

# Granite State Carriage Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020

Members present:

Jean Harvey, President, Eric Wilkings, VP, Neil Harvey, Treasurer, Sandy Sims, Secretary, Cindy Schlener, Director, Connie Moses, Director, Sonja Cahill, Advisor, Joanna Bligh, Communications and Publicity

Meeting called to order by Jean at 7:18 pm. Quorum met

Previous meeting minutes discussed and motion by Eric to accept as amended, Cindy seconded.

Membership report: 2019:177 members, 2020 75 at present

Comment made to remind Leah Valladares to get an updated membership list for her event. Non members need to go on waiting list. Sonja opened “waiting list only” subject for general discussion.

Neil gave a Financial Report update. Checking account has \$3668.00, \$13,000.00 in the Money Market account. BOD Discussion regarding insurance, then followed by flu discussion. Concerns that Annual Meeting may need to be postpone or cancelled. 2020 Budget discussion: Jean feels that proposed budget is ok. Connie feel website budget may not be enough as it includes Go2Mtg. Eric motioned to accept budget as proposed and Cindy seconded.

Neil made a donation to Northern Rail Trail, and verified that GSCA is group #17 on the NEHT.

Communication report: Joanna sent a follow up report on our Sleigh Day event to several publications.

Nominations: Sonja has sent out ballots, Leslie Baxter sent out a reminder via Eric. It was felt that most ballots are brought to the AM.

Old Business: Dave Herrick will do a presentation of his recent driving vacation. Sonja feels 15 minutes is too short a time for a presentation.

Auction format will stay the same. Any leftovers, we will ask for an offer.

Discussion re:2019 AM minutes, do we need hard copies printed? Neil will print, Neil will offer a minimum budget document for AM. Perhaps 50 copies each was suggested. Sonja felt printing copies was unnecessary and would save time as concerns were voiced about the overall length of the AM.

Donation discussion: Plan to do them after the AM.

Eric recommends:

Snowmobile donation for Sleigh Day helpers  
NHHC

Sonja opened discussion on GSCA gifts/thank you/prizes

MVP-\$50

Most participation \$50

Door prizes

Gift cards \$25

Outgoing officer \$50

Cindy made a motion to accept above suggestions, Eric seconded.

Eric asked about using nametags. All agreed "yes."

Discussion regarding Summer BBQ, postpone? And any new events or "Join-ups."

Decision to carry discussion forward to next meeting.

New Business: As of this time, Go2 Mtg recordings go to Jean's email only. Suggestion made to make the secretary 'the organizer' so that recordings will automatically go to that email address, thus making clarification of meeting discussion easier when writing meeting minutes.

Discussion of Corporate Sponsorship: Perhaps \$100 fee. Needs a referral and/or website. Jean questioned the incentive. Would we add a line mention? Cindy and Connie felt it would significantly add to their workload and were not supportive of idea. Eric questioned if it would create an insurance concern. Overall decision to not have a corporate sponsorship, basic KISS principal.

Discussion of what to do with the Flu Epidemic crisis looming before us:

Cancel? Lower turn out for sure. Blazer commitment- are we locked in, postpone, loss of money.? Jean will verify details with Blazer and let us know. Info re: decision will be posted, emailed, placed on FB so all will know. If cancelled, any meals deposits will be returned.

Next scheduled meeting will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Eric made motion to adjourn meeting and Cindy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

**Respectfully submitted, Sandy Sims, Secretary**

(April 30<sup>th</sup>,2020 by Officers )