

Minutes from DPO meeting 9/13/2009

Attendees

Tim Kindblade
Sandra Kindblade
Howard Hammel
Linda Schimel
Patrick Fischer
KatyBeth Anthony
Rita Wallberg
Teresa Finnigan

Meeting started 4:20 pm

Organization Reports

(Howard as acting secretary until Linda arrived)

Chairperson: Tim announced the Secretary of Oregon State turned down our non-profit organization application for three reasons:

1. No IRS determination letter
2. No incorporated charter (constitution)
3. No bylaws

Tim would like to set up a committee to tackle these issues. Tim, Patrick & Linda have agreed to be on the committee subject to vote in new business. Tim would like to rent a booth at Deaf Nation's Deaf Expo in Portland. The cost would be \$250 subject to vote in new business.

Assistant Chair: KatyBeth expressed concerns about the communication issues, which led to confusion before the relay race. She would like to see improvement in communication & organization for the next year. KatyBeth emphasizes the importance of knowing the true & actual cost when someone makes a proposal. Katy Beth would like to change our organization's name. She feels the name Deaf Power is too radical for some people.

(Linda arrived and resumed duties)

Minutes handed out, read, corrected & approved.

Secretary: No report other than the minutes being read & approved. Both the captains will send off thank you cards to all the volunteers & donors as soon as Patrick designs them. They will get addresses from Howard. An additional donor was added to list as a walker donated \$40 to the team.

Treasurer: Howard handed out balance sheet with all the payouts & remaining balances. Katy gave Howard a check for \$7.00 for the leftover water bottles. Tim said not all of the bottles got refunds so he suggests using a large water container for next year to save on using so many bottles. Howard asked that Tim give adequate notice to him so he can send off next years' registration for the running team. Katy suggests putting the balance sheet information in the E-news so all will know of all the expenses the organization has to pay.

Committee Reports

Running Captain: Patrick announced that the running team was 3 hrs. Later than projected but other than that, the team still made it before the deadline of 30hrs & 37min. Many runners are pumped & want to run again next year. Some of the questions the runners asked Patrick was who is Mark? They had received fwd msgs from him but did not know who he was. Also they asked about ice for injuries & everyone bringing their own water bottle to be refilled from large container to lessen waste & mess in van. Since Patrick did not drop off his tents with the volunteers before the race his tents were not put up for him. He had to do it himself without help & he was already exhausted from the race. Also the walking team did not greet the running team at the finish line. The running team was disappointed & felt left out. Many runners did not stay overnight; they left to go home. Other than that it was a good experience; there were no mess-ups all the exchanges went smoothly. Sandra said the walking team would greet the running team at the finish line next year. Patrick said e-news would be excellent for getting out recognition & exposure to others.

Walking Captain: Rita said the walking team made 81st place out of 114 teams. The team's time was 30hrs & 45mins. There were no accidents. The lights worked well. One walker had to wait at her exchange for 20 mins. because it was a dark night & her team missed her because she was not wearing a white vest so she was hard to spot. From now on make sure the walkers use the white colored vest. There were some confusion & complaints on late entry fees. We need very clear information on our policy ahead of time to avoid this from happening again. There also were complaints about the sizes of the women's shirts. They were all smaller than expected. Katy did warn everyone to order larger than their usual size as the Nike shirts do run small. There are no exchanges for them.

Post-Party (camp) Chair: Teresa said everything went well with the food. There was plenty and all under budget. If we use the same campground next year we will set up the campsite for cooking in a different site. We also need two more volunteers for cooking next year the dinner & breakfast the next morning. Also next year there will be no beverages provided so everyone will need to bring their own. There will be a sign up sheet for the 5-10 minute massages for the walkers & runners. If we are to use the same campsite we need to reserve it by Nov 1st. Patrick asked if we could perhaps rent a house Instead? Teresa will search Craig's List to see if she can find one at a reasonable price.

Public Relations: Mark was absent & Tim informed us that after 4 years of service, Mark is retiring so we need to find a new Public Relations Chair. Darcie is willing to be a backup but does not want to be chair. Mark has enjoyed his service & plans to volunteer for other events. Teresa will post the vacancy on E-news.

Web Coordinator: Katy suggested we add all our expenses in the E-news so all will be aware of the expenses our organization has to pay for since there were some complaints & questions about the fees. Katy is also posting all the comments from the team members' experiences of the event.

Design Team: Patrick will start working on the thank you cards for all the volunteers & donors. He will get all the addresses from Howard. Patrick did buy two Palm devices but one of them does not work. The battery lasts about 30 hrs before needing to be recharged. Patrick will work on a new design & logo for our organization as soon as new name is decided.

Safety Chair: Rita suggested some changes on the medical & release forms that need to be filled out instead of them all being filled out the night before the event which causes some hectic confusion to have them be filled out at time of registration. One set of the lights purchased did not work so Tim has returned them but has not received a response as of yet.

Fundraiser, Grant, & Donation Chair: Teresa had no new report. We applauded her for doing such a good Job!

Transportation: Tim said because of the poor economy Chrysler & GM cut back on their production of vans so Enterprise, Alamo & National car rentals have set up a pool to meet the demands of van rentals during high demand times. DPO has done business with Enterprise for 8 years. Katy suggests periodic reminder calls throughout the year to make sure they have our order for the vans so we don't get stuck with SUV's again. Enterprise has also set up a separate list for the H2C event.

Volunteers Coordinator: Howard was hoping he & his volunteers would be there when our teams came in to Seaside but alas not during their shift. He & the volunteers did get a daylight shift, which was good news. Good job!

Supply Chair: Sandra will add gel packs & nightglow sticks to the first aid kits for next year. There were some items left from the team members so they are in the lost & find pile; scissors & a bungee cord. Teresa claimed the bungee cord so that still leaves the scissors to be claimed. Next year the captains will have a binder to hold information for the team. Also next year each van will use a large container for water so each team member will need to bring their own water bottle so they can refill it. They will also need to be a flashlight or a headlight for safety on the night legs. Sandra will also remind each captain to bring a cooler because van 1 on the running team did not bring one so Katy had to buy one at the last minute & it cost \$60. Ouch!

Old Business

None.

New Business

Patrick proposed setting up a committee for the Deaf Expo booth. Teresa seconds it. Passed. KatyBeth proposed to have someone design a banner for the booth with a budget under \$75. Sandra seconds it. Passed. Teresa proposed having a recruiting party January 30th @ Bridgeport @ 4pm. Sandra seconds it. Passed. KatyBeth proposed setting up a committee for making bylaws for our organization. Patrick seconds it. Passed. Teresa proposed since the business meeting was running so late; to move to a restaurant so everyone could eat dinner at organization's expense. Rita seconds it. Passed. Teresa proposes a name change for organization. It is tabled until after the Deaf Expo is over. Teresa proposes a vote to be held on list of suggested name changes. KatyBeth seconds it. Patrick amends the proposition with a trophy or prize to the person to suggested the name that wins. Teresa seconds it. Passed. Howard proposes buying an organization stamp to endorse all the checks that are used to pay expenses. KatyBeth seconds it. Passed. Rita proposes that at registration have everyone fill out his or her waiver forms at the same time to avoid hassle on the event day. KatyBeth seconds it. Passed. Teresa proposes making Mark Long bicycle captain. Sandra seconds it. Passed. KatyBeth proposes making Tish Randolph kayak captain. Sandra seconds it. Passed. KatyBeth proposes sending in registration for running team to H2C. Sandra seconds it. Passed.

Next meeting Nov 7th at Patrick's recreation room in his apartment complex at 10am.

Meeting adjourned 10pm