

# Minutes of the PMA Association Board Meeting

## June 13, 2020 – Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

The meeting was opened in due form at 12:59 PM with President Dave Donahue (Elizabethtown 596) presiding.

The opening prayer was delivered by Prelate Chris Baker (Dixonville 833), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Donahue.

The roll of officers was taken, and all answered except Mooseheart Board of Directors Chairman Joe Koons, PSG/PSP (Danville 1133), Junior Past International Moose Legion President Ron Maley, PIP/PSP (Chicora 962) and International Moose Legion Ambassador George Platzer (Osceola Mills 154), all of whom were excused.

The minutes of the Association Board meeting held December 14, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg were read. A motion was made by District 12 President Bob Price (Verona 250) and seconded by District 10 President Shane Hart (Youngwood 23) to approve the minutes as read. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

The financial report, including the balance sheet for the period ending May 31, 2020 and the Accounts Receivable report as of June 13, 2020, was read by Treasurer Rookie Chroniger (McSherrystown 720). A motion was made by District 14 Secretary Ron Huff (Chicora 962) and seconded by International Moose Legion Ambassador Dan Pavone (Willow Grove 1101) to approve the financial report. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

### Items of Business

- Secretary Shawn Baile (Chickies Rock 307) presented the following contracts for approval:
  - Mooseheart Graduation/Pilgrim Conferral at Comfort Inn in Geneva, IL (June 2021)
  - Mid-Year Conferences at Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg (March 2022, March 2023, March 2024, and March 2025)
  - Association Conventions at Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg (August 2022, August 2023, August 2024, and August 2025)

A motion was made by District 13 President Sereno Reck III (New Kensington 53) and seconded by District 15 Junior Past President Steve Alfieri (East Erie 593) to approve all contracts. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- Secretary Baile presented the proposed 2020-2021 Association budget. Due to a shortfall, the Executive Committee has proposed borrowing \$150,000 from the Wells Fargo investments to make up the shortfall and repay funds to the investment account as Association dues payments are received from lodges. It was suggested that any withdrawals be done in small amounts as needed rather than one lump sum withdrawal. A motion was made by Supreme Junior Governor Bruce Berger, PIP/PSP (Sellersville 1539) and seconded by Supreme Councilman Brian Toseki, PSP (Muncy Valley 866) to

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approve the proposed budget with the plan of multiple withdrawals from the Wells Fargo investments as needed, and the withdrawals being treated as loans to the Association and repaid upon receipt of Association dues payments. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- The list of District Presidents elected by their respective districts for 2020-2021 were read:

○ District 1	William Dougherty (Willow Grove 1101)
○ District 2	John Van Buskirk (Stroudsburg 1336)
○ District 3	James Schneider (Huntingdon 223)
○ District 4	Benjamin Snyder (Sunbury 181)
○ District 5	John Bobroski (Tower City 1603)
○ District 6	Randy Reichert (Hanover 227)
○ District 7	Joseph Lee IV (Elkland 746)
○ District 8	Larry Bosworth (Port Allegany 460)
○ District 9	Douglas Redfern (Bellefonte 206)
○ District 10	Ernie Santmyer (Scottdale 194)
○ District 11	John Van Meter (Waynesburg 461)
○ District 12	Dr. Nathan Savitz (Verona 250)
○ District 13	Sereno Reck III (New Kensington 53)
○ District 14	James Smith (New Castle 51)
○ District 15	Randy Covell (Titusville 84)

A motion was made by District 5 President John Bobroski (Tower City 1603) and seconded by District 10 President Hart to approve the incoming District Presidents. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- The names of those being appointed as Association Committee Chairmen for 2020-2021:

○ Activities	James Colton (Canton 429)
○ Arthritis	Donald Zechman (Middleburg 1229)
○ Audit	William Gumbinger (Marysville 107)
○ By-Laws	Thomas Wells (Elkland 746)
○ Convention	Robert Zelinski, PSP (Galeton 826)
○ Credentials	Ronald Babbie (Wilmerding 86)
○ Family Picnic	Chalmer Kline (Lewistown 143)
○ Fellowship	Charles Henn (Hamburg 523)
○ Finance	Bruce Berger (Sellersville 1539)
○ Fraternal Education	Cindy Schilling (Ebensburg Chapter 2186)
○ Fundraising	George "Eddie" Hopkins (North East 2568)
○ Government Relations	William Gumbinger (Marysville 107)
○ Heart of the Community	George "Rookie" Chroniger (McSherrystown 720)
○ Historical	Richard Charles (Punxsutawney 954)
○ Hospitality	Richard King (Huntingdon 223)

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- Incorporation Shawn Baile (Chickies Rock 307)
- Marketing William Lennert (Hays 1436)
- Membership John Dunkleberger (Williamsport 145)
- Memorial Service Jeffery Lechner (St. Mary's 146)
- Moose Charities Brian Toseki (Muncy Valley 866)
- Moose of the Year David Donahue (Elizabethtown 596)
- Moose Riders Bud Balliet (Lewistown 143)
- Moosehaven Admissions Charles Staley (Sellersville 1539)
- Mooseheart Admissions David Donahue (Elizabethtown 596)
- Past Presidents Joseph Koons (Danville 1133)
- Photographer Joseph Lee IV (Elkland 746)
- Pilgrim Stanley Adams (Greenville 276)
- Publications Vincent Conforti (Sutersville 1358)
- Ratings J. Thomas Foltz (Elizabethtown 596)
- Registration James Strelecki (Sellersville 1539)
- Resolutions Timothy Zarpentine (Indiana 174)
- Rules & Order Douglas Attinger (Franklin 83)
- Safe Surfin' Ronald Murach (Tunkhannock 1276)
- Safety & Loss Prevention Edward "Chris" Baker (Dixonville 833)
- Scholarship Alfred Kabana (Irwin 236)
- Shining Star Stephen Krut (Elizabethtown 596)
- Sports James Colton (Canton 429)
- Veterans Ronald Huff (Chicora 962)
- Website Michael Sagel (Sellersville 1539)
- Youth Awareness Matthew Reik (Lewistown 143)

