

TCHA BOD Meeting on July 15th, 2017.

Called to order at 1:25 PM by Bobby Clakely. Scheduled for 1:00 PM but there was some difficulty in getting everyone on via Skype.

Roll Call: Attendance via Skype: Bobby Clakely, Mollie Clakely, Dean McCormick, Larry Arnold, Wallace Dunn, Rob Lovelace. Attendance via cell phone: Bill Titus, Larry Patterson. Not Present: Deb Wardlaw, Austin Davis. Also present was a member John Hines.

Bobby Clakely mentioned that he has a guest speaker lined up to speak to us about the new requirement for "online training." Bobby Clakely added Kevin Knapp to the Skype phone call. Mr. Knapp gave a presentation on the online training program that he is developing. He made a short presentation, and then there were questions and answers. Mr. Knapp contacted his State Representative to get this initiative started at the Texas Legislature. He indicated he wants to work with TCHA as an organization to refer customers to his online training program. In return the TCHA would receive \$10 per referral. There was discussion about the online vs. the range time instructors. After Mr. Knapp's presentation he disconnected from the Skype phone call. There was some discussion about the presentation, the pros and cons, and some details that need to be worked out. It was agreed that Bobby Clakely would meet with Mr. Knapp in the near future. There was a list of questions put forth for Bobbie Clakely to clarify with Mr. Knapp.

After this discussion the member, John Hines, left the meeting.

There was a motion made to approve the minutes from the last BOD meeting held on April 2nd, 2017. After some discussion the motion was made to revise the minutes to show the change in Reporting Secretary from Deb Wardlaw to Wallace Dunn. The motion was then made to approve the minutes as revised by Bobby Clakely, and was seconded by Dean McCormick. The motion carried.

Boyd Grimes gave a report on the financial statements.

Mollie Clakely gave a report on the Membership Directory and costs related. Larry Arnold made a motion to proceed with Chase Fleming on this project. The motion was seconded by Larry Patterson. The motion carried.

Mollie Clakely gave a report on Membership. Membership has declined from 820 to 740 paid members. There was some discussion about why this was happening. It was agreed that BOD members would call these previous members to see if we might find out why, and what we could do to remedy the problem. Larry Patterson, Boyd Grimes, and Wallace Dunn volunteered to make phone calls. Mollie Clakely said she would split up the list of names and send them out to the volunteers.

Mollie Clakely gave a report on Google statistics for the website. There was some discussion about the statistics. Wallace Dunn mentioned Yelp as another option for Google type statistics.

Bobby Clakely gave a report on NRA Grants available. He asked for volunteers to help him, and asked if anyone had experience with grant writing. Wallace Dunn volunteered to help in the grant writing and application process. There was some discussion about what types of things this grant money may be used for.

Bobby Clakely gave a report on the Steel Challenge project. There is an event next Saturday in Bastrop, and then Larry Patterson will have the event on Sep. 16th 2017 in Arlington. There was discussion on this event to gain publicity about the TCHA organization. Bobby brought up the cost of the steel and indicated this might be a good project for the NRA grant money.

There was some discussion about setting up a booth at local gun shows to promote TCHA.

Larry Arnold brought up the changes in the State law for firearms and firearms training. There was some discussion about the difficulty of making the changes. Larry indicated he could make the changes in the Powerpoint presentation. Larry said he would make the changes and provide them to Mollie in about a weeks time. There was further discussion on the fees we should charge for the revised Powerpoint and DVD program for Instructors. There was a motion made to provide the slides that are changed for free. This would not include the entire Powerpoint presentation, only the changes. The user would have to make the changes themselves, or buy the new Powerpoint presentation. The motion was made by Dean McCormick, seconded by Larry Arnold, and the motion carried.

Dean McCormick gave a report on the hog hunt at Independence Ranch. This was one of the silent auction items from the last conference. Dean mentioned several serious concerns about the hunt, the number of hunters, and the docile behavior of the hogs. There was a concensus that maybe we did not want to consider this hog hunt or this ranch for the future.

Larry Patterson gave a report on name tags available for order. After some discussion, each board member told Larry how many they wanted.

Larry Patterson brought up the issue of "About Us" on our website. He mentioned what we say we are going to do as an organization, but are we really doing it? He gave a couple of examples in his letter which each BOD received prior to the meeting. Larry mentioned the lack of response from the BOD about purchasing shirts. Larry emailed 25 of the Instructors from TCHA in his area. None of them responded to his email. During this process he found out that 3 of these individuals are no longer instructors. Larry asked how we as an organization are tracking this.

During this conversation Larry Patterson mentioned Job Descriptions and duties of the various BOD members. Several BOD members have additional duties assigned, but with no job description. Larry mentioned that we should consider writing job descriptions for each of the positions. This would clarify the duties and responsibilities, and it would make it easier for the next person coming into that position.

Rob Lovelace reported on the TCHA Journal. He needs articles for the Journal.

Wallace Dunn reported on the hotels in San Angelo for the upcoming meeting in October. It was agreed that we do not need to pay a high fee to rent a meeting room. Wallace will follow up with the hotels in the next few weeks. It was agreed that we only need the rooms for 1 night, the 7th of October. Wallace mentioned the local gun range was interested in meeting with the BOD members. Wallace will try to arrange that meeting with the gun range. Wallace will clarify on water and coffee for the meeting room. He will also check into a restaurant for dinner. Mollie Clakely mentioned a restaurant called Zentner's Daughters.

Bobby Clakely brought up the status of the planning for the next TCHA Conference in April 6-8, 2018. He indicated that not much, if anything, has been done in planning for the event. He asked for volunteers

to help with planning the event. Wallace Dunn and Larry Patterson volunteered to help with the planning. It was agreed the three of them would meet in the next week to discuss the event. There was some discussion about potential guest speakers and agenda items for the conference.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Dean McCormick, and seconded by Larry Arnold. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Old Business –

Journal Deadline – Rob Lovelace - April 14th submission by Board of Directors for next issue.

New Business

2018 Conference – April 6 – 8, 2018 at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, TX 78028

TCHA Shooting Challenge – May 20, 2017 in Liberty Hill, TX

Other new business

Establishment of Meeting Dates – July 15, 2017 at 1:00 via Skype. To discuss creating conference committees; law enforcement, training, membership, etc. October 7, 2017 in San Angelo (location TBD) @ 1:00 p.m. via face to face. Wallace to find hotel. January 13 & 14, 2018 @ 1:00 at the Y. O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, TX. Rob Lovelace suggested “Improvement” for the 2018 conference theme.

Bill Titus said he has not done a lot as the VP and would like to be replaced. Action tabled until the July 15, 2017 meeting.

Rick Mackey – resigned as a member of the executive committee. Austin Davis agreed to take this position and was seconded by Wallace Dunn.

Bobby Clakley will research what TCHA can do legislatively with the 501 (c) (4) status.

Motion to adjourn made by Deb Wardlaw and seconded by Austin Davis. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 12:31 p.m.