



Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Host: Peoria Riverfront Museum

Present: Dan Kouri-Lariat Steakhouse, John Brinkman-Four Points, Phil Capli-Two25, Don Welch-PACVB, Julie Bushell-Four Points, Jess McMullin & Rik Edgar-Peoria Civic Center, Kate Schureman-Peoria Riverfront Museum, Lisa Kappes-Peoria Marriott, Laura Blackaby-Family House, John Beintema-Ameren Illinois/Leidos, Carl Bunker & Katie Hart-R&B Productions, Inc.

Presidents Report: Dan Kouri welcomed everyone to the meeting; Dan thanked Kate with Peoria Riverfront Museum for hosting the meeting. Dan asked to a minute to have everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of April 11, 2018 Minutes: Dan Kouri presented the April 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes. John Beintema motioned for approval of the minutes. Phil Caplis seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Josh Burnett was unable to attend the meeting; Carl Bunker reported the treasurer's report in his absence for the month April and May 2018. Carl reported the register showed standard in and out of funds mainly from membership income, Stormwater Contribution and fees, Winterfest and R&B Productions monthly fees. Carl reviewed the checking account register noting there was a balance of \$4,865.32 in the account. Carl also reported there was currently \$6,973.03 in the CD for a total of \$11,838.35. Phil Caplis motioned for approval of the Treasurer's report and Jess McMullin seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

Standing Reports:

Peoria Civic Center- Jess McMullin introduced the new General Manager, Rik Edgar, to the attending members. Rik was very excited to be at the meeting and looks forward to working with the PCC and bringing attractions to Peoria. Jess reviewed the supplied PCC update as of 6.13.2018 stating they have a lot of upcoming entertainment coming to the arena and theater. Jess reported the Civic Center has had a lighting improvement project on the main floor and it has been a major focus. Jess stated this lighting project bring much brighter lights and is energy efficient. Jess stated Hall D would be in the works next for lighting improvements but it would be completed when grants become available.

PACVB: Don Welch reported on the news release from 6.11.2018 regarding the Peoria Promotional Videos that would be taking place on June 19th at 9:30am at the Peoria Riverfront Museum's Giant Screen Theater. "Peoria's for everyone" is geared towards big companies in hopes to draw attraction to the area. Don stated if anyone wanted to receive notifications one to weeks in advance regarding incoming events to text the work "Notice" to 64600 and you would be added to the list for those notifications from PACVB.

IHLA: Scott Dahl was unable to attend the meeting, no report given.

IRA: Mike Murphy was unable to attend the meeting, no report given.

HOIHA Membership: Carl Bunker reported 2018 Membership billed out for over \$12,000.00 and has in receivables the amount of \$2,300. Carl stated Katie send out past due notices and he would be following up regarding the status of membership, Carl will have finalized by the August meeting.

Committee Reports:

Golf Scramble: Carl Bunker reported the 22nd Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for August 29th, 12:00pm at WeaverRidge Golf Club. Carl stated we have new hole incentives for this year. Carl reported the committee is working on sponsorships and will be contacting association members to sponsor and play in the annual event.

Peoria Chiefs Night: Carl reported the hospitality association will again be sponsoring the Peoria Chiefs Night on August 2nd. Carl stated this is a great event for companies to purchase tickets for employees to show appreciation for the work they do.

Old Business:

Dan Kouri reported on the status of the Stormwater Utility Fee stating a letter was provided from attorney Julie A. Cardosi stating the work she had done in an effort to change the outcome of the new fee. Dan stated he has contacted Bradley University to request an economic study be completed; this will take 6-8 weeks to get results. Dan also reported that another joint meeting with the Peoria Metro New Car Dealers Association will be taking place soon. Dan noted that additional fees will be requested from the membership to assist in the fees of the attorney and engineer that was contracted for efforts in the Stormwater Utility Fee.

New Business:

Federal Labor Department: Dan Kouri reported the Federal Department of Labor had made impromptu visits to various restaurants in the area. He also stated that his restaurant (Lariat Steakhouse) was one that received a visit from the FDL. The reason for the Peoria area visits was to maintain regulation regarding overtime pay requirements that restaurants are responsible for. Dan indicated that some fines were levied were given out and he was happy to announce he was not one of them. Dan was asked by the FDL representative to forward the information to our association membership regarding the overtime pay requirements (information attached).

With no further discussion, Phil Caplis motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Julie Bushell seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hart

HOIHA Association Management