

# **WRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**                      Called to order at 7:03 MDT by President Harriett Brittenham (teleconference)

**ATTENDANCE**                      PRESENT:    President: Harriett Brittenham  
   Vice President: Ronnie Wexler  
   Secretary: Gil Biggie  
   Treasurer: Marion Nebiker  
   Editor/Show Chair/Member-at-Large: Joy Journeay  
   Web Chair: Mika Jarmusz  
   Membership Chair: Yessy Byl  
   Judging Chair: Barbara Barrans  
   Awards Chair: Tom Barrans

ABSENT: none  
GUESTS: none

**AGENDA**                              **Minutes Approval of last meeting minutes**  
   **National Convention Report & Details**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 12-09-2015, as submitted by interim secretary Idell Mulhern. Motion by Wexler. 2nd by B Barrans. Passed

**2016 NBS CONVENTION REPORT** by Journeay, Show Coordinator

The Molly Brown Tour is cancelled.

One more speaker is needed: Sue Jordan is in charge of that.

Drafts of the schedule at this time are available. Speakers are still being finalized and are coordinated by the NBS 1st Vice President, Sue Jordan. (Many items are not controlled by WRBA. WRBA works around National.)

Information for the NBS March issue is submitted.

National registration and other lists will be in the May bulletin.

Chris McCarthy has resigned from chair of the poke box. Need a new address for the mailing of poke box donations.

Spread sheet will be made of people willing to work at NBS.

WRBA forms and “eye candy” poster is needed to encourage membership. Gil Biggie has a photo poster of past WRBA shows.

Hotel reservation issue is that all consecutive nights at hotel are no longer available at the convention rate.

Rate phrase for “1-4 people in a room” will be removed from our written ad. Hotel has only 26 rooms with two beds and no sleeper couches. Nancy Fink is the hotel contact and is working on this problem. Need to make reservations by July 13th.

Journeay recently found out that WRBA is responsible for the junior program at NBS. There are no national coordinators for the junior membership. She is looking for a volunteer to handle this. NBS leadership would like the program expanded to include novice collectors as there is no provision made for the novice collector at the national show. Beth Schaut of Washington volunteered a program on DFs and Joy is looking for a Patterns speaker. Gil suggested calling Fran Howell of Ohio. Fran is keen on patterns, is also a teacher and currently works with children.

Harriet reports 400 goody bags will be made. Nothing is new with the “ground crew.”

Gil Biggie reported that several donations have come in for the auction and they are fabulous. A photo album page will be set up soon to allow anyone to view the donations received before the show and absentee bids can be sent to Gil Biggie before the show.

Donated items occasionally will be highlighted on ButtonBytes with the encouragement of moderator Ronnie Wexler. This ButtonBytes exposure generates donations as well as interest to participate in the

auction. Harriet suggests linking into the state sites with the same information. Also on Facebook pages, as well as the WRBA website. Perhaps on twitter if we get a volunteer to do so.

**WEBSITE REPORT** by Jarmusz, Web Chair

There are still some structure tasks and glitches being worked out. One person had trouble logging in. B. Barrans gets a blank page.

This web site does not have a way to send out the newsletter via email. This will need to be done by the editor as in the past.

Right now the 2003 - 2012 articles are free to any visitor. The most recent and past three years of newsletters are available to logged-in members only. Mika could create a digital access for members who do not want emailed or printed newsletter, as a website-only option. She also reported a new membership category was created on the sample website for club representatives.

Yessy Byl offered that the current membership levels and the method of distributing the newsletter should stay the same. Mika agreed to match all website membership functionalities to follow the existing membership options.

Joy offered that the first priority should be to get the basic web structure up by March 1st since the web page is already advertised. Various enhancements can be added later. Mika explained that ALL elements being worked on now are for the basic structure to function correctly, without which no future options can be added.

Any expenses that go beyond the approved web budget need to be submitted to the board for approval, such as server issues.

Joy asked if the storage is large enough at GoDaddy. Alternative hosting options will be considered if the current host is insufficient.

Mika requests that everyone log in to test for problems and give feedback. She set up a photo gallery, and anyone can contribute.

**ADJOURNED** at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted, Gil Biggie, Secretary