

OCTOBER 25-26, 2014
TEXAS CONCEALED HANDGUN ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 25, 2014 - Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present:

President: Bobby Clakley
Membership Secretary: Bill Titus
Public Information Officer: Larry Arnold
Director: Larry Feille
Treasurer: Boyd Grimes
Parliamentarian: Dean McCormick
Executive Director: Mollie Clakley

Members Absent:

Director Rick Mackey
Education and Training Officer/Director: Austin Davis
Recording Secretary: Susie Tackett
Director: Erwin Ballarta
Social Media Administrator: Bill Hill

Other Members Present:

Attorney Stephen Jon Moss (submitted his application to become a member at the meeting)

Minutes

Minutes from previous BOD meeting were handed out and accepted as printed.

Review of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed. Bobby announced the possibility of two visitors: an attorney, Stephen Jon Moss, and a vendor, and provided preliminary information. Received permission to interrupt the meeting if they attend.

Manager's report

Rack Cards/Business Cards: Bobby handed out the rack cards for the directors and officers to review. Relayed appreciation to Susie, Austin, and Mollie on getting this task accomplished. Encouraged the directors and officers to take a stack of cards when they leave and hand them out to local businesses. Mollie handed out business cards to the directors present that requested them. [These items were moved up on the agenda, since Larry A will not be in attendance on Sunday.]

Conference Update

Training: Bobby provided an update of where we were on the conference training and that we would not be utilizing Rudy Salazar or Herb Martin as originally planned in order to offer variety from one conference to the next. He stated that Austin Davis would introduce TCHA's TacMed video on the first day.

Agenda was suspended upon the arrival of attorney Stephen Jon Moss. Introductions were made.

Bobby relayed that Jim Wilson would also be providing a training class.

On Saturday, the plan is for Austin Davis and the Virtual Training Academy to set up an interactive scenario training that goes one step further and takes a person from the shooting, through the legal system and up to a possible grand jury indictment. Short discussion on room setup was held. Bobby is to provide Larry F with the setup of the room.

Larry F provided information regarding the conference hotel. It will be the same setup; just need to finalize the menu in January/February.

Bobby provided a short update regarding what he found out about TCOLE recognition of training. It was decided for Bobby to find out more information, maybe contact the State Association, and discuss this topic further at the next board meeting.

Fun Shoot: Bobby provided an update regarding the Fun Shoot that Susie provided him. Discussion was held, along with possible ideas for the 2016 conference: more range time and general gun maintenance/cleaning.

Conference Registration: Discussion held on placing the conference information on the website, November newsletter, and Action Printing. Larry A reported that he already had some of the information on the website. Mollie identified that she would get with Action Printing on reinstating the online registration.

Raffle: It was confirmed that \$1000 was the agreed amount that Jack Burch could spend on the two guns. Larry A agreed to verify the process with Jack and let him know the budget. Discussion was held on the type of gun and how to handle the raffles. Larry A motioned to appoint a committee to handle the raffle, Bobby second, motion passed. Bill T agreed to chair the committee and find members.

Larry A asked about the possibility of providing cakes for the banquet dinner that was popular at a previous conference, along with an emphasis on the birth of Colt. It was agreed that Larry A would take the lead, look into four different design themes, and bring the information back to the December or January meeting.

New Business

Future meeting dates: All members agreed to have Larry F pursue the Sleep Inn for the December meeting. [Note: This item was moved up on the agenda to allow Larry F to get with hotel personnel.]

Newsletter

Articles needed: Bobby brought forth Dean's idea of having articles prepared ahead of time. Bill stated that November 1st was the deadline for submittals and would like to have the material to Action Printing by November 7th-8th. Items for the upcoming newsletter, as well as the following newsletter was discussed.

Newsletter email address: Items should be sent to newsletterTCHA@gmail.com and Action Printing will be changing the email return on the E-Newsletter to this address.

Title change: Bill discussed the plan is to have the theme of the newsletter change from issue to issue. It was also discussed to get away from “newsletter” and refer to it as the “Journal of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association” or something along that lines. Additionally, Bill recommended changing the script of the title and have it be the editor’s choice. It was decided to have the editor bring script choices, as well as reference recommendations (e.g., Journal, Magazine, etc.) to the December 2014 meeting.

Merchandising Update

Bobby provided a short update regarding his correspondence with Phil McCoy on merchandising and the decision to steer away from low cost items that would not match the quality expected for the price charged. Mollie also brought up the need to order more life member patches from the current provider. Larry A motioned for Mollie to order 24 life member patches at \$3.50 each (plus shipping) and be allowed to order more patches (life member or regular member) anytime the supply goes below 10. Bill seconded and motion passed.

