

## **The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Susan Haney's

Present: Susan Haney, Vivian Larson, Ted Rowland, Pat Thiessen, Sandi Thomas, Mary Jo Thomsen, Paula Watson, Cathy Williams.

Represented by proxy: Pam Bates and Sally Spaulding

### **Report on Note Cards and Sales – Susan Haney**

We were given 12 sets total of *Orange Café* and *Tiber Morning* note cards from the Ikenberrys to gauge interest at the Farmer's Market. Cost will be \$18 for the envelopes. Moved and voted that all proceeds of sales will go into the Scholarship Fund.

We have received printing bids from Martin Graphics and Dixon Graphics. Dixon is almost half the price for 1,000 cards that Martin charged us last year for our current cards. Judy would like to buy 200 and we agreed that these could come from 1,000 to be printed.

Mike and Susan Haney would like to commission a painting of a rural scene which could be matched up with the grain elevator card to make a rural Illinois set. We have found that mixed packages sell the best.

### **Action on Standing Rules**

The rest of the meeting was devoted to voting on changes to the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules, as amended, are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula D. Watson  
Recording Secretary

## **STANDING RULES**

### **Section 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Programs presented to the Club at large may involve payment of an honorarium to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Club shall not consider requests from any agency or group to:
  - 1. Conduct surveys.
  - 2. Have representation on board.
  - 3. Use membership lists.
- C. The Governing Board may consider requests from the University for volunteer help.

### **Section 2. MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND GUEST FEES**

- A. Membership may be retained despite subsequent eligibility changes.
- B. Members with fifty (50) years of membership may be accorded reduced membership dues.
- C. The membership and mailing files shall be supervised by the membership/directory chair.
- D. Guests may be invited by members to any meeting designated by the Governing Board as being open to guests. The Board shall determine the amount of the guest fee payable at the time of the meeting.

### **Section 3. REFUNDS**

- A. If a member resigns, full dues may be refunded upon request within two weeks of payment.
- B. Full refunds will be made for an event or tour if the refund request is made prior to the event's or tour's reservation deadline.

### **Section 4. INTEREST GROUPS**

- A. The duties of the third vice president as interest group chair shall be as follows:
  - 1. Confirm that each interest group has selected a chair for the following year.
  - 2. Gather information for the publicity chair, webmaster, and newcomers' chair concerning interest group programs and schedules.
  - 3. Verify the membership of each person attending interest group meetings and present this information to the membership committee chair by November 1.
  - 4. Plan interest group registration at the first meeting of the Club.
  - 5. Send notice of delinquent dues to anyone attending an interest group meeting and deem ineligible any member whose club dues have not been paid by November 1.
- B. Interest groups may be disbanded when there are fewer than ten members in the group.

### **Section 5. PUBLICITY, RECORDS, INVENTORY**

- A. The publicity chairs shall be responsible for newspaper and media publicity and for general supervision of the work of the publicity committee.
- B. The archivist shall keep a permanent record of the Club and shall determine what material is placed in the University of Illinois Library Archives at Urbana Champaign.
- C. There shall be an inventory of all equipment owned by the Club in the president's file with a duplicate in the treasurer's file.

**Section 6. CHANGES IN THE STANDING RULES**

- A. Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by the Governing Board by a majority vote of its total membership.

**Section 7. ELECTRONIC VOTING BY THE BOARD**

- A. Should a time-sensitive matter occur, the president may make proposals to the Executive Board or Governing Board via electronic means and call for a vote on such proposals.
- B. Electronic votes should be tallied by the president, and the results recorded at the next meeting of the Board.
- C. Board members without electronic access shall be informed in writing or by phone, and may vote in writing or by phone.
- D. A proposal is adopted when passed by a majority vote of the total membership of the respective Board.

**Section 8. VOTING RIGHTS**

- A. Both members of a couple's/partner's membership shall have full and equal voting rights.
- B. Reduced dues for golden memberships will not affect their full voting rights.
- C. Honorary membership entails no voting rights.
- D. Board members sharing a position are each considered to have a full and equal vote on the Board.
- E. A Board member serving in two or more capacities on the Board is considered to have only one vote.

**Section 9. WRITTEN NOTIFICATIONS**

- A. Written notification requirements can be met using all of one or a combination of paper and/or electronic methods.
- B. Notification of at least one member in a couple's/partner's membership meets the requirement for both.
- C. For changes to the Standing Rules or Constitutional amendments, written notification of the proposed changes should go to the Governing Board no less than two weeks before the changes are to be voted on.

**Section 10. DONATIONS TO THE ILLINOIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

- A. All donations to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund shall remain in the Fund. New clauses may be added to the Fund Agreement to deal with larger amounts as the Governing Board deems necessary.