A motion was made by District 12 President Price and seconded by District 8 President Larry Bosworth (Port Allegany 460) to acknowledge the list of recommended appointees. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- Discussion was held regarding the Moose International virtual convention scheduled for June 25 & 26:
  - All qualified delegates wishing to have voting privileges must register online and pay a \$10.00 registration fee.
  - The schedule for sessions being held each day is posted on the Moose International website.
  - Voting on the amendments to the General Laws will open at the conclusion of the workshop and will remain open for 24 hours.
  - There is a link on the PMA website to all the virtual International Convention information.
- Incoming Supreme Governor Bruce Berger will visit lodges in the Association from July 16-19.

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- Reports were given by District Presidents, both those in attendance and those joining remotely via Zoom. A motion was made by International Moose Legion Ambassador Paul Chianese (Greenville 276) and seconded by International Moose Legion Ambassador Pavone to approve the reports. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.
- Reports were given for the following committees:
  - Finance – Chairman Bruce Berger, PIP/PSP reviewed how our investments have been affected during the three months since many operations were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Membership – Chairman John Dunkleberger explained the proposed membership campaign to the attendees.
  - Moose Charities – Chairman Brian Toseki, PSP has distributed the final reports for 2019-2020. He also encouraged the Association to close out the Schuylkill Home renovation project. He then reminded the attendees that the goal amounts for the Mooseheart Activity Center project will be the same for each of the three years.
  - Moose of the Year – Chairman Eddie Hopkins, PSP reminded the attendees that the deadline for lodges to submit the names of their candidates for Moose of the Year is July 15.
  - Heart of the Community – Chairman Rookie Chroniger informed the attendees that the Association raised \$9,283 for Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, which was the project associated with the 2020 Mid-Year Conference.

A motion was made by District 12 President Price and seconded by District 4 President Ben Snyder (Sunbury 181) to approve the committee reports. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- Secretary Baile provided a breakdown of monies returned from the 2020 PMA calendar fundraiser. The information will be provided to the districts.
- The list of lodges that have not yet responded to emails regarding registration fees paid for the 2020 Mid-Year Conference was shared with the attendees.
- The Association Board was informed that the Executive Committee wishes to extend the early payment discount deadline for Association dues to December 1 because of lodges not being able to operate due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The 2020 State Moose Riders Rally has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 rally will be held at McSherrystown 720, while the 2020 rally will be held in Stroudsburg. The raffle that was to be held in conjunction with the 2020 rally will still take place on August 15.
- Discussion was held regarding inviting the Women of the Moose to join the Association. The timeline would be as follows:
  - Straw poll of Association membership at 2020 Association Convention; extend invitation to WOTM if straw poll is favorable.

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- If WOTM are in favor of joining, WOTM headquarters will send letter to chapters with instructions on voting on the proposal.
- If WOTM approve the measure, the Association will receive dispensation to consider the matter at the 2021 Mid-Year Conference.
- District 13 President Reck asked about by-laws changes. The by-laws would have to be written to incorporate the necessary changes with WOTM as members.
- District 12 President Price asked if women would be eligible to run for the Executive Committee. They would be subject to the requirements outlined in the rewritten by-laws.

A motion was made by District 15 Junior Past President Alfieri and seconded by District 4 President Snyder to extend the invitation to the Women of the Moose to join the Association. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- Discussion was held regarding how to conduct the 2020 Association Convention under the guidelines currently in place. A PowerPoint discussing current guidelines, how to handle normal convention events, and registration was presented. Items discussed included:
  - No training classes will be held
  - All registration will have to be done in advance; no onsite registration
  - Rules & Order report can be distributed in advance
  - There will be no 5/25 Club party
  - The Fellowship Conferral will be moved to a stand-alone event in September or October
  - Memorial service, Shining Star presentation and cash bash will be based on attendance that is permitted
  - Because of current restrictions on size of events, individuals will be invited to register to ensure that we have proper representation per the Association by-laws, but still adhere to attendance guidelines
    - Past Supreme Governor Jim Fleming, PSG/PIP/PSP (Indiana 174) pointed out that Article VIII of the Association by-laws states that representation from 50% of the lodges in the Association constitutes a quorum.

A motion was made by Supreme Junior Governor Berger and seconded by International Moose Legion Ambassador Pavone to proceed with the convention plans as proposed. By the voting sign of the Order, the motion was approved.

- President Donahue presented the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award to Pennsylvania's nominee, Past Supreme Governor Jim Fleming, PSG/PIP/PSP.
- The following individuals were called up for remarks:
  - International Moose Legion Ambassador Paul Chianese
  - International Moose Legion Ambassador Dan Pavone
  - Past International Moose Legion President Shawn Baile
  - Past Supreme Governor Jim Fleming
  - Supreme Councilman Brian Toseki

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- Supreme Junior Governor Bruce Berger
- Vice President Ray Mausteller (Selinsgrove 1173)
- Prelate Chris Baker
- Junior Past President Eddie Hopkins
- Treasurer Rookie Chroniger

Prelate Baker delivered the closing prayer.

Being no further business, President Donahue adjourned the meeting at 4:53 PM.