

ASMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
25 Feb 09

The meeting was called to order at 1400 by Capt Genest.

ATTENDEES:

Capt Dan Genest, President
Dedra Hickman, Tenant Vice President
Brenda Dininger, Secretary
John Dininger, Education
Leah Hodge, Programs
Ron Millis, CDFM
Pati Galvan, Publicity
Troy Brown, Membership

Capt Genest began the meeting by stating that this meeting is to review Chapter Annual Award input. Committee input is due back to Brenda by 13 Mar 09. Capt Genest asked Brenda to send out reminders 2 and 9 Mar 09. Brenda stated that she has already received input from Publicity, Education, CDFM, and Community Service. Brenda also reminded everyone that even though I have already received your input, once I began putting our package together I might need to ask for additional information from a committee.

Chapter Awards Program: The committee chair was not present for the discussion. Capt Genest asked Brenda “what do we need to get points for this area for the chapter annual award input”? Brenda responded that we need to post our goals and objectives to the web site and the newsletter. This shows national headquarters that we really do have a program, just haven’t made the awards yet. Main thing is to get the information out to the chapter.

Publicity Committee: Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new camera. Pati Galvan, the Publicity Chairperson stated that she has found several cameras with a big price range. Pati stated that the Publicity committee has a budget of \$500 but we should be able to get a camera that will fit our needs for less than \$250. Capt Genest asked Pati to get with April Chapel (Treasurer) to find out what is actually in the Publicity budget.

The purchase of the camera was approved pending verification of the budget.

Scholarships: John Dininger the Education Committee Chairperson briefed that the High School Scholarship program is under way. He has made contact with all local high schools. Deadline for application submission is 31 Mar 09. There are 6 scholarships to be given out. Two \$1,000 , and four \$500. He stated that he has received 1 application so far. The college scholarship application program will begin in mid April and will end 31 May. We try to align these with National and we will be awarding the scholarships July 09. Capt Genest asked about people who review the applications and the selection process. John stated that he sends out an e-mail to the chapter and asks for volunteers to help evaluate the packages. The applicant's name is "blacked out" so that no one knows who the package belongs to. In July, the chapter holds the member appreciation lunch and the scholarship awards at the same time. Traditionally, we have held the luncheon at the Coach and Four. The comment was made that the food was good but the facilities are small. Leah Hodge said that she will continue to look for another location.

Chapter Constitution Rewrite: Dedra Hickman stated that the rewrite was done but there are a couple of questions and that they need to get the constitution approved.

New Officer Election Committee: There was an open discuss concerning when the election committee is appointed. The current constitution states that we establish the election committee in January. Leah Hodge suggested that we change it to read that we establish a committee within 90 days after the calendar year with a goal of changing over leadership in July. Capt Genest said that he would send out an e-mail for volunteers to run this committee. Ron Millis ran the committee last year. It was also mentioned if we should have elections via e-mail or use our web site like we did several years ago. There are pros and cons to both ways. Capt Genest stated that he would let the committee decide how they would like to run the election.

Deployment Packages: Jennifer Denega mentioned that we have 5 new people deployed and 3 still deployed. The deployments are lasting 120 days to a year. She stated that she is preparing packages and has volunteers to help. There was also a side discuss concerning the RPDS charity event and

community service. Jennifer said that she was going to get with Vanessa to discuss possible additional hours we could add to our annual chapter report.

Membership: Troy Brown stated that he and Woxie have completed the new comers letter/package. Packages will be sent out to all new members. Brenda said she has a copy for the annual chapter report which will get us points. Capt Genest asked about the status of telephone calls to new members. Troy said that they will start making the calls and will go back and contact those who have joined in the last 6 months. This was an item that Jennifer Sizemore suggested when she visited in January.

RPDS: The committee chair was not available. However, Pati Galvan who is part of the committee stated that she has been tracking the checks we have received from our corporate sponsors. We have received a total of \$1900:
2 Diamond (\$500 Contribution)
1 Platinum (\$400 Contribution)
1 Gold (\$300 Contribution)
1 Silver (\$200 Contribution)

Pati also stated that the Diamond sponsors get their logo in our newsletter and the contributions are better than last year. Leah Hodge stated that attendance is down this year. She stated that some people are TDY or other commitments and some stated that it was their EDO and were not going to attend. A suggestion to move the RPDS to a Thursday was agreed to by all present and will be something to include as part of the planning process for next year.

Presentation for Ms. Stokley: A discuss was held concerning presenting Ms. Stokley with a memento from the Chapter in recognition of her retirement. It was decided that we would make a special verbal recognition but that we would not make any other “gift”. As a guest speaker at this year’s RPDS, Ms. Stokley will be presented with a coin and/or charity donation in her name.

The meeting was adjourned at 1545.

Recorded by: Brenda J. Dininger, Secretary, Gulf Coast Chapter