

JANUARY 17-18, 2015
TEXAS CONCEALED HANDGUN ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 17, 2015 - Meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present:

President: Bobby Clakley
Vice-President: Bill Titus
Public Information Officer: Larry Arnold
Director: Larry Feille
Treasurer: Boyd Grimes
Social Media Administrator: Bill Hill
Executive Director: Mollie Clakley

Members Absent:

Director Rick Mackey
Education and Training Officer/Director: Austin Davis
Recording Secretary: Susie Tackett
Director: Erwin Ballarta
Director/Parliamentarian: Dean McCormick

Others Who Attended All or Part of the Meeting:

Peter J. Hermosa, National Sales Director, U.S. Law Shield

Since a quorum was not physically present, Bobby contacted Director Rick Mackey by phone. Larry Feille motioned to suspend the rule that required a quorum in order to be able to conduct business efficiently, Larry Arnold seconded, and motion passed unanimously. Bobby inquired if Rick had anything for the board, with an answer of no, the phone conversation ended.

Minutes

Previous board meeting minutes were distributed, Bobby motioned to accept the minutes as written, Larry F. seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

Boyd distributed the P & L and Balance Sheet for 2014. He stated that he has been working with Race and has paid approximately \$1300 in sales tax for year 2014. Boyd further described that Race showed the \$7000 that was in inventory as a loss since the board will be using the remaining inventory for raffles, door prizes, etc. at the upcoming conference.

Mollie provided a short update on her review of Action Printing's 2014 invoices and statements. At this time, it is known that Action Printing owes TCHA \$3466.76 of which \$1035.09 has already been credited. Mollie identified that there are still some items that are left "To Be Determined" and Randy Putnam with Action Printing is checking on these items. She will follow-up accordingly.

The board then started working on the “Suggested TCHA Accounting Categories” document that Dean provided to the board prior to the meeting.

At 2:20 p.m., P.J. Hermosa from U.S. Law Shield/Texas Law Shield arrived. The board suspended discussion on the accounting categories. Mr. Hermosa provided an introduction and that their two main missions were to “protect gun owners” and “educate gun owners”. It is with the “educate gun owners” mission that he is seeking collaboration with TCHA. He showed the board the www.gunlawseminars.com site, as well as the extensive training manual for instructors only. This is a certification course on the criminal aspect and laws of using deadly force. He also passed around some “White Label” publications for the board’s review. Mr. Hermosa identified that the setup cost would be “zero” to TCHA. He further stated that TCHA would receive \$30 for each TCHA member that signs with TLS during one of the sponsored functions. Mr. Hermosa then went over the cost of their legal aide service. Bobby then showed Mr. Hermosa and the board the conference bag design that Phil McCoy, Winter Rock, developed. There was no objection.

After Mr. Hermosa left the board room, Bobby motioned for the board to start working with U.S./Texas Law Shield (TLS) on providing legal training, to include the use of TCHA’s logo, to both CHL holders/gun owners and CHL Instructors, Bill T. seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hill then gave a brief update on Facebook and identified that he would like the board’s permission to “boost” the conference at a cost of approximately \$20 a week. Bobby motioned for the board to approve Bill to “boost” the conference for up to a month for a cost of around \$80, Larry A. seconded, motion passed unanimously. Bill Hill then had to depart the meeting.

The board then resumed discussion on the accounting categories document and made some changes to some of the categories. Larry A. then motioned to approve the new TCHA Accounting Categories document, Larry F. seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Bobby then covered Susie’s agenda items and informed the board that Susie and Jim will create a “Hold Harmless” waiver that will need to be signed by all who attend the fun shoot (participating or not). In regards to Susie’s second item, Bobby stated that liability insurance was still unattainable at this time.

Bobby then went over Austin’s first two agenda items. Larry A. identified that there was already two legislative bills changing the requirement to .22 caliber. Austin’s second item, forming a closer partnership with Texas Law Shield, was covered from the board’s earlier acceptance to collaborate with TLS on legal training.

The board then read the official legislative position statement that Bobby developed. Larry A motioned to approve, Larry F. seconded, and discussion was held regarding formatting and adding a link to TCHA’s legislative webpage for TCHA’s position on each bill. Amendment was approved and the motion passed unanimously.

Mollie went over the bylaw rewrite and Race’s recommendation to remove all of Article 8. Discussion was held and it was decided to keep the two sections as identified in the current rewrite and remove section 4 of Article 8 based on Race’s recommendation.

