

LINCOLN SPRING FLING, INC.
BOARD MEETING AND EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 14, 2013 01:00 p.m. at The Anderson Library
Minutes As Amended and Approved August 11, 2013

On 8/11/13 Neil L. moved, Vickie P. seconded to approve the minutes with the following corrections: The meeting adjourned at 1520 hrs not 1320 hrs and the next meeting date was August 11, 2013 not September 8, 2012. Motion was approved unanimously. This copy of Minutes reflects those corrections.

Tom B. called meeting to order at 1314 hrs.

Board Members present: Bonnie H., Steve H., Vickie P., Fritz Mc., Carole Mc., Neil L., Paul R., Tom B.
Present: Chris D.

--Carole moved, Neal second, Minutes were approved with the revisions. (Revised minutes were emailed from this meeting to the committee). Motion carried unanimously.

The attending board members signed the new Articles of Incorporation. Jim is the only board member that needs to sign the document to be filed with the Secretary of State.

Finance Report: Neil L. reported our current balance is \$4978.15

Secretary's Report: Paul R. reported the articles were not filed because he needed to obtain the board's signatures.

Tom B. reported the Website and email tag lines needed to be changed to be consistent with the new Article VII. During the meeting Paul R. changed the email and websites to be consistent with the new version of the Article VII.

--Paul R. moved, Carole Mc. Seconded to continue having the Steering Committee meetings at Anderson Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers Committee Report: Dale R. presented the list of speakers: Thursday 8 pm JOHN K. (AA) Dallas, TX; Friday 8 pm KEITH D. (AA) Yorba Linda, CA; Saturday 1 pm RICK C. (AA) Muscatine, IA; Saturday 2:30 pm SUE D. (AFG) Yorba Linda, CA; Saturday 8 pm PETER M. (AA) Boca Ratone, FL. After discussion about the various speakers Tom recommended that PETER and KEITH should be switched around on nights. Paul suggested we need to confirm both speakers could make the change. Fritz recommended that Dale R. needs to officially form a Speakers Committee. It was the general consensus that in previous years it was one person always making the decision and many Steering Committee members resented not being able to have input and the committee members agreed it was one of the most common complaints of people attending LSF. Paul R. reported that Dale had sent the list of speakers and recordings of them to everyone asking for feedback; additionally he had been in constant communication with Tom B and himself. Additionally he received input from several people about suggested speakers. Paul R. and Tom B believed Dale was keeping with the directive of an "open process" given to him by the Steering Committee. It was the consensus of the Steering Committee that Dale R. should make the committee official.

--Paul R. moved and Carole Mc. Seconded to approve the list of speakers as presented and keep the nights Keith and Peter speak open until Dale's input was available. Motion carried unanimously.

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Neil L. recommended the Speaker Committee should develop a list of "Emergency or Contingency" speakers in the event one of the national speakers has problems attending at the last minute. These "Emergency" speakers should be local or in attendance and strong speakers.

Registration Committee Report: Vickie P. reported that George is very interested in being a part of the committee. The registration price was raised by Vickie. Discussion led to no conclusive consensus so it was decided we could continue the conversation at another meeting and we did not have to make a decision until September.

Logistics Committee Report: Paul R. reported the committee met at Lancaster Event Center (LEC) on July 13th and did a site tour/inspection. Present were: Fritz Mc., Carole Mc., Chris D., Dale R., Bonnie H., Neal L., Tom B., Paul R. Some comments/suggestions were to run the seating north-south with the head of the room on the south wall. The room on the NE corner could be used for the Central Office sales space and the room immediately to the west could be used as a "Food Room" for the hospitality groups. Then round tables for approximately 200 people (10 tables with 10 chairs each) could be at the north end of the main room. Theatre seating would fill the space between the hospitality area on the north end and the stage on the south end. It was also suggested we look into pipe and drape around the perimeter as to separate the hospitality space from the theatre space. The contract was reviewed by several members. Concerns about charges for water, as we have to buy coffee from LEC do we also have to buy sugar and cream and cups from them. What are the requirements for liability insurance? Paul will look into these matters and try to have answers before the next meeting. Paul also reported the Lincoln room at LEC was reserved for Thursday, April 16 through Sunday, April 19, 2015. The Lincoln room is a larger space and has a nicer finish to the décor.

--Paul R. moved and Fritz Mc. Seconded, motion carried unanimously to approve LEC as the site for the 2014 LSF event.

The hotels that replied to the RFP were reviewed by the Logistics Committee and it was the recommendation of the committee to recommend Staybridge Suites at 84th and Holdrege as our hotel of choice.

--Bonnie H. moved and Carole Mc. seconded and the motion to approve Staybridge Suites as our official hotel of choice for 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Master Schedule: Paul R. created a schedule with the proposed slate of speakers and times, as well as some possible suggestions for activities. It was the general consensus of the Steering Committee that the Logistics Committee will be responsible for keeping the master schedule for the event. This is not to dictate how and when things would happen to everyone else but to keep a record of the Steering Committee's decisions and raise concerns when conflicts or issues arise.

Entertainment Committee: No chair has been assigned. General discussion of Steering Committee members present indicated there are several A.A. bands that could work well appealing to all age groups. There was extensive discussion about separate charges for the dance plus the event registration vs. one price for everything vs. allowing folks to just come to the dance and pay a fee without having to attend and pay for the speaker events. It was the general consensus of all present that for 2014 we try to have a separate admission price of \$10 for "non event attendees" to attend only the dance and the LSF admission price would include the speakers and the dance (a tentative price of \$20 was discussed). The price of \$10 was arrived at to minimize those who might cause a raucous yet still attract people to

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the dance. Extensive discussion took place about activities. The schedule was modified during the Steering Committee meeting. Thursday after the main speaker would be the Ice Cream Social, Friday after the main speaker would be a fellowship time, (maybe an open mic night). Saturday would be the dance night (preferably with a live band).

Articles and By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Tom B. presented the proposed By-Laws for Lincoln Spring Fling a copy was emailed to the Steering Committee members prior to this meeting. Vickie P. moved and --Neil L. seconded to approve the By-Laws as presented. Tom B. stated this would be a great starting point and they could be amended at any meeting in the future and the changes would take effect immediately following the meeting they were voted on. Motion carried unanimously.

Term Limits of Board Members: Tom raised the subject that has been tabled for the last couple of meetings. After some lengthy discussion the following board members will serve the following terms: Steve H. and Jim K. (2 years), Vickie P. and Neil L. (3 years), Fritz Mc., Carole Mc., Tom B. and Paul R. (4 years).

--The secretary did not record an official vote. One may have taken place.

--Paul R. moved and Neil L. seconded to make the 2015 dates for Lincoln Spring Fling April 16-19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Steering Committee Structure: Tom asked if we need to elect a Steering Committee Chair person or make it the default role of the Board President. After some discussion it was the consensus to leave a position for the event chair but until the position was filled the Board President would fill the role.

--Paul R. moved and Neil L. seconded to Nominate Steve H. as the Co-Event Chair in Tom's absence. After discussion that we should not nominate Steve in his absence and without talking to him Paul R. and Neil L. withdrew their motion and second. Because of this the subject was tabled.

Marketing: Tom B. said he and Paul R. would create a flyer designed to recruit people for the remaining committees that need chairs.

Paul moved, Bonnie seconded, meeting Adjourned at 1520 hrs.

Next meeting: Sunday, August 11, 2013 at 1300 hours (01:00 p.m.) at Anderson Public Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue, Lincoln, NE (Touzalin & Fremont).

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Ramirez, Secretary