

Meeting Minutes

Historical Guide Association Board Meeting
November 2009: Monthly Meeting

Debbie George's home – November 9, 2009

Member's Present:

Kathleen de Vos, President
Debbie George, Co-Vice President
Lisa Winn, Co-Vice President
Bohdi Hodges, Secretary
Debra Rawlings, Treasurer
Larry Crawford, Member at Large

Brian Griffin, Member at Large
Michelle Hachigian, Member at Large
Iain Hamilton, Member at Large
Gordon Heinrichs, Member at Large
Jeff Miller, Member at Large
Michele Smith, Member at Large

12 Members in Attendance
7 votes required for a majority

President K. de Vos called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

L. Crawford made a motion to adopt the minutes from the 10/25/09 Joint Board meeting with corrections. Motion seconded by M. Hachigian. Minutes were approved with corrections. Corrections were as follows:

- Jeff Miller (Member at Large) to be noted as absent from 10/25/09 Joint Board Meeting.
- Per Larry Crawford's (incoming Member at Large) request, the board would like to acknowledge Karen Harris and Bobbie Hamilton (outgoing Board Members) as the original collaborators for the HGA website legacy effort. In addition, the outgoing board provided the funding necessary to start up and maintain the site for its first year. Larry provided, and will continue to provide technical support and maintenance as necessary.

Adoption of Agenda

President K. de Vos presented the meeting agenda. Iain Hamilton made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with a correction. Motion seconded by Debbie George. Agenda was approved with a correction. Correction was as follows:

- Agenda to include Treasurer's Report.

Officers Reports

Debra Rawlings, Treasurer

- Account Balance as of Monday, November 9, 2009: \$4338.26. Balance includes recent deposit of \$506.21 generated by soda and candy machines at guide trailer. Both continue to be profit generating.
- As of today, 70 of our 143 Historical Guide Association members have renewed. To raise awareness and interest in the HGA, Bohdi Hodges will create and post reminders to renew and recruit members. She has also agreed to send welcome messages to new/returning members.

Old Business

Suggested Legacies by previous board:

- Umbrellas for visitors (Holly Stotter)
- Air Conditioning for Celestial Suite (seed money)

Motion to not fulfill suggested legacies was made by M. Hachigian and was seconded by J. Miller. Motion passed with a voice vote.

The previous board's development of the HGA website is a legacy that will continue to be supported and elaborated upon. L. Crawford reminded the board of the website's capability, current features and potential. In addition to providing the HGA's mission statement, by-laws and past newsletters, the website will soon feature new newsletters as they are prepared by Co-Vice President Lisa Winn.

New Business

Discussion of suggested legacy re: A/C for Celestial Suite prompted a group discussion about temperature monitoring on the hilltop for the benefit of guests and staff. It was noted by Jeff Miller that the Hearst Castle website is no longer updating its weather conditions at http://www.hearstcastle.org/visitors_center/weather.asp. Jeff will investigate and follow up at next meeting.

December Program - M. Hachigian reported that she has not heard from the Hearst Castle Theater Manager and V. Kastner about choosing a December date for a more in-depth look and discussion of The Gardens and The Land. If a Dec. date cannot be agreed upon by the end of this week, the board will look to schedule it in January.

Future Programs – Suggestions made by board members for future Association *Meetings* include, but are not limited to the following: Jeff Schultz as George Hearst-A One Man Show, Kenneth Whyte's return for another book signing for The Uncrowned King, programs by different H.C. sections, (such as Maintenance, Collections, Restoration, Dispatch/Security, Groundskeeping, Natural Resources, etc.), Carlotta Munroe oral history interview, courtesy of Jill Urquhart, and an update on the Billard Room ceiling restoration and beyond with Gary and/or Hoyt. Suggestions made by board members for future Association *Field Trips* include, but are not limited to the following: Filoli, Huntington, Berkeley (over-nighter), Piedras Blancas Lighthouse, the Abalone Farm in Cayucos, Hacienda w/luncheon, Lotusland, Casa del Herrero and various historical homes throughout CA. Various board members will research the cost and availability of possible destinations and return the information to K. de Vos.

Jeff Miller motioned that anyone who is a speaker should get at least \$50.00 and a handwritten thank you. Motion was seconded by Debbie George. Jeff then amended the original motion to say that if we pass the motion, we should have “set” honorariums in place for different types of speakers. The amended motion was tabled for discussion at next months meeting.

Debra Rawlings motioned to amend the old budget before a new honorarium can be decided. Her motion was seconded by Debbie George. Motion was passed with a voice vote.

The finance committee (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) will schedule a meeting to discuss and study last years budget. They will present their recommendations for change to the board at a future meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Need to return to Jeff Miller's motion re: honorariums.
- establish min. # guest for HGA field trips requiring charter bus transportation

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Recording officer: Bohdi Hodges, HGA Secretary

Date Approved:

Signature: