

Minutes July 13, 2013

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Palo Alto - Mountain View Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting, 10:00 AM on July 13, 2013 at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

**Attendance:**

President Dave Kocharhook, Secretary Bill Faught, Treasurer Dave Morley, Music VP Terry Moore, Member-at-Large Jim Sherman, Chapter Member Rob Morgan, Program VP Bert Laurence, Member-at-Large Jeff Harris, Development VP John Hinkle, Member-at-Large Mark Torrence.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from the previous board meeting on June 8, 2013 were approved without change.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

We received a check for over \$1400 for riser rentals for the risers at Cubberly. This is great news since we pay only about \$600 per year to store them there. We are still waiting for the Spring Show deposit to be returned.

**Music VP Report**

There was a discussion of how songs are added to and removed from the repertoire. Members should let their section leaders know what songs are their favorites to sing.

**Chapter Development VP Report**

The Singer's Clinic is slated to start September 10 and go for 6 weeks. If Paul cannot make some of the clinic sessions, Steve and Mark will cover for him.

**Marketing VP Report**

Report submitted with no discussion.

**Program VP Report**

The makeup of the Holiday Chorus and the menu of chapter meeting snacks were added to the agenda (see below).

A motion to accept the reports was approved without dissent.

## **Old Business**

**Sammonds Contract** - The goal of the discussion was to finalize the contract so it can be signed by August 1. There were discussions on wording of various sections and compensation. John Hinkle will update the contract and email it to board members. It is hoped that it can be approved by the board at a chapter meeting before August 1.

**New Website** – The new website under development has been updated with the feedback given over the last month. The board members should review the website once more. We have a goal to have the website contents stored in the cloud so changes can be made by several people, e.g. in response to marketing programs for shows.

## **New Business**

**Barbershopper of the Quarter (Q2 of 2013)** – The Barbershopper of the Quarter was chosen by the board.

**Spring Show 2014 Update** – The script is being worked on. A quartet and a venue have been selected. We are looking for a show chairman.

**Cabaret 2013 Update** – The date for the fall Cabaret show is November 16. Jim Turner is the show chairman. Food options are still open. Several board members noted that when we serve lasagna we are taking advantage of a lot of chorus knowledge because we have successfully served it so often in the past.

**Date for Installation Dinner** – This is now scheduled for the weekend of January 11-12, 2014. We will have it in January to avoid holiday season social conflicts.

**Make up of Holiday Chorus** – The discussion centered on the tradeoff of having non-members sing with the chorus or not – between the recruiting tool of including Singer's Clinic members vs having a few singers that substantially lower our singing quality. One idea was reserve some performances (e.g. Filoli) to members only.

Al Ward was reconfirmed as the chapter member who makes bookings, with the exception of Bert Laurence who books Holiday gigs.

A motion was passed to approve in advance any bookings that Al Ward and Steve Sammonds jointly approve of.

**Snacks at Chapter Meeting Breaks** – The Program VP will discuss snack policy with the members and with the guys that are providing snacks, looking for ways to simplify the offerings.

**Director Absences** – Director Steve Sammonds may be absent for several chapter rehearsal meetings this fall, so a discussion ensued about how to best fill his absences. The board leaned towards having other barbershop directors lead us in order to broaden our perspectives.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24.