

USARD Annual Meeting April 22, 2012 Heritage Hotel Lancaster Pa

Steve Young opened the meeting with congratulating every involved with the planning. He felt the Convention was a complete success. Bill McGrath also felt the Convention was a success. Bill especially was pleased with the "flow" of the Convention. Schedule of events were on a timely manner

Treasurer's Report 4/20/2012 Pre- Convention - Charlie Kammer

INFLOWS

2012 Convention	1,752.00
Membership Dues 2012	1,313.00
Membership Dues 2013	20.00
Total Inflows	3,085.00

OUTFLOWS

2012 Convention Refund	110.00
Ad for Convention 2012	450.00
Flowers	55.74
Rent Meeting Space	50.00
USARD Logo Shirts and Hats	756.00
Total Outflows	1421.74

OVERALL TOTAL 1663.26

Net Worth as of 4/20/2012 Pre-Convention

Bank Accounts

USARD	4591.86
Paypal	318.85
TOTAL	4910.71

Bylaws discussion

Steve brought up that at the first meeting in December 2008 in Pittsburg Pa Bylaws were discussed. Are the law posted anywhere. Joe Gillotti stated he had the bylaws and would post them on the Website.

Officers Elections

As stated in the bylaws Elections would be held every two years. Co-Presidents have been running for 3 years. Steve asked any ideas for Elections? John Flowers stated "If it's not broke don't fix it. General

consensus of Officers and members is that the Officers should remain the same. No changes on the Executive Committee. Bill McGrath also stated that if you attend the Corning Quarterly Meetings you are on the Executive Committee.

#### Membership Recruitment

Charlie reported 95 members 20 brand new members Membership is posted on the website Paul Mosley brought up a discussion on whether USARD had demographics of memberships. Charlie stated that membership is listed by zip codes. Steve brought up to continue the success of the website and Facebook for membership. John Flowers brought up the need for USARD brochures and passing them out at Drum Corps events. Charlie stated we do have brochures, but we need to get more active with them. Gary Rockwell stated again the idea "everyone should recruit one member each"

#### Website

Joe Gillotti stated the need for articles for the website. Also would add links for other groups Cadre News, DCI, DCA and Ancient Times

#### Open Discussion- Brainstorming

Steve Young brought up Tom Hannum suggestion of getting involved in Pasic. Fred Johnson is very supportive of Pasic. "Rudimental drumming is very strong in Pasic. Jeff Prosperie (Hell Cats) brought up that he was an Officer in Pasic. Stated that it would be difficult to get a Clinic, but not difficult to be able to Perform. Jeff stated this would be a good way to recruit new people.

Fred Johnson asked "What are we missing with Mass Drumming?" How could young people relate to Old Dan Tucker? Bill Messerschmidt reiterated the idea to get young people involved. "Old Tunes not a value to young people."

Paul Mosley brought up the idea of Competition, which Cadre is very successful at. Possibly for Friday Night. Young people like Competition

Eric Sheffler (Hell Cats) thought there was too much in too short of a time frame. Possibly 2hr blocks, 1 in the morning, 1 in the afternoon. Allow time to breath and conversation. Free Time! Opportunity for people to meet.

Jeff Prosperie (Hell Cats) "Don't be afraid to ask Drum Company's to participate!" Exhibitors, people want to see stuff. If they can't be there they will drop goods off. Like what Tom Hannum did.

#### New Business

Membership Fees- Gary Rockwell brought up that or fee was relatively cheap. We should consider raising the fee to 25.00 or 30.00. Bill McGrath stated that we would like to keep the fee affordable. The 20.00 fee would remain at this time. Would be discussed at Quarterly.

Business Fees – Charlie Kammer thought Vendor fees were cheap. Phyllis Gillotti of Black River Music Plus stated that BRMP and Cooperman actually lose money coming, it just a way of getting their name out there. Vendors and Corporations are different. Tabled for further discussion at Quarterly.

Location of 2013 Convention            3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April

Steve Young brought up that the Corning site was not suitable to our needs. Steve who worked in Corning was very familiar with this hotel. The Following Location were brought up;

Lancaster Pa

Rochester NY

Scranton Pa

Albany NY

Binghamton NY

Ben Curtis of The California Chapter brought up that the location should be close to a major airport for those coming long distances

Next Meeting    summer 2012 June or July TBD

Closing Remarks

Steve and Bill thanked everyone for attending. Also for a successful convention.

In Attendance: Bill McGrath, Steve Young, Charlie Kammer, Bill Hartmann, Bill Mojica, Joe Gillotti, Phyllis Gillotti, Gary Gillotti, John Flowers, John Bosworth, Gary Gay, Gary Rockwell, Eric Sheffler, Jeff Prosperie, William Calohan, Bill Cuthbert, Andrew Porter, Bill Messerschmidt, Ben Curtis, Fred Johnson, Paul Mosley