the Fountainbleau community center in Ocean Springs

8:04 pm – Meeting Adjourned