Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 18th 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

Present were: **President**: George Houston **Vice President**: Dianne Miller **Exec Sec & Treas**: Barbara Miller

Officers present were from: Dunedin, Orlando, Volusia, Brandon, Bradenton, & St. Pete (Skyped in).

George welcomed everyone to the games and the meeting and thanked them for their support.

He also explained that we (the Exec. Comm.), are here to work for you.

As a reminder for the renewals, all the renewals & new members enrolled by Jan. 31st, the chapter will receive a renewal rebate of 25% of that total.

It was voted on that the renewal cards & certificates for new members will be mailed to the Chapter Presidents for hand out at the meetings. If the member does not make it to the meeting, the chapter President will mail it to their home.

George also reminded the chapter Presidents to use the NWC email that we have set up; this is <u>very</u> important as this is the main means of quickly getting information out to the chapters & for the chapters to communicate with the Executive Committee.

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee includes: Angela Hinkle, Volusia; Sunshine Schulenberg, Orlando & Brian Hall, Dunedin.

George brought up the question as to whether or not we still want the Exec Committee to give out scholarships directly. Discussion ensued and those officers present decided they would rather they review scholarships & decide which ones will receive the scholarships & the Exec. Comm. will write out the check to those recipients. The out of state applications will be donated in the name of the Rovers.

As the EC is now only directly responsible for the Dan Callahan Scholarship, these will be the only applications the Scholarship Committee will be responsible for reviewing.

Once the monies from the renewals are calculated, approximately 25% of those funds, subject to budget approval, will go towards scholarships for the chapters to decide on the recipients, and the Exec. Committee will cut the check. It can either be mailed directly to the recipient (best in time sensitive cases) or if you want to present the check at your meeting, it can be mailed to you (already written out to the recipient).

VOTE: Sunshine motioned, Todd 2nded & it was approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet

Dec 31, 2013

ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings	
105 CHECKING	3,857.12
Total Checking/Savings	3,857.12
Total Current Assets	3,857.12
TOTAL ASSETS	3,857.12
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities Current Liabilities Other Current Liabilities	
410 MEMBERSHIPS-PREPAID	945.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	945.00
Total Current Liabilities	945.00
Total Liabilities	945.00
Equity 575 NET ASSETS Unrestricted Net Assets Net Income Total Equity	171.94 4,343.46 (1,603.28) 2,912.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,857.12

Profit & Loss

January through December 2013

	Jan - Dec 13	% of Income
Ordinary Income/Expense Income 640 FUNDRAISING 601 DUES 610 T-SHIRT INCOME 699 MISCELLANEOUS	538.00 10,914.25 716.58 0.53	4.4% 89.7% 5.9% 0.0%
Total Income	12,169.36	100.0%
Cost of Goods Sold 760 CELTIC CONVENTION 701 DUES KICK-BACKS 705 HIGHLAND GAMES 710 FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS Total COGS	283.00 1,842.50 999.92 4,165.13 7,290.55	2.3% 15.1% 8.2% 34.2% 59.9%
Gross Profit	4,878.81	40.1%
Expense 805 BANK FEES 856 OFFICE SUPPLIES 859 POSTAGE 883 TAXES & LICENSES 898 WEBSITE Total Expense	103.88 1,544.72 252.32 156.25 474.92 2,532.09	0.9% 12.7% 2.1% 1.3% 3.9% 20.8%
Net Ordinary Income	2,346.72	19.3%
Other Income/Expense Other Expense 900 SCHOLARSHIPS	3,950.00	32.5%
Total Other Expense	3,950.00	32.5%
Net Other Income	(3,950.00)	(32.5) %
Net Income	(1,603.28)	(13.2) %

Budget

By mid to end of Feb. we should have an outline of the budget, once all dues have been paid & the 25% rebate is completed.

• The new budget will need to have Travel Expenses included for the 3 EC officers to get to the different games that you have told us you want us to attend; this will be for gas, hotel rooms & entry into the event.

