

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES GOLD RUSH BILLINGS, MT JULY 18, 2010

GWTA Board meeting called to order by Ed Davis, Chairperson of the Board, at 8:05 am.

Prayer given by Kathe Vaughn.

Discussion of time change for this board meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. did not allow members to be present at the new time. Ed Davis explained that each board member was sent an e-mail explaining the time change due to Bruce Keenon's availability and they had time to notify their members.

Self introduction of board members starting with Region "A". All board members present.

Ed Davis introduced Bruce and Linda Keenon, GWTA Executive Director, for a report on the "State of GWTA".

Bruce Keenon said GWTA is doing well and that Pennsylvania is coming in with three new chapters and other states are also gaining some members, while some have lost members. GWTA needs to work on recruiting and bringing in new members.

Bruce said we have a new office manager, Allison Bewley. Allison is taking Jennifer's place and she is learning on the job, please work with her.

Bruce talked about the changes made to Touring News and the reasons for going online with Touring News. It is a cost saving procedure and Canada has been doing this for some time. Bruce said that there will be four quarterly issues of the Touring News printed each year and sent out by snail mail, if money is available as we do not want to have the printer to carry us over as we have in the past.

Bruce explained why chapter yearly dues have gone up and also about the insurance that we have for chapters. Chapters need to know about the insurance form and how to get them, there is no longer a \$50.00 fee per event, you just need to get the form and fill it out.

Bruce said we now have a gaming license and that it is required by the state of Indiana as we are a not for profit organization and that our bike ticket drawing must be done in our office. We will be doing this by using Skype and the internet and on a big screen. Jennifer and her family will be at our office drawing the winning ticket. The bike tickets are an important source of income to us.

Jennifer is still doing the Touring News and will help out at the office when Allison has her baby in December and is also doing the advertising. We could use a volunteer from within our members, if interested contact the office.

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Twitter and Facebook, need someone who is familiar with GWTA and would like to do this on a daily basis. Contact the office or Bruce for more details.

Recruitment is the life blood of GWTA. There are several recruiting incentives available to the members to assist with recruiting. GWTA is all about Members, Fun and Memories

COB, Ed Davis, asked for a motion to adjourn to "Executive Session." Barb Johnson made a motion to adjourn to "Executive Session" with Bruce Keenon to discuss the state of GWTA. Second by Charles Horner, vote was unanimous.

10:30-Adjourn for ten minute break and go to "Executive Session."

10:40-Reconvene into "Executive Session" with Bruce Keenon.

11:35-Adjourn "Executive Session" and back to regular meeting.

11:40-Convene into regular session, Chairperson of the Board, Ed Davis, called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to keep Bruce Keenon as Executive Director for another year. Barb Johnson, Life Member Rep, made a motion to keep Bruce Keenon as Executive Director for one year. Second Charles Horner Region "B" Board Member, the vote was unanimous.

COB, Ed Davis, "We need to select a new COB as my term is up. Board members may self-nominate and the vote will be by ballot later this afternoon."

Barb Johnson, Life Member Rep, and Dennis Farnum, Region "H", self-nominated and gave their reasons why they would like to be selected.

Chuck Gibbs, Region "E", made a motion to close nominations and second by Ronnie Vaughn, Region "F". Motion approved.

Motion to close to this session for lunch made by Jim Quinn, Region "D", second by Ronnie Vaughn Region "F" motion approved.

COB Ed Davis adjourned the meeting 12:00 P.M. for lunch to reconvene at 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. COB, Ed Davis, called the regular session to order and asked the board members by Region for any comments or presentations.

Ray Phillips, Region "A", gave a Power Point presentation. (See attached) Ray had petitions signed by at least 25 people from 5 different chapters with proposed amendments to some Bylaws. (See attached) The first made a motion to change Bylaw 5.3 requirement from 1 year to 6 months to be eligible for

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nomination for the position of Chairperson of the Board, second by Dave Telford, Region "C", motion failed 4-5 vote.

Ray Phillips made a second motion to amend Bylaw 5.3 (b). The amendment would add the wording, "and publish selected time/place no later than 90 days in advance in an issue of Touring News so that the general members of GWTA are informed." Second by Barb Johnson, vote passed 7-2.

Dave Telford, Region "C", presented a motion to change Bylaw 5.3 by adding four bulletin points "i through l." (See attached)

(i) The Chairperson is responsible for updating the Bylaws within 90 days following the annual board meeting. Second by Dennis Farnum, vote passed 7-2.

(j) The Chairperson is to submit an article monthly, for our national publication, Touring News. Failed to get a second. No vote.

(k) The Chairperson will put an advertisement in Touring News, asking for a qualified person who would be interested in the position of Executive Director. Dave Telford made a motion to change by-law 5.3 Dave deferred it to Chuck Gibbs who has a similar suggestion.

(l) The Chairperson will publish GWTA's Annual Financial Report, in the March issue of Touring News. Failed to get a second. No vote.

Chuck Gibbs, Region "E", presented a petition to the Board of Director's requesting some changes to the body of Bylaw 5.3 and after much discussion was tabled and Barb Johnson was asked to go over the Bylaws and get back to COB, Ed Davis, with any suggestions.

Barb Johnson, Life Member Rep, made a motion to change the wording in Bylaw 5.18 to strike out the words "annually through their publication" and replace with "as per request." Second by Chuck Gibbs, Region "E", vote passed 9-0.

Barb Johnson made a motion to change the wording in Bylaw 5.2 to reflect the current board by striking out "ten (10) Elected Directors" and replace with "nine (9) Elected Directors" and strike out "not less than nine (9)" and replace with "not less than seven (7)". Second by Chuck Gibbs vote passed 8-1

COB, Ed Davis, asked Evelyn Carroll, former board member, to count the ballots handed out to board members for the vote on a new Chairperson of the Board. The new Chairperson of the Board is Barb Johnson and she will be working with COB, Ed Davis, until her term begins on January 1, 2011. Barb will be the first lady Chairperson of the Board. Congratulations, Barb!

COB, Ed Davis, asked if there were any comments from the audience members present before closing the meeting. There was one question: "What is the definition of allowing members access to financial information *by request* from the last Bylaw change?" And was told you may request to see the report but not

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get a copy for yourself and that it is available through any board member once it has been accepted by the Board.

COB, Ed Davis, thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary  
Delores Reynolds

Revised on September 2, 2010 by Barb Johnson with input from Ronnie Vaughn.