Mollie identified that after the conference she wants to work with the board on developing a contingency plan to ensure that membership, financial, and IT (website) functions would remain operational in case something happened to one of the three individuals currently handling those areas.

Mollie sought clarification on how to handle the Director Application process. The board directed her to make copies of the applications received and place them in the member's conference folders.

Mollie provided an update on life member bags and that she is waiting on bids from Winter Rock (Phil McCoy) on two different styles. The cost of 20 bags will be approximately \$400. At this time, she has been able to accommodate life memberships with the current stock of shirts and hats on hand.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM; to resume at 9:00 AM on Sunday.

January 18, 2015 - Meeting was called back to order at 9:10 AM. Roll call was taken and the same members were present with the exception of Bill Hill, Social Media Administrator.

Bobby went over Austin's last agenda item regarding online master CHL classes. Bobby gave a brief history and informed the board about the link that Erwin had provided him. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Larry A. brought forth that he is having difficulty communicating with the current ISP provider and updated the board on his problems with uploading the latest newsletter. He did indicate that he is not ready at this time to look for another ISP provider, but wanted to update the board on these issues.

Larry F. then covered the various conference related items regarding hotel reservations and his ability to obtain five comped hotel rooms for Sheriff Jim Wilson (Instructor), H. Joaquin Jackson (Keynote Speaker), Austin Davis (Instructor), Susie Tackett (Instructor), and himself (Event Coordinator). He went into details regarding the meeting rooms; handling of meals (Note: Mollie stated that she will be issuing meal tickets for both the luncheon and/or banquet paid and/or comped attendees); and that the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce will be providing the name tags, lanyards, and ribbons. Short discussion on life member ribbons was held since the Chamber will not be providing them and Mollie was tasked with finding an alternative solution.

Other conference details that were addressed was that Larry A. will provide the projector; the hotel will provide extension cords and three wireless mics; vendors will need to be setup prior to the first session and can stay through Sunday; vendors will pay for their own lodging and meals; lobby registration times were discussed and it was indicated that we can extend the registration time on Saturday if needed; the setup of the President's reception and open bar; Texas Law Shield will provide their own banners, etc.; setup time of the raffle and auction items; a table will be reserved for speakers, sponsors, and master of ceremonies (President); Bill T. will give the invocation, as well as handle the auction; Larry A. will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and coordinate the cake delivery with the hotel General Manager (Faye); Bobby will recognize the life members and sponsors; Mollie will handle registration signs; Larry F. covered the luncheon and banquet menus and the need for a list of comped meals (which will include the speakers, instructors, sponsors, and directors/officers and their spouses); and Dean will print ballots for the board elections.

Bobby informed the board that the scheduled vendor to discuss apparel was sick and not able to attend. Discussion was held regarding the current apparel vendor, Winter Rock Group, and a decision was made to retain Winter Rock Group for the time being provided that no additional lag time in product distribution occurs in the future. Bobby and Bill T. displayed the merchandise received from Winter Rock Group that they had ordered and were impressed with the quality of the product. Bobby also showed the Life Member/Instructor duffle bag that Winter Rock Group donated for the conference.

Bobby informed the board that he was able to obtain an Instructional Techniques curriculum and his desire to merge this training with Texas Law Shield's legal training.

Bobby also discussed developing an incentive for instructors to find new members. The board approved Bobby to come up with a plan and relay it to the members at the conference.

Bobby discussed Saturday's training and distributed a flow chart. A "run-through" for all those involved in the training is scheduled to take place on Friday at 6 PM in the main training room. Larry A. stated he would try to have a local judge attend to provide assistance.

Bobby is to find out if the attorney will be coming to the conference.

Bobby provided an update on the TacMed Video and that it will be ready to go at the conference. He also informed the board that he and Dean are currently working on a Basic Handgun course for the association and hope to have it available at the conference as well.

Bill T. talked about the Raffle/Door Prize committee and that Carter Harris has agreed to be a member. He is seeking another member. Mollie will send Bill a list of items she currently has in stock, as well as the name of a contact that may be a good committee member.

Mollie inquired about comment cards and the board expressed a desire to continue having these at the conference. Additionally, it was discussed to provide a way for an individual to list their talents and willingness to assist with certain functions that directors and officers handle (e.g., training, raffle/door prize committee, event planning, safety, etc...)

Bobby talked briefly about his desire that board members and officers wear TCHA shirts during the conference, as well as red TCHA shirts for those helping out with the Fun Shoot. He stated he will send out an email regarding this.

Mollie informed the board that the association currently has 771 active members, which is an increase of about 23 members from the previous board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.