

FOBL Board Meeting
Melrose Center
3/9/2020
Minutes

Directors Present: Don, Frank, John, Nancy, Joelyn, Susan

1. Call to Order 6:04 pm
2. Approval of Minutes: February minutes were approved with Nancy's corrections/additions. These will be put at the end of these March minutes
3. Treasurer's Report: John: Balance in account: \$2044.11
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Bylaws:
 - i. Don sent out copies of changes made by the committee made up of John, Don, Joelyn, and Nancy
 - ii. Scott pointed out that the editing of the bylaws by the committee did not follow the February motions directing the changes, ie. The changes would be incremental, and there would be 3 main changes
 - iii. John pointed out that some changes led to the need to make more changes.
 - iv. Scott stated that the changes were not clear, Nancy agreed
 - v. Scott showed a Roberts Rule of Order chart on how to edit bylaws - His example used Article 1 Section 2. Members/Terms of Membership. SEE APPENDIX
Discussion: Calendar vs. Anniversary membership deadlines
John: member in good standing issue will set us back for growing membership

MOTION: Scott: Change bylaws Article 1 Section 2 to read:

The membership shall be considered either 'new' membership or 'renewing' membership. New membership is for first time contributors and includes the calendar year of the contribution plus the next calendar year. Renewing membership is for the calendar year in which the donation is made.

Memberships that have not been renewed will expire after a one month grace period.

The Board or the president may grant courtesy membership with no dues required.

This motion passed unanimously.

JOHN'S MOTION: Table Bylaws Committee Report for next month.

Passed unanimously.

Membership 2020 plan will be left unfinished.

Scott expressed confusion over John's previous motion when the question of amending the by-laws was reopened. He thought further amending of the by-laws had been tabled for the meeting.

Discussion: Nancy: given that Member privileges are not clear we will not be able to have a spring Annual meeting.

Susan suggested having a fall meeting.

Don made clear that the purpose of an Annual meeting is to hold elections.

- b. Membership and Communications Report: Nancy: no report due to lack of membership governance principles

Scott's motions for having an officer position for Membership was discussed briefly and rejected.

- 3 co-chairs more effective

- Susan, not ready for this to be an officer position.

Instead Nancy presented this motion:

Nancy's motion: This motion is to establish a Membership Communications Committee to expand and retain, by direct communication, membership in FOBL.

This includes holding an Annual Members Meeting, maintaining a roster of members in Good Standing and other actions which will increase the number and skills of participants in the Friends projects, and governance process, to enhance the Board's ability to achieve its goals.

Motion passed unanimously.

Diane, Nancy and Susan will be co-chairs of this committee

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Nancy passed out a list of people she thinks should be Courtesy members. They include:

Anne Mavity, SLP City Council Member

Jim Vaughn, SLP Natural Resource Director

Marg Rog, SLP City Council Member

Jen Kader, Freshwater Society Water Association Initiative program director

Kari Haeger, Director, Melrose Center, SLP

As President, Don approved the list.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35.

Minutes submitted by

Secretary Susan Sackrison

APPENDIX:

1. Corrections to February Minutes
2. Scott's example of changing bylaws using Robert's Rules of Order chart.
 - a. This will be in a separate PDF document.

My recall from February is as follows:

Item 2. January minutes approved - **with changes.**

My change requests to January minutes were

Item 3. December minutes - b. website cost - add "John stated that website costs include two components - domain registry and hosting."

Item 4. Treasurers' report - \$ 1843.11 balance in our account. We don't have a budget.

Item 9. Diane used the list from Treats on the Trail 2019.

Item 10. becoming a Membership Chair with Co-chairs Diane and Susan.

In February, we also discussed whether or not to issued corrected Minutes after their approval, but decided that changes would be in the following month.

February Minutes:

Item 3. as January - \$ 1919.11 is the balance in our account.

Item 4. Bylaws Committee includes Joelyn.

Change #2. omit and it adheres to state statutes?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT Most paid members, including non-board members, have never had a follow up

Thanks.

Nancy