

MINUTES OF THE BURNT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday March 30, 2014

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Franklin Call Clarinda Koh Dan Muirhead Jenny Jen Cory MacDonald Michael Everson Laura Weller Priya Sarin Chriz Miller Tina Vinogradov Michael Vinogradov Cheryl Sheppard Kim Brilliant Paul Fegan Paula Fegan Benny	None

Location – Elephant and Castle, 378 Yonge Street

0. Call to Order: Sunday March 30, 2014 at 2:30PM

1. Introduction (Franklin)

(A) Overview of the Agenda

(B) Year in Review

a. Changes with the Board of Directors

- Cory's last day as Treasurer on the Board of Directors
- New members of the Board of Directors: Michael Everson and Dan Muirhead
- New Art Grant Officer: Cheryl Sheppard
- New Quartermaster: Franklin Call
- New Web Guru: Drew Carmichael
- New Town Crier: Boris Giller

b. MooseMan 2013

- Great work by Mmmike with clearing of the land
- Board of Directors dealt with an issue involving damage of some machinery during land clearing

- The event had a \$12.41 loss

c. Decompression 2013

- Lead by Daniel Girard
- Total attendance of 750+
- Profit of approximately \$13,000
- Average profit of past events (excluding significant loss from an event) has been \$3,000
- Two concerns:
 - i. One lost jacket
 - ii. One broken coat rack
- Lessons learned:
 - i. Keep a contingency fund for each event in case of loss or damages
 - ii. When we run the bar the event makes a profit, unlike events where the venue runs the bar

2. Financials (Cory)

- (A) The BurnT bank account has \$22,689.78
- (B) A separate bank account was setup for events to allow the leads to access funds as necessary, along with Treasurer oversight
- (C) Cory took over for Kim as Treasurer in 2013. He has followed Kim's process of tracking all transactions in a spreadsheet. He has since migrated the spreadsheet to Google Drive.
- (D) The Board engaged the services of a bookkeeper and accountant to complete the taxes for 2013.
- (E) The Board is to keep a slush fund in order to pay for events.
- (F) Discussions:
 - a. Recurring Art
 - Laura indicated this is one of the GLC topics
 - Riskee Ball (Seth and team) went to Boston
 - Franklin shared it was a topic of discussion at the NE Leadership
 - b. The Board of Directors has approved Art Grants outside of BurnT to enable other regional groups to bring art to Toronto
 - c. The Board of Directors has planned to set aside funds to cover events in reference to a question from Kim regarding liquidity.
- (G) Event organisers should not reimburse themselves from proceeds. All funds should go through the bank. Doing otherwise can make it look like money has gone missing and complicates bookkeeping. This has been an ongoing problem.
- (H) Review of Financial Statements 2012 to 2013 (Cory)
- (I) Review of Financial Statements 2013 to 2014 and transactions for March (Cory)

3. Presentation of Resolutions (Priya)

Resolution 1: Donation to BRAF – Proposed by Seth Hardy

Counter Proposal: Chriz opened a discussion with Seth about a counter proposal to donate funds to Burners Without Borders. Chriz is assisting Joe Laslo's family with dispensation of Joe's circus equipment to a worthy group, Sketch. Sketch is a Toronto circus organization that assists at-risk youth by teaching them circus skills. The funds would go to Sketch through Burners Without Borders to assist with the funding of their program.

Discussion: The question was raised whether we could donate the funds to BRAF who would then dispense them to Sketch. Cory pointed out that the counter proposal was submitted after a deadline. It was pointed out that a NAY vote would not mean the resolution would be ignored, but that the Board of Directors would be given time to research the counter proposal and review the alternative.

The community indicated that they wanted to support either/both BWB or/and BRAF and agreed wholeheartedly with Seth's proposal in principle. The primary view expressed was that a donation to a local non-profit via BWB might have more impact.

Resolution 2: Changes to By-Laws for Quorum – Proposed by Cory MacDonald

Cory summarized some of the changes:

Article III, section 9: A change to 3/5 quorum allows for some flexibility and matches the number of directors on the board

Article III, section 15: A change to have resolutions for the AGM acceptable until 3 weeks prior to the meeting. The original wording stated that the resolutions be accepted until 7 days after the announcement of the AGM.

Article IV, section 25: A formatting change to add (a) to the text.

Resolution 3: Publication of Minutes – Proposed by Priya Sarin

Priya explained the change to make available the minutes of board meetings upon request. Another change would be to publish the records of decisions from meetings within 30 days of the meetings, excluding sensitive topics such as assault.

Discussion: The Board of Directors meets monthly and the minutes of a given meeting would be published after the following meeting. Laura raised a concern that the publication of the minutes would be late when related to time-sensitive topics. Kim pointed out that the guideline is to publish the minutes within 30 days of the meeting.

Vote Taken:

Resolution 1: FAIL
Resolution 2: PASS
Resolution 3: PASS

4. Introduction of New Officers and Board Members (Franklin)

Michael Everson – Board of Directors. Mike has been with the community for 2.5 years and active with Totenkitten and Site 3.

Dan Muirhead – Board of Directors. Dan has been active with the community for 5-6 years, DJs at various events and also spins fire.

Cheryl Sheppard – Art Grant Officer. Cheryl joined the community 4 years ago.

Franklin Call – Quartermaster

Drew Carmichael – Web Guru

Boris Giller – Town Crier

5. Upcoming Events

(A) Laura, Seth and Franklin will be attending the Burning Man Global Leadership Conference in San Francisco.

(B) Bunnarchy - April 19, 2014. The parade will end at Lunacy Cabaret. There is a possibility for a discount to Lunacy.

(C) FIGMENT Toronto - The weekend of July 26/27. Saturday will host the nighttime art featuring illuminated art and FIRE. There will be 2 fundraising events in the works for FIGMENT Toronto – a yard sale and a party event.

(D) Spring Urban Golf – Date TBD

(E) Mermaid Revel – Kim Brilliant and Kitty Kerosene have planned this for July and will start at the Aquarium.

(F) Atomic Lollipop – July 11 (Dan will be DJing at this event)

(G) Burner Newbie Picnic - TBD (July)

(H) MooseMan – August long weekend. The leads are Franklin Call and Dan Muirhead, and it will be held at the same location as last year.

6. General Business

(A) The Board of Directors has been looking at purchasing:

a. A small trailer (Class 3, budget about \$2,500)

b. Medical supplies (stretchers, etc.)

c. Walkie-talkies

5. Meeting Adjourned at 4:45PM

<p>Minutes Approved on:</p> <hr/>	<hr/> <p>Name: Michael Everson Title: Secretary</p>
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