

March 2022 RSCA Annual Meeting Minutes
(approved at 9/28/2022 Board meeting)

Attending: Steve Hohenwarter, Chuck Colson, Alana Hunter, Kim Jovinelli, Noreene Sweeney, Brad Boyd, Gail Scott (via zoom), Janet Spleen, Joceleyn via Zoom

Absent: Mick Kauffman, Seth Obetz, Peggy Steinman

This meeting took place in person at the Lancaster Arts Hotel and via Zoom.

President Gail Scott opened the meeting at 4:03 PM.

Minutes

Janet Spleen made the motion to approve minutes from January 20, 2022; Chuck Colson approved. No additions were made. All in favor and motion carried. The approved minutes will be posted in the Board folder online.

Nominating Committees

Steve Hohenwarter made the motion to re-elect current slate of officers; Janet Spleen approved. All in favor and motion carried.

Brad nominated for new director by Chuck Colson; Janet Spleen seconded. All in favor and motion carried. Brad will serve for three years.

Gail made a motion to ratify Kim's contract as a part-time manager. Chuck not in favor. *[He expressed concern about the cost of hiring someone. This did not go through the Executive Committee.]* Discussed with Brad and Chuck. Kim made a statement giving her background and experience and discussed her goals going forward. Second from Noreene Sweeney. All in favor and motion carried.

The idea of rebranding was brought up by Noreene to separate the past of the carousel to the future of the carousel, and Alana agreed that rebranding was important. *[Question raised about the carousel name (Stoner Carousel?) There could be naming opportunities; Stoner Pavillion? In perpetuity?]*

President's Report: Gail reviewed the RSCA 2021 accomplishments listed on the Annual Report, including:

- reactivating the Board of Directors, revising the bylaws
- assuming responsibility for RSCA finances, bank account, and loan;

- moving the 3 trailers to a new location; and inventorying and cleaning the 48 animals in our storage (other than the hunting dog, still not returned by LNP from their storage.)
- Brad met with Todd Goings of Carousels and Carvings, Marion, Ohio, to review renovation options
- Review of all financial, tax return documents, and early 2000's reports that could be located.

Gail stated that we had a lot of ground-level baseline work to do, and we've done a lot to move forward to reach our goals, and work on finances and community outreach.

Assets and Liabilities reviewed based on 2021-22 financial reports.

Alana mentioned several friends that want to attend a Board meeting, who are enthusiastic about carousels, and potentially helping with fundraising. They previously helped on the cleaning day in the warehouse. Potential volunteers can sit in on a board meeting, and should be encouraged to apply online. Our website now has a volunteer information page where people can sign-up, and an online application for Board members.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve said that the baseline number for "net assets" used in our recent tax filings was based on the 2007 reports and IRS 990 tax form. All financial documents are available in the board office. Financial information as well as minutes are available to the public. Currently missing schedule of meetings. Looking to improve that down the road.

Operations Committee report:

Brad spoke about the trailers and said that the committee believes we need to move them from their current location, which is not long-term. Chuck contacted one of his contacts and Seth Obetz and his friend who owns the Flex Steel building on Pitney Road to discuss other options for safe parking.

Chuck and Brad visited an Ecklin building where previous RSCA fundraising merchandise was in storage. Brad brought examples to the meeting. Posters and promotional materials were found including t-shirts, sweatshirts, mouse pads, mugs, hats, ornaments, pins, and model trucks.

Steve mentioned that we need to apply for a sales tax license if we want to sell merchandise.

Gail said that we need to inventory items including the music rolls. Kim has contacted the Music Box Society and there is a volunteer from their organization who can help us.

Building location where the organ is being kept needs to be listed on the insurance policy.

Memorial bricks have been inventoried by Brad & Chuck, a copy of this spreadsheet was sent to Chuck and Gail, and is now in the online Board folder.

Chuck mentioned that 300 prints of a painting by Denny Bond of the carousel were found. (Per Noreene, the original painting was created for the March of Dimes.) They are safely stored and protected from potential damage.

Discuss RSCA 2022 Goals [from Agenda]

1. Continue to carefully preserve our c/1924 historic Dentzel park carousel (the Stoner Carousel) while making plans to restore it to operation for the benefit of the Lancaster County community.
2. Seek opportunities to educate the public on the historic and cultural significance of carousels and to safely display our carousel animals for the local community to enjoy.
3. Solicit involvement from interested community volunteers and new Board members, ensuring an inclusive organization with a diversity of thought, skills, & leadership, committed to the stewardship and future of the carousel.
 - Finances: Fund budget/ Fulton loan revision
 - Recruit new/ diverse Board members (enthusiasm/ donate-time/money)
 - Hire Manager part-time for 2022 contract position
 - Non-Discrimination Policy
 - (Fundraising) Participate in ExtraGive2022 (register by mid-October; event in mid-November)

Gail brought up the request by LGH-PennHealth: to take photos of animals for B&W print/ mural wall art project. Time would need to be set up to do this. The animals would not need to be taken out of storage. They would like to add it as a mural in the pediatric wing of the hospital. We would like to ask for the Association to receive copies of the photos.

Board & Volunteer Recruitment is ongoing. Please advise candidates to fill out applications online.

New business:

Gail mentioned receiving an application from a potential Board member, who attended the beginning of the meeting via Zoom, and has a background in Planning & Development. No other new business.

Next meeting proposed date & time, Wednesday 20th of April at 5 pm, at Lancaster Arts Hotel. Alana will set it up.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.