October Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2025

Previous month minutes approved 9-16-25

1561 ½ Chandlee Ave., PC., FL 32405

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Pam Wiggins

Present: Pam Wiggins, Chris Smith, Donna Williams, Micah McCormick, Jan Cox

Absent: Kurt Bergman, Eric Billot

Members in attendance: Don Cox, Sharon DiTomasso, Ashley Dunnigan, Carlos Cintron, Leisa Ward, Chris & Karen Miller

WMBB Presentation:

Leisa Ward introduced Tracey Rogers (VP & General Mgr) and Chris Golden (Creative Services Director) from WMBB. KOSA & WMBB have a very good relationship and work history. Regarding music, the issue with music rights impacts recorded and replayed music (not live streaming); much discussion on options for filming 2026 parade: different placement for cameras, host from digital desk (like 2025), create 2nd viewing with live footage but with studio talent and KOSA members talking about KOSA history, parade FAQs, etc- avoid issues with copyrights, can be used for future marketing- great discussion and ideas. Expense: $3,000- need sponsors, maybe smaller packages ($500)- Eric Billot offered to sell sponsorships (per Leisa), need help with levels, working out details. We also need morning spots prior to parade and events (30 day lead)- shoot at different locations in St. Andrews, Den, get started with this in November.

Treasurer/Finance Committee: Carlos Cintron, Ashley Dunnigan

We're making progress, we need to continue practicing cautious and conservative spending. Golf Tournament, Breast Cancer Auction, Quarterly Meeting all did very well (50/50 split with Den), Queen of Hearts & Happy Hour also doing well- need balance (jackpot amount) for Queen of Hearts- this is a big factor in selling tickets. Ashley is looking for reimbursement for insurance on Hole in One package (approx. $750). Financial/Treasurer report unanimously approved.

Need someone to collect monies at events- suggested that one person on hosting committee be responsible for money during the event- then hand money to Treasurer to be handled by Finance Committee; Chris and Pam are working with Eric to get plans in place (counting, verifying, delivery to Finance Committee). This particular conversation is tabled until Treasurer, Finance Committee, President and President Elect can meet and solidify a plan.

Old Business:

Membership Survey: Chris Smith- only 46 responses; we must continually encourage all members to engage, read materials (eblast, newsletter, Facebook, etc), actively participate and attend functions. We're making good progress. Ashley is working hard on Orientation, committee assignments; Pam will talk with Pam George about float assignments.

Pirate Festival: Jan Cox- 5 floats going to Parade, all captains have information packet from KODY, space is available for riders, and floats need wheel walkers. At this point, there are 8 guests- Buy a Ride of riding free? Answer from Board is $75/guest with float captain responsible for collecting fee. Jan will reach out to float riders bringing guests, payment can be Venmo, check or cash. We need to practice consistency with this policy, float riding is a member benefit. Questions regarding food, tailgating- too late to change approach for the pirate parade, let float captains and riders handle their own tailgate for this parade- we can address this for future parades, need meeting with all float captains. Karen & Chris want to set up tents, BYO chairs, most float captains bring a tent. There are good ideas about different options with

tailgating, but we need time to meet with float captains, etc. Chris suggested that Karen call the 5 captains and work out details for the pirate parade.

Apalachicola Seafood Festival: no report, Royal float is committed

Veterans Day & Christmas parade: Moe Parker offered Steam Punk float for Christmas parade (to be transformed into Polar Express); Royal float committed for Christmas parade

Community Outreach: Chris Smith- Bonifay Rodeo request for float on Friday, October 3rd to parade Little League Championship Team, parents will be wheel walkers- Chris will drive All American float (Charlie Coram isn't able to do this)

Social Committee: Karen Miller- Bonfire will be rescheduled (there was a burn ban), suggested we wait till spring as there is too much happening in October. KOSA/KODY Olympics scheduled for November 7, $35/person. The 2 Krewes split the cost of the belt, flyer will go out after the Drawdown (need to send to Board first for approval). 25 competitors needed, 5 must be women (5 are back ups): 15 men, 5 women, 5 backups.

Mardi Gras: Pam Wiggins- getting vendor applications in, have 3 bands; new applications will be posted on website this month

New Business:

Barricade rentals: Sharon DiTomasso- request to reduce price (from $10 to $8) for frequent renter. Board rejected this request.

Parade/Festival Coordinator: Leisa Ward asked about someone in charge so that this person can be included in meetings with WMBB. Chris and Pam are speaking with someone for Festival coordination- details, contract to be determined. Pam and Chris are main coordinators of Mardi Gras.

Christmas Party: Discussion about change of date as K & Q scheduled trip to Savannah the weekend the party was scheduled. Various dates and options

briefly discussed, unanimous decision made to table this for future discussion.

Outstanding Member dues over 90 days: Ashley Dunnigan- she will call these people to see if they are rejoining (exception is Michael Zenone due to family issues- dues will be paid)

Sharon asked for help in getting members, committees to put supplies away in proper place following events

Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting at 7 PM.

Jan Cox, Secretary

By e-vote, the Board unanimously decided to waive the Buy a Ride for guests for the Pirate Parade. Jan notified float captains and members bringing guests