Vendor and Donation Letters

Mollie handed out drafts of the letters, discussion was held, and suggested corrections were received. Direction was given to contact Mollie for the number of Vendor and/or Donation letters each director would like to send out or give her the contact information and she would mail them out.

Website updates

Larry A provided an update stating that the host has been fairly reliable and will look at updating the design of the website.

New Business

Legislative update: Larry provide an update regarding the upcoming legislative session. Discussion was held on drafting legislation based on survey results, Bobby’s desire for all licensed concealed carry state employees to be allowed to carry on the job, and Larry A’s desire to change parts of §46.035. It was identified that these needed to be coordinate with Alice Tripp and Austin. Larry A agreed to draft the legislation.

Old Business

Directors and Officers Insurance: Bobby provided a quick update that the board has a surety bond in place, but cannot obtain a Directors and Officers Bond at this time. It was decided that the board will try again in a couple of years.

[Note: These items were moved up on the agenda since Larry A will not be in attendance on Sunday.]

Legal Counsel

Update: Bobby referred to Attorney Stephen Moss’ resume that was provided to the board members. He identified the association’s inability to afford legal counsel on a full-time basis. Mr. Moss stated he would reduce his cost in order to be listed as the association’s attorney on the web, as well as in the newsletter. He would only charge on an “as needed basis” and only ask for a retainer on extensive projects. Larry F motioned to adopt a relationship with Mr. Moss and have him listed as such on all correspondence on an “as needed basis”. Bill T seconded with clarification to authorize the President to negotiate a fee agreement (revocable by either party). Motion passed. Larry A asked Mr. Moss to send him a photograph of himself for the website.

Manager's report

Ad rates for Newsletter and Website: Mollie provided a quick update regarding the ad rates for the newsletter and website. Explained that Larry A. had created a webpage with a PayPal link for payment of ad space. It was decided that when a submittal is received, Mollie will clear it thorough the Executive Committee and then forward it appropriately to either Beverly or Larry A. [Note: This item was moved up on the agenda since Larry A will not be in attendance on Sunday.]

Meeting adjourned and set to reconvene at 9:00 AM Sunday morning.

October 26, 2014 - Meeting called back to order at 9:05 AM (same members present with the exception of Larry A). It was established by the Parliamentarian that no quorum existed; therefore, only discussion could be held.

Legal Counsel

Update: Bobby confirmed that contract will be sent.

Advertising for volunteer counsel: Bobby confirmed that there is no longer a need to advertise for legal counsel.

Membership update

Mollie provided a short update regarding the number of current active members, the status of the membership computer, and activities to bring back expired members.

Manager's report

Activity report: Mollie reported that she is tracking her time and what was accomplished in a daily worksheet. Discussion was held on the conditional life members and the possibility of removing this option. This item will be placed on the December meeting for discussion and possible action.

Financial update: Boyd provided an update and handed out a current Balance Sheet. It was discussed that a Profit & Loss Comparison report (condensed version) is what the board needs. Boyd stated he will start providing this report. Discussion was held on what fell in "Other Current Assets" – shirts and hats? Boyd stated he would ask Race and report back at the December meeting. It was further identified that the association needed a "budget" – Boyd and Mollie will start looking into this. Boyd is to also provide a copy of last year's conference YO Ranch receipt at the December meeting. Bobby also reminded the board that there will be the \$2000.00 fee to be paid to the production company assisting Austin with the TacMed DVD.

Old Business

Board member application process: Bobby identified that he wanted to establish some type of application process. Dean offered to put together an article for the upcoming newsletter and have it submitted by the November 1st deadline.

Bylaws: Discussion was held on the state of the current bylaw rewrite and the bylaw change process. It was identified that one section still needed to be rewritten and will be looked at the December meeting.

New Business

Bobby stated that he wanted the upcoming December and January meetings to mainly focus on the conference. He brought forth the idea of bags with TCHA logos to be handed out to conference

attendees at registration, will look into it, and bring back information to the board at either the December or January meeting. Mollie brought forth the problems encountered with last minute (unpaid) additions on the conference registration list at last year's conference. It was stressed that registrations need to go through Mollie and that known attendees need to pay ahead of time. This will provide for better planning. Discussion was held on having meal tickets for the luncheon and banquet to ensure that we are recouping the cost of meals. Austin and Bobby are to send Larry F a layout of the room for the Saturday afternoon training. Discussion was held on signage at the President's Reception regarding that "Guns & Drinking Don't Mix".

Mollie pointed out that it was Larry F's responsibility to find sites for the board meetings, but it is the directors and officers responsibility to make their own room reservations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.