

Minutes
Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation
Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 31, 2009
Chelo's Restaurant, Warwick

Attendance:

Tim Dutra, Cindy Averill, Chuck Averill, Michael Rice, Jane Gurzenda, Jeffrey Greer, Deb Imondi, Carol Roney, Beth Bennett, Robert Bennett, Kevin Breene, Dot Taylor, Walt Taylor, Marcia Morreira, Sande Horan, Kaitlyn Horan, Alicia Cranston, Clarice Coleman, Irene Nebiker, Joe Hunt, Heather Hunt, Whitney Bancroft, Steve DelPozzo, Frank Zasloff, Henry Wright, Susanna Camacho, Dave Burham, and Virginia Gobeli.

Meeting called to order after lunch at 1:45 pm by President Steve DelPozzo.

Introductions: Steve introduced Michael Rice, URI Fisheries Professor and State Representative.

Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved.

Memorial Funds Report – Whitney Bancroft

Whitney reviewed the memorial funds for the 2008 year. Report was included in member packet.

Year-end Financial Report – Susanna Camacho

Susanna reviewed investments. At this time there is unrealized losses but may improve as the market economy improves.

Susanna reviewed the 2008 Budget briefly indicating proposed and actual expenditures. Income was below budgeted proposal. Although expenses were not up to original proposed amount, expenses exceeded income.

Foundation funded 4-H Program Report – Marcia Morreira

In addition to the detailed program report in the member packet, Marcia reported that there was a significant increase in record books this year. There was also an increase in attendance at the Awards Banquet, from around 230 to over 300. There was good participation at Eastern States with the help of the Foundation.

The financial support for Club grants has been very helpful in providing educational programs and community service projects. This year the foundation funded 11 club grants.

Foundation Development Activities and Funding

Whitney reported that donations were down considerably over the past year. He provided some insight into the nature of giving – with the base of support being in the middle of the giving spectrum.

Whitney also reported that he will be retiring and that there is a need to locate someone to take the role of Executive Director. He will be working with the personnel committee and Dave Burnham, the incoming President.

Donor Recognition – Dave Burnham

Special recognition was given to Deb Imondi and Kevin Breene for their long term commitment of support for the 4-H Foundation. In addition recognition was given to all those present who have contributed to the Foundation. Virginia Gobeli was recognized for her service as Secretary this past year.

New Business – Dave Burnham

Kevin Breene, David Burnham, Catherine DelPozzo, Timothy Dutra, Deborah Imondi, Mark Tourgee, Chris Watson and Henry Wright were nominated for three-year terms Hillary Breene, Megan Garcia and Cara Woloohojiam were nominated for one-year terms.

Rebecca Silviera was nominated for Secretary for one year term.

Susanna Camacho was nominated for one year term.

No nominations form the floor.

Irene Nebiker moved to accept the nominations, Second by Frank Zasloff. Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm

David provided recognition to Steve DelPozzo in appreciation of his service as President for the past two years and to Virginia Gobeli for her service as Secretary.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Gobeli

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Minutes were approved. Moved by Frank Zasloff and second by Cindy Averill.

No Old Business

New Business

2009 Budget Proposal - Susanna Camacho

Susanna presented the proposed budget for 2009.

The income #445 shows a transfer of \$20,000 to operations in January.

Dave Burnham moved to accept, second Cindy Averill, passed

Nominating Committee Report – David Burnham

David Burnham for President – one year

Frank Zasloff, Vice President – one year

Stephen DelPozzo, for Executive Committee – three years

Kevin Breene, for Executive Committee – three years.

Irene Nebiker moved to close nominations for the floor, Joe Hunt second, passed

Frank Zasloff moved to accept the slate of officers, Heather Hunt second – passed

Dave took over as President

Committee Assignments

Dave and Whitney discussed the need for members to sign up for committee responsibility. Whitney handed our forms to turn in before leaving. Committee assignments will be made at the Executive Council meeting February 4th.

Whitney also handed out the current board list.

Meeting schedule:

Executive Council meeting February 4th at Steve's

Board meetings – March, May, June, September, November

Other Business

Dave handed out an article from the Providence Journal on Boards and Board membership.

David provided recognition to Steve DelPozzo in appreciation of his service as President for the past year.

Jeff move to adjourn the meeting, second by Frank.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Gobeli