



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**
Address: **1511 Rosemary Street, Denver (Home of Ed McAllister)**

Members Present: C. Vigil, E. McAllister, H. Meadows, F. Blankenship, D. Peterson
Members Absent: S. Fitzhenry
Quorum: yes
Guests Present:

- 1. Call to order (Time): 7:07 pm**
- 2. Minutes of previous Board meeting: Motion: Dave / Second: Ed - approved**
- 3. Board Member Reports**

President (Charles)

Vice President (Steve)

Secretary (Henry)

Current Membership: 180 members / 115 Renewing / 51 New /
6 Ebearitus / 7 Lifetime / 2 Honorary

Treasurer (Ed)

Accounts: **FRB: 8,265.92 checkbook unrec. / 82.00 cash = 8,347.92**
OBF '09: 7,624.10 online statement balance

At Large 1 (Dave) Wrangler display stuck on same photo
Issues booking King rates for OBF

At Large 2 (Frankie)

- 4. Old Business**

- 5. New Business**

a. What Happened to Dine Out? Assign follow-up with Mac Freeberg
No one has heard from him. Dave to contact Mac and follow-up.

b. November BOD Meeting, Henry out of town OCT 28 as alternative?
Dave will host on October 28.

c. OBF 2010

Wayne Hill wants to serve as chairman (no e-mail yet). Devon, Joe Velez, Ed, Bob Christensen were present. Experience: Joe was previous chair for several years, Ed has

chaired too. Thought: hotel in Estes Park. Want to go into the area and check out the area. Challenge is how to 'liven it up'. Need to publish something about event at OBF '09.

d. Sawkins request regarding Directory Publication Dates

Discussed suggestion about date of publication of directory. We can make suggestion but depends on timing and what the directory chair is capable of doing.

e. Changes in the leadership of D&D/RPG activities

Frankie – Anthony is unable to continue the activity leadership. Frankie is interested in picking it up and leading it. Possibly the last weekend in September so that we can promote / discuss at OBF. Need a location to host. Frankie to send update to Bear and Sam for website and Grizzette.

f. Need written policy regarding Mr. FRB 2010 and Mr. FRB Cub 2010

Henry to write up and coordinate with Steve. Need to circulate with the committee and get approval before submitting to board.

g. Discuss options for potluck meeting locations for 2010

Location for about 5 pot lucks. Ed to check out a place he knows of... Charles to check with the Center. Need to be able to hold about 50 people.

h. Bear Spirit / End of Year awards

Certificate of recognition/appreciation for chairmen, coordinators. Check with Bear for Bear Spirit award template; Henry should have cert. of appreciation form. Charles to e-mail list of potentials for ebearitus potential.

Identify a couple who have contributed. Need name for award?

i. Bear's proposals

Communications director – good idea. Set up for 2010.

Membership – look at possible adding responsibility for at-large member. Also discussed possible new format for card/welcome letter.

Archive project – idea has a lot of merit. Seems to be two projects – one for archiving records and one for creating a history/archive.

j. Call for nominations for Board

- Announce at September meeting
- Close nominations at October meeting
- Online Ballot by November meeting / with final ballot at November

k. 2010 Price structure

Keep current structure:

Current member \$25 Early Bear – December 1 – until 1st meeting Jan 9th meeting.

Partnership \$55 at regular price

Individual \$30 at regular price

August 1 will be a price cut to \$20

The board may at its discretion offer special discounts at other events throughout the year.

1. Chairmen for 2010

“Get involved page on the website” to see what is available in terms of committees, directors, etc. – Ed to f/u with Bear.

e-mail to existing chairmen/coordinators about whether they want to continue for 2010.

6. Committee Reports:

Bear Gear (Bear)

Beer Busts (Troy)

Labor Day, Sun 9/6; Sun Oct 25 and Sun Dec 13

Next one is Sunday.

