

RASC Kingston Centre

Board Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2009

Attendance:

- Kevin Kell (President),
- Susan Gagnon (Vice President),
- Steve Hart (Secretary),
- Kim Hay (Treasurer),
- David Maguire (Librarian).

Location: Stirling Hall Theatre A, 64 Bader Lane, Kingston, Ontario.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from:

- Agenda Item 1: Call to order.
 - Meeting called to order at 9:34 p.m.
- Agenda Item 2: Approval of previous minutes.
 - Motion 090201 | Moved: Steve Hart | Seconded: Susan Gagnon
 - Accept the minutes of the January 9, 2009 board meeting.
 - *Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 3: Newsletter proposal.
- (circulated to exec list 2009 Feb 06)
- In light of falling memberships and revenue, and after surveying all Centres of the RASC for comparisons and precedents that we adopt the following items regarding our Centre newsletter Regulus.
 - Suggestion to charge for paper.
 - Effective 2009 September 01:
 - 1 by default, all members no longer receive a mailed paper newsletter.
 - 2 that any member may OPT IN for a mailed paper newsletter at NO CHARGE at any time by notifying us (realizing that 16/100 (16%) of our members do not have email addresses listed with National Office).
 - 3 that we notify members of this change via every method we have including email and in every issue of Regulus between September and when this motion is passed.
 - 4 that the President or designate maintain the Mailed Paper OPTIN list

- 5 that an email notice is sent out to all members with an email registered in the national database when each issue is published and where to locate it on our web server.
 - It is our hope to reduce newsletter costs (approx \$1000) (printing, postage, labels, envelopes) by at least 80% (\$800). If passed this would leave the May paper issue as the last full print run paper version.
 - **Motion 090202** | Moved: Susan Gagnon | Seconded: David Maguire
 - Accept newsletter proposal.
 - *Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 4: Delay release of the public version of the newsletter for one year.
- Delaying release of the public version of the newsletter was proposed as a membership incentive. Most board members felt that the newsletter was too valuable as a means of public outreach and PR to delay release.
 - **Motion 090203** | Moved: Susan Gagnon | Seconded: David Maguire
 - Do not delay release of the public version of the Regulus newsletter.
 - *Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 5: Life Member Proposal.
- That in principle, the RASC-KC will keep our existing life members attached to the centre, subject to decisions made at the March 2009 National Council meeting. In recognition of their contributions, that we grandfather them in and SUGGEST but NOT demand that they pay the centre portion of annual dues as do all other centre members. And that we accept transfers of Life Members only on the condition of annual Centre portion fees being paid by them.
 - **Motion 090204** | Moved: Susan Gagnon | Seconded: David Maguire
 - Accept Life Member Proposal.
 - *Motion carried.*
- Agenda Item 6: Suggestion to investigate alternatives to hardline telephone info hotline for 2010 January to help reduce costs.
- Agenda Item 7: Treasurer's Report - CRA filing.
- Agenda Item 8: National Council Meeting 2009 March 28 Toronto
- guidance for NCREP

- Agenda Item 9: President's Report.
- Happy about new members, FLASF prizes send out, they will judge & present.
- Agenda Item 10: Vice President Report - 2009 schedule of meeting events.
- Agenda Item 11: Treasurer Report - Annual report to national deadline? and status?
 - Report sent.
- Agenda Item 12: Secretary Report - Annual report to national deadline? and status?
 - Report sent.
- Agenda Item 13: Editor Report.
 - No report.
- Agenda Item 14: Librarian Report.
 - Verbal report.
- Agenda Item 15: National Council Rep.
 - No report.
- Agenda Item 16: Other business.
 - Next Board meeting TBA (most likely summer BBQ retreat) adjourned
- Agenda Item 17: Adjourn.
 - **Motion 090205** | Moved: Kevin Kell
 - Adjourn meeting.
 - *Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by Steve Hart, RASC-KC Secretary