This past year we have used the funds to purchase a laptop for the Secretary, to be handed over to the successor of that office.

Merchandise: We have had T-shirts made through Manatee Apparel, window decals, and coozies for sale. The exact numbers are in the treasurer's report.

New World Celts Kids

Dawn Evans is the new Chairperson of NWC Kids

- Someone else will take care of the kids in Dunedin
- Guidelines for how the NWC Kids will work/what they will do
- Goal will be to teach the kids about their/our heritage
- NWC Kids started in 2009
- Will add a line item for the kids in the budget
- For Dawn to help any chapters that wish to have NWC Kids in their own chapter

Todd motioned, Shawn 2nded that once Dawn has the above mentioned documentation we will vote on making the New World Celt Kids (NWCK) for each chapter that is interested, with Dawn as the chairperson for the NWCK and reporting to the Exec. Committee. Each chapter will have its own local chair of the NWCK to handle the day to day or monthly events/activities for the kids. The chapter chairperson will work within their chapter and report to the chapter officers and relay that info to Dawn, who will report to Exec. Committee.

VOTE: Todd motioned, Shawn 2nded; motion carried

College Celts-Brandon Chapter

- Will cost \$150.00 to open club
- the VP of Brandon will be going to find out more specifics
- Already have a professor or advisor for the group

Vote tabled till we have more information available & further discussion

INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE VP - DIANNE MILLER

George introduced Dianne to the officers present and explained her work with the Volunteer Spot

- All chapters will be able to use the Volunteer spot for events they are working
- Chapter VP's will be responsible for setting up the page
- VP's need to send Dianne an email for set up
- We pay \$20.00 per month so all chapters have access
 - o http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/12552109460103
- Dianne's email is ExecVP@NewWorldCeltsInc.org if you have any questions

Just a reminder that our terms will be up in November (for all 3 of us) and Dianne will not be running again as VP. George still hasn't decided if he will run or not and I will be running for Secretary again.

Scholarships

Dan Callahan Scholarship

George was asking for more bio info on Dan to include in the scholarship application.

The scholarship will be for \$500.00 and for just one person, it is to be used for Irish culture (dance, music, poetry, etc...) and the deadline for applications will be March 1st, the scholarship winner will be announced on St Patrick's Day. Applications will be available online at the website.

UPDATE: There was a delay in revising the applications so we had to push back the deadlines to June 1st for submitting the application & that it will be awarded on July 10th, the anniversary of Dan's passing.

VOTE: Todd motioned that we approve the scholarship, Shawn 2nded, motioned carried

- The Clay County Sherriff's Dept. is asking for a grant (Barbe will check into this more at the Jax games)
- Youth scholarships are still to be awarded in June (chosen by each chapter)
- Adult scholarships will be awarded in August (chosen by each chapter)

Newsletter

Chapter Secretaries can write a piece & select photos then send it to EC Secretary who will compile them and create the newsletter unless we can find someone to take on the job.

By Chapter News

Dunedin-

- 153 renewed members by Dec 31st
- 8 Committees
- 5 kilt nights planned so far

Bradenton

- New pub for meetings
- Several kilt nights planned

Volusia

- Ormond Beach Games/Festival
 - o MC needed

Orlando

Quilt winner

Brandon

- Rathkeltair kilt night coming up-date & more info coming soon
- New Hillsborough County games--- 9/27/14
 - Need 3 sponsors, George will help him as well as Mary Sloan & Todd MacClinchey
- Whiskey tasting
- Kilt nights
- Ceili

St. Pete

- Ceili at Mac & Faye's
- Theme meeting
- Game night

Celtic Convention

Start thinking about the Celtic Convention and ideas for it

- One idea to ponder is that a different chapter host it every year
- EC will set a budget & approve expenses
- It will be moved each year
- Possible a cruise
- Would you prefer just having a meeting?

The top ideas will go out via email for a vote.

Thank you all for attending

Motion made since we were all freezing that we adjourn, all loudly agreed!

6:03 meeting adjourned.