Grizzette (Sam)

As of late, I've been updating the Grizzette every two weeks, and that has been due mostly to my schedule. September will be slower (a lot slower) for me, so I anticipate being able to update it every week. Lately, I've been running photos taken by Gary Van Dorn and I think they make for a nice webpage. I have asked Gary to put together some more collections for me, and I have some photos from Bear, Mickey and others from the campout. The month of September will be dedicated to Octobearfest, and I have asked James to put together as many stories and photos as possibly to really get the word out and promote the event. As always, I encourage all board members and all FRB members to write about, really, just about anything and I will more-than-likely put it in the Grizzette. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me directly. Thank you.

Holiday Party (Steve/Jack/Charles)

Charles will follow up with Church – We will give pre-sign a check to hold it and give to Charles for good faith.

Member Directory (Tony)

Merchant Discount Program (Henry)

Henry to type something up for someone else to do it next year.

Mr. FRB Report (Henry)

Mr. FRB & Mr. FRB Cub Merit Award(s) (Steve)

Octobearfest (James)

Publicity (Greg)

Summer Camp Out (Ed) **FINAL REPORT**

The spreadsheet of people who attended the campout is attached. In total 73 guys were at the campout and we made a profit of 159.45. Everyone there thought it was a great place and we should reserve it for next year. As of tonight the site is available for renewal for the weekend of Aug 19-20-21, 2009. I believe it will be the same price \$418

I hereby submit my name as chairman for the Summers End Campout 2010. This will be my 10th year as campout chairman. Several people have already volunteered to work on a committee and make the 10th year a really special event.

Ed was approved as chairman. Ed to reserve again for next year discussed looking at Site 1 & 4. (Note: E-mail approval by board to reserve sites 1 & 4 for \$518 -- \$100 more than previous year's costs.)

Website/Webmaster (Bear)

General maintenance, plus the run-up to the Summer's End campout registration (and its subsequent unplugging), along with the Weekly Update, have taken up most of the time I allotted.

I met with Van Floyd and Ron Triplett about some interesting methods of tagging our photo archives for preservation of source and identity. Van has offered to assist in this project in the coming months.

Per the Board's earlier request, I also consulted with our hosting service, Network Solutions, regarding general storage and archiving of FRB materials. NSol is a class act – most hosts sell storage space separately, but they do not interfere with our application of what we pay for. We actually get quite a lot for our annual investment, and using it partially for document and file storage would be advantageous.

Bottom line is this: we have quite a lot of space to play with – enough for almost any conceivable project in addition to the web.

Please give this some discussion and let me know what you want to accomplish specifically.

7. Monthly Activities

Bear Day at the Wrangler

Every Friday, all day, drink specials with membership card

Bear Hugs

Check calendar for dates at the Midtowne; check calendar for dates at Lake Steam
January – **need host** to complete OBF obligation

Bears on Broadway! (Lonnie/Levi/George)

1st Saturday of the month, Start time 6 p.m.

Book Club (Bob)

Third Tuesday of each month. Check calendar for dates.

Coffee Night (Bear)

Every Thursday @ Illegal Grounds 925 E. 17th Ave; 630p-830p

Dim Sum Brunch (Ron/Van)

Check calendar on Website for next date & time.

Dine Out (Malcolm)

Dungeons & Dragons (Frankie)

New dates/times TBA

Can come and watch if you want.

Eagle Bar Night (Henry)

1st Sat each month; FREE Beer/Liquor Bust with Membership card 9pm start

Mozart Lounge

3rd Saturday of the month

Winter Snowmobile Trip (Ed)

Wrangler's SWEET Dance

Every 2nd Sat of the Month.

8. Next General Meeting

Date & Time: Saturday, September 12th, 5:00 Potluck; 6:00 Meeting

Location 1155 Ash Street, Community Room

Agenda Items

Duty Roster:

Full-bucket - Ed

Door prizes - Charles

Entrée – Fried Chicken - Henry

BearGear - Bear

9. Next Board Meeting

Date & Time: October 7, 2009; 7 p.m.

Host: Steve Fitzhenry, 2464 E 14th Avenue (New Address)

Absences expected:

10. Adjournment (Time)

9:16 pm