

## Gold Rush Board Meeting

July 22, 2012

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Dennis Farnum. Roll call was taken. Region A – Ray Phillips and Region B – Charles Horner attended meeting by conference call and go to meeting. Region C – Dave Teleford, Region D – Jim Quinn, Region E – Chuck Gibbs, Region F – Ronnie Vaughn, Region H – Darlene Farnum, Region J – Garrie Wayne and Life Member – Eugene Jones, and Dennis Farnum – Chairman of the Board and Mike Johnston – Legal representation were in attendance. Dennis had the Regions introduce themselves and their spouses to the audience. A prayer was given by Kathy Vaughn and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dennis.

The floor was given to Bruce Keenon – Executive Director for his State of GWTA. The membership of GWTA is declining every month. When the 1-3-3 program was implemented from February 2012 to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Bruce was hoping for a greater response. A total of 22 were sold.

The Gold Rush in 2011 at Boyne Mt was profitable for GWTA organization.

A Touring News was not printed or mailed in the year 2011. It was just too costly for the organization.

Bruce has cut employees hours: Jane to one day a week and Suzanne to 3 days a week (Tue, Wed, Thurs) 11:30 am – 6:30 pm.

The eleven years that we have rented the GWTA office, we have had no rent increase. We have reduced the rent this year.

The bike ticket sales are down in every region.

The biggest expense is our liability insurance. We have had 3 different insurance companies in the last 25 years and we have never had a claim. Membership thinks this is an expense that is not necessary. It is an Indiana law that we must carry 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance for the association. The name of the company is K & K Insurance Company. Copies were given to each board member regarding waivers and release forms. It was suggested that Bruce look into getting a deductible on the policy.

There are approximately 452 members registered for Gold Rush 2012.

Dennis thanked Bruce.

A motion was made by Ronnie Vaughn – Region F and seconded by Chuck Gibbs – Region E that we take a short break and then go into our executive session. Motion was passed.

Motion was made by Chuck Gibbs – Region E and seconded by Garrie Wayne – Region J that we reconvene into general session. Motion passed.

The meeting is now into general session. A motion was made by Dave Telford – Region C and seconded by Jim Quinn – Region D that we retain Bruce Keenon as Executive Director for another year. Motion passed.

Dennis asked **Region A** – Ray Phillips if he had anything to bring to the board. He had nothing.

**Region B** – Charles Horner, he had nothing.

**Region C** – Dave Telford: The item that Dave had on the agenda regarding membership, he would like to take off the agenda. Dave would like the Board to keep it on file for a future time. Dave is resigning his position as Board of Director for Region C so that he could become State Director for Nebraska. Dennis accepted his resignation. Dave will stay on for the rest of Gold Rush.

**Region D** – Had nothing.

**Region E** – Chuck Gibbs: Chuck feels that we are not following procedure in electing an Executive Director. Chuck believes that a notice should be put out, in ample time, with a time frame on it, that anyone that is interested in the position of Executive Director could submit their resume to the Chairman of the Board by the deadline. There was discussion from the board and audience. It needs to be done in a timely manner so that the Board could vote on it in July at Gold Rush and possibly even have the people interested in the position be interviewed. The notice will be put into TN and website and the wording will be worked on with the COB and the Board.

Chuck thinks the By-Laws are in pretty good shape. When you are implementing the By-laws, how do you do it? What are the mechanics of doing it? Chuck is suggesting that the Chairman of the Board get a 3-ring binder or something of this nature, with notes on how do you select an Executive Director? How do we select our Board members? How do we do this? How do we do that? Things that you do on an annual basis that way we are not going back over previous minutes meeting trying to find information regarding how do we do this or that. This binder would be passed on to the next Chairman of the Board. If you want the other Board members to have copies, that might be a possibility also. It could be a supplement to the By-Laws.

A motion made by Ronnie Vaughn and seconded by Eugene Jones that we break for lunch, reconvening in one hour.

**Region F** – Ronnie Vaughn: There are some members in Region F that are having problems with some members drinking while on a GWTA ride. They have been asked not to drink while riding in a GWTA function. The concerned members don't know how to handle this. The members that are doing the drinking have been asked to leave but they say you can't tell me what to do. You can tell them for safety reasons; we are not going to ride with you. This problem should be handled at the Chapter level. Their membership can be revoked if they continue to drink while on a GWTA ride or function. There was discussion from the Board and the audience.

**Region H** – Darlene Farnum – Had nothing.

**Region J** – Garrie Wayne – Would like to change the job description for the Executive Director to indicate a quarterly financial report instead of a monthly report so the financial report would be more current. Garrie doesn't think the report is coming out in a timely fashion. There was discussion among the Board. It was decided that Bruce is getting the report out as quickly as he possible can. The board would like to get one each month, which is not happening at the moment. The job description will stay as it is.

**Life Member** – Eugene Jones – Had nothing.

**Audience:** Curt Seaton thanked the Board for bringing in Legal representation to the meeting.

**Chairman of the Board** – Dennis Farnum – Appointed Ronnie Vaughn co-chairman in case something should happen to Dennis or he was unable to attend a Board meeting. Dennis presented Ronnie with a certificate. Dennis also presented Chuck Gibbs with a certificate thanking him for his 6 years of service on the Board. Dennis also presented Dave Telford with a certificate thanking him for his service on the Board.

Motion was made by Dave Telford and seconded by Ronnie Vaughn to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sylvia Jones

Secretary