

MICHIGAN GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

January 16, 2009

Two Men and a Truck International Inc.

3400 Belle Chase Way

Lansing, MI 48911

Board Members Present: Diane Brown, Donna Erb, Michael Young, Michael Fraleigh, Joy Ebig, Marcia Smith

Present by Phone: Dawn Jacobs, Neelum Puri, Carol Henny, Pat Fosdick,

Board Members Not Present: Ron Lantz, Charlotte Bieri, Sue Darling, Georgia Callis, Alicia Chapman

Guest: Sister Marie Kopin via phone

Consultant:
Barb Fisher

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as presented

Moved: Donna Erb

Support: Michael Young

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve **September** minutes as presented

Moved: Diane Brown

Support: Donna Erb

Motion carried

Motion to approve **November** minutes as presented

Moved: Michael Young

Support: Diane Brown

Motion carried

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was given by Barb Fisher as Sue was not able to attend

Moved: Donna Erb

Support: Joy Ebig
Motion carried

Administrator's Report

As of Jan.2009 there are 140 paid members. 233 newsletters were sent out in December. MGA did very well at the Spring Conf. Let's keep this trend going!

Barb showed the spreadsheet program that she uses in Excel. She finds it an easy program to use and is willing to share it with Sue. A flash drive can be used and passed on to the next treasurer. Michael had some questions about ownership of the program.

Motion: Barb and Sue continue with the present program
Moved: Dawn Jacobs
Support: Carol Henny
Motion Carried

By-Laws

Ron was unable to attend, tabled until next meeting.

Communications

Diane received an email about securing an internet domain. Michael Young suggested checking with the present holder (Go Daddy). Barb will check on it.

Carol Henny received a letter from the MI Funeral Directors asking if we would like to vend at their conference for \$750.00. The Board decided to pass on this opportunity.

Committee Reports

Education

BOARD MEMBERS THAT VOLUNTEER TO RECRUIT SPEAKERS FOR A CONFERENCE MUST BE MORE DILIGENT ABOUT SECURING THE SPEAKER AND GETTING THE INFORMATION TO BARB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

The Board decided not to bill NGA for the table that was used at the conf. In the future, if NGA wants to vend, they must pay. Board members were reminded that they need to register and pay for the conf. in order for their name tag and information packet to be available.

Charlotte will send out vendor packets the week of Jan. 19th. She is hoping to garner \$10,000.00. There is still one exhibitor who has not paid yet. Barb requested that a

vendor packet be sent to she and Diane. Board members are requested to bring one auction item to the Spring conf.

The Fall conf. will be in Grand Rapids, Oct. 22-23rd.

Membership

No Report. Michael Young questioned whether a member can use the MGA logo on a business card or web site. There was much discussion on how this could be policed, advantages and disadvantages. Michael Dombos is to be consulted and he and Michael Young will investigate.

Legislative

No Report

Communications

No Report

President's Report

An inquiry was made by PBS if MGA would be interested in doing a segment on its Heroes program. It would cost about \$25000.00 to be involved.

Motion: MGA decline the offer.

Moved: Dawn Jacobs

Support: Diane Brown

Motion Carried

President Michael is still interested in doing goal setting. Please email ideas to him.

Old Business

Neelum needs a count of the DVD's that were sold up until Dec. 31,2008. According to the records of MGA, 270 were sold, Donna will email her the information.

New Business

None

Motion: To adjourn at 11:35

Moved: Diane Brown

Support: Marcia Smith

Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 13, 2009

Respectfully submitted

Donna J. Erb
Secretary
National Certified Guardian
Educator/ NGA

MEETING DATES FOR 2009

JANUARY 16

MARCH 13

MAY 15

JULY 17

SEPTEMBER 18

NOVEMBER 13