

Official Minutes Approved by the Board on Saturday, November 12, 2011

Palo Alto – Mountain View Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting, 10:00AM on October 8, 2011 at Dave Kocharhook's Office, 4320 Stevens Creek Blvd, Suite 171, San Jose, CA

Attendance:

President Dave Kocharhook, Secretary Ian Marshall, Past-President Mark Torrance, Marketing Vice-President John Heather, Program Vice-President Gary Miller, Treasurer Dave Morley, Director Steve Sammonds

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:02 AM.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting on September 17, 2011 were approved with a correction to the spelling of Stevens Creek Blvd.

Reports

Reports from the Treasurer, Music Vice-President, and Chapter Development Vice-President were accepted unanimously. No reports were presented from the Program Vice-President or Marketing Vice-President. There was a question raised about whether or not the chapter receives dues from Youth members new to the society, the Secretary will clarify this point with the Barbershop Harmony Society and report back to the board.

Old Business

Singing Valentines Pricing

Dave Morley presented data about prices and sales for Singing Valentines for the years 2006-2011. A motion was made to charge a \$50 flat fee base price for Singing Valentines in 2012, with the possibility for charging above that price for providing services beyond the basic Singing Valentine. The motion passed.

Chairmen for 2012 Division Contest

The Nomination Committee is working to find a suitable chairman or chairmen for the 2012 division contest.

Cabaret Update

Chapter quartet SPAM will be the headliner quartet for the Cabaret shows in 2011. Cabaret Chair Mark Torrance will continue to search for a guest act. This year the Cabaret advertisement mailed to the public will have an 'opt-in' possibility for remaining on the mailing list that will act as a guide for reducing the chapter mailing list in the future along with data about past purchases.

E-mail Policy

A motion regarding a new policy for the chapter e-mail list that was postponed at the September 17 board meeting was revisited. A motion was made to amend that

motion to read "Chapter mailing lists should be reconfigured so that only the President and individuals appointed by the President may send messages to the official chapter mailing list, and other chapter members must have their messages moderated by these individuals before forwarding them to the entire chapter." The motion passed. President Dave Kocharhook will consult the chapter about this policy before its implementation, and in the event of protest by chapter members revisit the policy with the board prior to implementation. A motion was made to further clarify this policy in the following statement:

"Whereas we find the chapter mailing list has in recent months been used for a broad range of messages and purposes, some of which have been perceived by a large cross-section of chapter members as being inappropriate, we hereby adopt the following motion.

We will change the chapter mailing list to a moderated list, with the moderators being appointed at the discretion of the President. Moderators have the discretion to judge the appropriateness of each message as to content, relevance to the chapter or chorus, and positive or neutral tone. The purpose of this chapter email list is for announcements and messages relating to official chapter business and events. Messages should be phrased in a positive way to contribute to the well-being of the chapter."

The motion passed.

New Business

Barbershopper of the Quarter

Barbershoppers of the Quarter for quarters 2 and 3 of 2011 were decided upon in two separate motions.

Uniforms for a Growing Chorus

Dave Kocharhook will form a committee to develop a new uniform concept for the chapter and will report back to board.

Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY)

Dave Kocharhook will begin talking to former Barbershoppers of the Year to have them decide on a BOTY for 2011.

Installation Dinner

Richard Lund has agreed to act as installing officer at the Chapter Installation Dinner on January 7, 2012.

Half Moon Bay Talent Show

A motion was made to perform at a Talent Show in Half Moon Bay on January 8, 2012. Steve Sammonds will perform an informal e-mail poll to determine how much interest there is in this performance. The motion was postponed until a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM