

USARD Board of Director's & Open Meeting

12 Noon, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013

In attendance: Bill McGrath, Gary Rockwell, Joe Gillotti, Charlie Kammer, Gary Gillotti, Bob Zarfoss, Bill Mojica, Nick Biscotti, Ron Church, Doug Morrow, John Bosworth, Bill Hartmann

1. Opening Remarks: Bill McGrath reviewed meeting's agenda and moved on to the reading of previous meeting's Minutes
2. Gary Gillotti read previous meeting from July meeting. Before accepted, changes need it to be made to the section on Officers and Advisory Board. Nick Biscotti has been added to the Advisory Board
Executive Committee
President – Bill McGrath
Vice President Gary Rockwell
External Affairs
Vice President Joe Gillotti
Membership
Treasurer Charlie Kammer
Secretary Gary Gillotti

Advisory Board has been identified by name. Members will be appointed by the President.

Bill McGrath appointed the following

Bill Mojica

Bill Hartmann

Ron Church

Bob Zarfoss

John Bosworth

Nick Biscotti

Minutes accepted

3. Treasurer's Report

Charlie Kammer presented USARD financial status. Report N/A on minutes
Convention, Stipends presented and discussed

4. Membership & Recruitment Report

Joe Gillotti / Bill Mojica

Joe brought up that we have 122 totals, 2 Complementary. Discussed that it would be important to send out membership renewal reminders, Charlie brought up that letters would be more personal. Gary Rockwell and Bill McGrath discussed the importance of all members of USARD to canvass the Convention for Full time members

5. Status and implementation of By-Laws, Gary Rockwell, Bob Zarfoss

1/31/2009 By-laws were adopted. Gary Rockwell and Bob Zarfoss are reviewing the edited By-laws to the Executive Committee and Advisory Board. Gary wanted to state that no changes were to be made just a review for spelling and syntax.

Items discussed

- a. 3 month rule nomination of Officers, before Convention.
- b. Must have Quarterly meeting either in person or on a conference call
- c. Membership, Lifetime, Charter and Honor members discussed
- d. Dues can be changed, do not need update to By-laws
- e. Dues will be renewed on Anniversary date, Joe will update software
- f. Discussion on setting up Chapters, US territories or international. Name change of association was brought up, but considered old business and tabled.
- g. Amendments to the By- laws must be brought to the Executive Committee and Advisory Board 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Needs two thirds vote for approval
- h. Annual Meeting will be on Saturday during the Convention(during breakdown session) instead of Sunday

6. New Business:

Doug Morrow is asking for membership lists and biographies. Wants to set up demographics

7. Old Business:

Convention set for for April 25–27, 2014 Crowne Plaza , Danbury, Ct

Bill McGrath presented a list of Potential “Performers and Clinicians”

Friday Night April 25th

New England Chapter and Stratford HS percussion

Saturday April 26th

Air Force Alumni

Frank Zappone

Bill Messersmidt

Lancraft drum line

Jon Wooten

NY Chapter

Hanover Lancers

Middle River Ancients

Skyliners?

Fred Johnson

Chet Dobe

Moodus

John Flowers

Scott Mitchell

Ct Patriots

St Lucys

Jon Quigg

Cadre

Break-Annual meeting

Dinner

Old Guard

HellCats

8. Registration and continued best practices by Charlie Kammer

Stop Date of Registration was agreed April 16 2014 .Welcome & Informational remarks moved to Friday rather than Saturday . Charlie requested that “everyone at the Convention should have a badge”. Registration fee should be raised to 80.00(includes meal) motion made and approved because of 5.00 increase in dinner. Programs need to be made up and distributed

9. Awards

a. Status of Lee Rigby Fund: Charlie Kammer is maintaining and collecting donations for the Lee Rigby Fund

b. The Steve Young Student Scholarship Award

Bill McGrath recommended that a letter be sent out to canvass students for the scholarship. Also brought up to

Take a collection at the Convention on Steve’s behalf. Stratford High? College students?

c. Annual Lifetime Achievement Award(s) 2014

Earle Sturtze

Les Parks

d. Honorary Membership(s) Award 2014

e. Warren Lee Student Stipend Award

Treasury has 350.00 marked for this award, one time only

f. Lifetime membership Award

g. Sonny Lyons award. Will be handled by the Lyons family

10. Website / Face Book Update Joe Gillotti

Joe gave an update on servicing and maintenance of Website

13. Status and development of adding of new and regular USARD sponsors

Was determined that the Business membership should be raised to 100.00
Bill McGrath again brought up we should all seek new sponsors.

14. Roundtable discussion final thoughts

John Bosworth "should have biographies for performers and clinicians"

Joe says we need to contact members, beyond email and website

Ron Church will develop poster for Lee Rigby Memorial Fund

Nick Biscotti and Bill Hartmann brought up the need to send out newsletter with normal mail. Not everyone has a computer

Gary Gillotti brought that we need to rent AV equipment . Gary Rockwell says no need he has everything we need

Bill McGrath brings up we should stay at location for at least 4 years . Gary Rockwell says 2 years.

Doug Morrow" we need to reach out to the younger crowd, through social media"

14. Next Meeting:

February 15 2014

15. Adjourn: