

January 17, 2012

Chicago Marine Aquarium Society

General Business Meeting Minutes

Date Meeting Held: January 14, 2012

Date of Minutes Approval: January 18, 2012

Board Members Present: Robert Sosolik, Ed Snoble

Trustees Present: Tony Surma

Old Business:

1. Mr. Sosolik discussed to parties in attendance the ongoing plans for the Marine Aquatics Conference of Illinois (MACI).
 - A. CMAS has rented the Mega Exhibit Hall at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles Illinois.
 - B. CMAS has blocked out approximately 40 rooms for guest speakers and for vendors. The cost for vendor rooms was included in the booth costs.
 - C. CMAS has contracted with PMMG to provide audio and visual services at the event.
 - D. Ticket printing concerns were addressed including the procedure for procurement of competitive bids and the inclusion of sponsorship logos on the tickets.
 - E. Volunteers are still needed to assist at the event as well as in the upcoming weeks until the event.

2. Mr. Snoble presented a power point presentation to address the change of corporate status and financial records for the organization. (Presentation made available on CMAS website).
 - A. Previous board members received correspondence from the State of Illinois regarding the revocation of the not-for-profit status earlier in the year. That information was forwarded to current administration sometime around July.
 - B. The status of the not-for-profit corporation was revoked due to laws that went into effect in 2006 requiring the filing of tax documents for the organization, documents which could not be verified as being filed.
 - C. CMAS sought the consultation of a business advisor and attorney in regard to the appropriate correction action to take.

- D. It was determined that due to the lack of ability to verify previous club business to refile the corporation in full. This was also a cheaper route than trying to reinstate the not-for-profit status.
- E. Prior club operating funds were rolled into the new account. This action requires a vote of members.

*****MOTION TO ROLL FUNDS TO NEW ACCOUNT MADE BY ED SNOBLE*****

*****MOTION SECONDED BY ROBERT SOSOLIK*****

******AYE VOTES: UNANIMOUS******

*****MOTION CARRIES*****

- F. The club has also made minor adjustments to the current by-laws to accommodate the name change of the organization and to add sections to address recent issues. (New by-laws are presented on CMAS website, changes denoted by red text).

*****MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO CLUB BYLAWS MADE BY ROBERT SOSOLIK*****

*****MOTION SECONDED BY ED SNOBLE*****

******AYE VOTES – UNANIMOUS******

*****MOTION CARRIES*****

New Business:

- 3. Robert Sosolik appointed two interim board members to the senior board to fill vacant positions as specified in the club by-laws. Mr. Sosolik polled the membership for objections prior to appointment; no objections by members or the senior board were presented. Carl Kmiec was appointed to Vice President and Jacob Carlile was appointed to Secretary.
- 4. Meeting adjourned

-Jacob Carlile

Secretary

The forgoing represents the author, Jacob Carlile – Secretary, best understanding of the recorded events of the meeting. Information presented does not represent quotations of parties in attendance but general understandings of concepts and points of interest. Application for correction to the provided amendments can be made by emailing news@cmas.net.