



DNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6 pm, December 2nd, 2019

Covo, 401 Pine Street, St Louis, MO 63102

Present: LaShana Lewis (Chair), Dan Pistor (Secretary), James Page (Treasurer), Melanie Fries, Alex Hurst, Taylor Jackson.

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes:

Everyone reviewed the minutes. **Motion made by James. 2nd by Melanie. All approved.**

Board Election:

LaShana said we have 3 applications for board seats. We have more interest however some do not meet the 2 year residency requirement. Melanie asked if we could vote on bylaws and then vote on Board Members. Dan said he doesn't think that is possible since they have to have applications submitted 7 days in advance. For this election, members will have to have been members for 2 years. Melanie asked if we have anything in the Bylaws that allows us to waive certain requirements. Such a clause does not exist. We decided that our meet and greet for potential board members take place next Tuesday December 10th at Covo at 6pm. We discussed who is able to vote. Members can vote if they sign up by 11/13/19 and have paid their dues. James thinks 25-30 have paid and said we need to establish quorum properly. Alex said the possible issue allowing people to pay at the Annual Meeting is that after 12/31 they are technically no longer a member therefore they don't meet the 2 year residency requirement. However, he does prefer allowing people to pay at the Annual Meeting.

By-Laws:

Alex added a provision to allow for absentee ballots creating a version 3. It affords the Board the option to use absentee voting, but doesn't mandate that we have to use them. James mentioned his concerns with absentees and proxy voting due to the 2018 election issues. He could be on board if we had a bullet proof system. Alex thinks the potential for abuse is low since members have to be a member for 2 years and pay dues. Dan said he is against absentee and proxy voting due to the stuffing the box that occurred in the 2018 election. It stained the reputation of the organization and caused us to lose members. In addition, you could still stuff the box in an absentee process and 80% stated in the survey they wanted us to get rid of proxies. Melanie wants to consider absentee ballots. LaShana said she would like voting to be moved away from the meeting and just allow everyone to vote online in a time period after the meeting. This would be for future meetings not the 2020 Annual Meeting. **Alex moved that we accept version 3 which incorporates absentee balloting subject to any subsequent changes we agree on before the Annual Meeting. Taylor 2nd the motion. LaShana, Taylor, Alex and Melanie voted for. Dan voted against. James abstained. The motion passed 4-1.**



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Treasurers Report:

James went over account balances. **Alex made a motion to pass the report. The motion was 2nd by Taylor. All approved.**

Membership and Development:

Melanie said they are finishing up the list of donors, annual report, etc before the end of the year. Membership is not meeting in December.

Safety:

Dan asked if anyone had any comments with the Tucker Shell letter. Melanie said there were a few typos. Dan asked if we are going to put it on DNA letterhead? Everyone agreed it should be on letterhead. Dan will make a final version and send it out for approval. Dan said the meeting with Building Captains went well. They won't have a Building Captains meeting in December. Regarding the letter to the Governor, LaShana said that the Economic Development group downtown is already talking with officials about the Release Center and wanted to make sure we are aligned with them.

Building Captains:

Taylor asked if James has spoken with Shane regarding a budget for outreach events. James said he was in contact with him. They are working on a building list.

Urban Spaces:

A person with Chip Shot spoke with the group. Chip Shot would have a miniature golf system strategically placed at bars and restaurants in a way to highlight them.

Holiday Party:

James was unsuccessful working anything out with Sugarfire so he approached the Midwestern who sent us a proposal today. We decided the proposal was a little more than we planned on spending. We decided to get other quotes from Rosalita's and Vaya Con Dillas. Members will get 1 drink ticket. He wants to have this wrapped up by end of day tomorrow. **Dan made a motion to authorize James to spend up to \$2,000 for the holiday party. Alex 2nd. All approved.**

Town Hall:

LaShana said the last Town Hall went well and gave a brief recap. It was low turnout for responses to the survey but we did review a few responses. James has secured all meetings for the Town Hall in 2020. All the Board Meetings are also secured at Covo. Reservations have also been made for the Thursday Office Hours.

Open Discussion:

No other items were brought up during open discussion.

Alex made a motion to adjourn, Melanie 2nd, all in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.