

Board Meeting Minutes for 1 Nov 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by President Judy Biddle

Board Members present: President Judy Biddle, Vice-President Paul Ortiz, Treasurer Emeritus: Don Cox, Secretary Pam Wiggins, Lucy Podolske, Lee Head, Claudia Anderson.

Other Members present: King Peter and Queen Julie Slatcoff, Jerry and Lorena Kelly, Kurt and Heather Burgman, Evette Parker, Patti and Paul Stinson

Mardi Gras Festival: Chris Phal reported the vendors application have been sent out. City may support us with \$32000, Stage will cost \$10,000, Media around \$12,000. Discussion on how much we want to spend on music. Lee said he will put up \$5000 to secure music, bigger bands bring bigger crowds. Paul made a motion to spend a maximum of \$10,000 for music. Lucy seconded.

City property is locked up for parking.

There is a Facebook post from Hunt's advertising our Festival and them as a sponsor.

There will be a Beer Festival on Saturday from 3-7pm and Sunday 12-3.

Maskers Parade will start at Shrimpboat and travel down Bayview to festival area.

King Peter Slatcoff

Royal float has had safety upgrades and code upgrades.

Reconstruction Costs were \$1700. To include an electronics cabinet that is lockable, generator slides to pull out for starting. Royals get \$1000 each year.

There was discussion, Judy reminded the board that anyone must get approval to spend Krewe money. Lee made a motion to pay the additional \$741.86, Pam seconded. Motion passes without opposition.

Previous Minutes Acceptance: Paul made the motion to accept the October minutes, Lucy seconded. Motion passes without opposition.

Treasurer's Report Acceptance:

Balance: \$84022.85. We had a profit of \$6786.89 for October.

The benevolence has raised \$4925.98 as of today.

Drawdown net income is \$2118.34

Breast Cancer Awareness Event raised \$5040,00

Lee made a motion to accept report, Lucy seconded. Motion passes without opposition.

Previous Business

1. **Whistle blow policy-** Moe will send Don a copy.
2. **Floor update** – Put on hold. Moe suggested a “Go Fund Me” to raise the \$30,000.
3. **Insurance:** Lee is working with 3 other companies because we are over insured. Vet said Darlene Tate uses a 3rd party insurance... she will email board a copy.
4. Ambassador chair position and responsibilities – Judy working for update in bi laws – in progress, propose this be a voted on position for 5 year term max.

New Business

1. Age of wheel walkers is 16 for our parades.
2. Continuity float book? Do we have one? Do we need one? Need to let all folks know what size vehicles to pull floats.
3. Executive Director position – Judy discussed that we put something in newsletter and eblast on how this was advertised – members asking. Board did not agree.
4. Sharon discussed the possibility of raising the rental fee or her percentage. After discussions, board instructed Sharon to increase fees to compensate her for her time and efforts.
5. Parades: Jerry reported line up for Apalachicola parade is 9:30 on Hickory we are numbers 44 and 45. Veterans Day Parade line up is 8:30 on 12th street, Christmas parades, Lynn Haven 9:00 am, Panama City line up at 4:30 parade rolls at 6:00pm. Royal float will be in the Pensacola Friday night parade to support Lafitte.
6. Marketing: Lee has been discussing with Aaron Rich to develop a marketing plan for the KREWE. A contract of \$7000 was presented to redesign our website. Lucy made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Lee seconded. Motion passes without opposition.
7. Float Committee chair Nick Hartwell sent in a report that both floats have been inspected. Royal could use a little more air.
8. Scholarship Committee Patty Fowler sent in a report: we had 16 applicants and will be interviewing 6.

Email Business

1. 11-2 Board approved a membership drive for Nov-Dec 31. Winner will have one year paid dues.
2. 11-2 Evette sent a copy of the whistle blower policy. Paul suggested a “good legal review”.
3. 11-3-23 Don presented a proposal: Adam Mullinax has a 501(c)3 called Ballhaws (a travel baseball team) Their main fundraiser is a poker tournament. They would like to use the den. He said that 50 poker players would be the minimum plus the bunko players. If the bunko players dropped to 40, that would give us den rental of \$810. With respect to Sharon, 100% of the tips go to the bartenders. The floor servers will be parents of players; they will not receive any tips. Sharon, if she participates, will receive 30% of den rental plus her share of the tips.
Lucy made a motion to give it a try, Claudia seconded. Board approved.
4. 11-8-23 Patti Fowler reported: Just a follow up regarding our scholarship interviews. We met 6 deserving applicants who all had heart-warming stories and definite academic plans. \$4000 was awarded all together with recipients from Haney, Troy and Gulf Coast. Thanks to those who helped make these difficult decisions. All recipients were extremely grateful for the funds.-
5. 11-10-23 Golf Tournament: Jay Rea reported-Contract for May 18, 2024 tournament at Bay Point executed.... Thx for your input.... I will work up numbers for suggested changes in per player charge and increasing sponsorship levels.... If any one already has some thoughts or ideas send them my way please....Jay
6. 11-10-23 Patty Stinson -The Business After Hours will be held at the Panama Country Club November 14th from 4-6.
7. 11-10-23 Don Cox submits the following names for e-vote to be accepted as new members:

Name	Sponsor
James Coen	Debbie Anderson
Yvonne Hendrix	Kim Hacker

Paul made the motion, Leslie seconded, motion approved to accept new members.
8. 11-16-23 STAGE FLOAT: Jay Rae is point of contact. Last rental fee was \$600. Don suggested building a rental float and stop using the stage float as a parade float.
9. 11-19-23 Don submits the following names for e-vote to be accepted as new members:

Name	Sponsor
Howard Waters	Gary Harrison
Susan Hall	Sandy Harrison

Lucy made the motion, Paul seconded, motion approved to accept new members.

10. 12-4-23 Judy- I'd like to ask the board to sponsor 5 children at \$100 a child for the children's advocacy center. Discussion:
- we are better served as a krewe supporting the K& Q charity and paying our bills first. Vote no
 - agree with above , vote no
 - We have a floor to replace. My vote is a no.
11. 12-6-23 Jerry has reached out to ambassadors: 12th night and float blessing celebration will be held Jan 5, 2024 at the event center. We will need all hands on deck to make this celebration great. Sharon will be handling the bar for us. Food is planned but will need help serving and some help in preparation. As always we will need some parking supervisors, cake cutters and plenty of help to keep the trash emptied and out. Help will also be needed with set up and barn preparation on Jan. 4.

Adjournment

Lee made a motion to adjourn with Leslie seconded. Motion passed unopposed and the board meeting was adjourned at approximately 1930hrs.

Minutes Submitted: Pam Wiggins

Minutes approved: KOSA BOD 12-13-2023