

OPTHA General Meeting, January 2, 2018 Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m..

The sign in sheet was passed around with all attendees signing. A copy is attached.

Last month's minutes were read. Corrections were made. A motion was made that we accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Minutes moved to be accepted as corrected. Motion passed. (Make corrections for publication by removing dollar amounts from show bucks and from belt buckle costs)

The Treasurer's report was read and a copy is attached to these minutes. Maridi moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. Pat seconded. Motion passed.

Tina has thank you notes for the show sponsors that need to be signed.

Banquet: Banquet reservations are taken care of. The location and time will be posted on the website along with the reservation form. Location and time information is the same as 2017. All that needed to be done on the form is updating the dates. We have the banquet space for 4 hours. Awards are show bucks and can be put in envelopes to dress them up. The reservation form needs to be put on the website.

We will not be able to use the Key West Award for the stock/hunter award. The Key West award will be returned to Corky.

The versatility award is not a perpetual award. It should be a perpetual award like all the other awards. A discussion was held regarding what we can find, and refurbish a suitable award. As of next year, the perpetual trophies will be removed from traveling. Most people don't want to take the award home (winner of the award). Sponsors will take home the perpetuals, and next year we will have plaques made to be given to the recipients. This was discussed at an earlier meeting. Kathy Howard and Kathy Howe-Drysdale will seek out old trophies and refurbish them for this year. Certificates were given out last year. It was noted that most people don't want to take the perpetuals home, and really, all the sponsors are the ones who really care about the awards.

Membership: We have 35 total members. 17 are life members. If we send out a membership form prior to the banquet we can get more members in. We do have the ability to send out an e-mail with blind cc. The webmaster won't give us permission to use this website to send out e-mails. Maridi moved that we extend the discounted membership until after the banquet. Seconded by Melissa. Motion passed. Pat will send out an e-mail to all old and unpaid members, and see if that brings in a few dollars.

Old Business: Kathy Howe-Drysdale suggested that we bring the website in house. It costs the club between \$300 and \$400 when our current webmaster gets things done. Kathy Howard said that we haven't received a current bill, and the webmaster has not kept up with the website. Pat stated that the webmaster just this week changed the information on the new board members this week. Ann Ebner will contact Kim for information regarding updates. An event calendar needs to be put on the website and kept updated.

New Business. Kathy Howard has suggestions regarding the Constitution and Bylaws changes necessary.

- 1) When Kathy goes into the bank and needs to make a transaction, she needs to be the Secretary/Treasurer rather than Treasurer due to current laws. The secretary needs to be listed as the Recording Secretary on our documents.
- 2) The nominations of the officers were listed on the constitution as being done at the October Meeting. It needs to be corrected to say September meeting.
- 3) Meetings: Meetings will need to be listed as "General" meetings. Board Meetings are currently held on an "as needed" basis called by the President.

Bylaws:

- 1) Members should be members for 60 days prior to the election meeting. We are deleting the statement of "30 days" and changing it back to 60 days. Everyone is in favor of this.

- 2) The membership chairman does not need to provide a copy of constitution and bylaws. We just need to state they are located. . . and list the location.
- 3) Lifetime membership is non-transferrable.
- 4) The annual meeting needs to be listed in November. According to the non-profit laws, we must have an annual meeting.
- 5) The president will notify all members of the club. Every board member needs to be notified of meetings.
- 6) All decisions made at a general meeting need to be ratified at the next meeting.
- 7) Eligibility – adding “First” to the “First Vice President
- 8) The executive committee needs to be 12 members.
- 9) If your dues are not paid by January 1, you aren’t a current member. This is true of many other clubs.

We need to do our homework, and double check the changes prior to the next meeting. None of these changes will take effect until next year. Kathy will send this to us so we can look things over to make it changed.

- 10) Property Committee: Change Secretary to Recording Secretary.
- 11) Pat made a motion that we accept the changes to the constitution and bylaws as read and marked. Maridi seconded. This counts as the first reading. Motion passed. Second reading is in February.

It takes two readings for the bylaws, and three for the constitution.

Suggestions for the good of the order:

Kathy Howe-Drysdale noted that Some of our lifetime members have passed away. Kathy Howe-Drysdale has moved that they need to be put on our membership rolls as “deceased”. Just a housekeeping order. Pat Seconded; Motion passed.

Further discussion on when we can fill out show bucks. Held over to February meeting.

Motion made by Celia to adjourn.

Seconded by:

Motion passed.

8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Kimball