

Minutes of July 15, 2017

LITVRHS Board Meeting

Location: Sayville Library

Attending: Connie Currie, Bill Mozer, Richard Hawkins, Bob Necci, John Vuolo, Jay Elzweig, Howard Bernstein, Chris Kretz, Ed, Taylor, Bill Noonan

Meeting time: 1015-am-1250pm

Howard Bernstein made a brief presentation showing 2 items found at Van Field's house: Morsecode tape driven practice machine from the 1930s and a Morse code telegraph sounder that still works by making clicking sounds. "Show and Tell" will now be the first thing of every future meeting and members are encouraged to bring things of interest.

President's report: Connie Currie

- 1) Gardner Grant request of \$50K for Sikorsky Telefunken film: We were unfortunately turned down as we cannot produce a form 990 showing sufficient income to satisfy grant rules. Joe Sikorsky will now be solicited to join our organization
- 2) SCCC
 - A) WW1 artifacts for a potential exhibit are scarce on EBay due to high demand for the centennial. Motion by Bob Necci to allow up to \$500 in WW1 purchases, seconded by Chris Kretz was passed by the Board
 - B) Contract with SCCC is stalled. Connie will therefore arrange a meeting with Al Bernstein and the Board to attempt to get this moving. Connie has an older Memo of Understanding form which can be used as a basis of any potential agreement
- 3) Children's Science Museum in Rocky Point: We discussed putting in exhibits and the pros and cons. A TV studio and desk with mic and green screen, I Pad, color printer and flat screen were mentioned. Due to the expense, we tabled all of this in favor of suggesting a Morse code learning center headed by Howard Bernstein and his eventual CW (Morse) group. Connie will mention this to the museum to see if they are interested.
- 4) Committee names were reviewed and amended as follows:

Education: Will include Artifacts/Exhibits, Air Power Museum, Children's Science Museum

Promotion: Includes Membership, Marketing, Website

Finance: Includes Budget, Audit

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- 5) Minutes to be sent to all members with President's message on monthly basis using Constant Contact and headed by Bob Necci. Members to be asked what they want to see from us. An accurate members list to be developed

VP report Bill Mozer:

- 1) Gmail forwarding: Stopped for now due to problems
- 2) Distant Sparks: Has to go digital as too expensive. Previous issues will be posted on website and members will eventually be asked to contribute new articles to keep this going. "Distant Sparks" will be part of our eventual new Logo
- 3) Podcasts: We need radio specific podcasts for our website. Howard Bernstein, Chris Kretz and Bill Mozer will make one soon of Andy Bidony, a new member, who once knew Marshall Etter, Andy was an inventor of many of the receiver designs used by RCA
- 4) Old projector: Motion to sell this older unit made by Bill Mozer and seconded by Jay Elzweig and passed by Board. It was then given to John Vuolo to sell on EBay. Hopefully we can get \$150-200
- 5) Map project for website: Bill Mozer describes in detail how it works
- 6) Telefunken Day: Bill Mozer suggests doing this with the help of George Muenkenback the Islip Town historian. Weak interest from the Board on this and attending other fairs such as Sayville

Treasurer's report Ed Taylor:

- 1) Check request form needed for every expense going forward. Ed Taylor circulated a copy.
- 2) Bank balance was reported and Ed Taylor mentioned various upcoming line item expenses and how they will be allocated.
- 3) Checks written for the month were detailed.

Secretary report not given due to absence of Natalie Stiefel:

- a) Minutes of last meeting: Bob Necci motion to accept second by Chris Kretz and passed by Board
- b) Old reel to reel recorder to be given to John Vuolo for possible repair and EBay sale

Old Business:

- 1) Directors Insurance: Finance Committee to explore but it can be expensive i.e. \$800 per year
- 2) Bonding Insurance to cover treasury losses will be explored

- 3) Tesla Exhibit: 600 paying visitors to the event and they thanked us for exhibiting. We made \$50.00 income, had nice time but forgot to have a sign in sheet. We should investigate getting a flat screen TV for future exhibits
- 4) Bylaws and Charter discussion:
 - a) Motion to approve Bylaws draft as working document made by Bob Necci, second by Howard Bernstein and passed by Board
 - b) Debate over mission statement vs Charter mission statement and number of Board members. Agreed to make Board "up to 9 members".
 - c) Bob Necci will take the lead in matching our current mission statement to what is on file with NYS and perhaps clarifying our Charter organization name
- 5) Bob Necci to send out electoral board form polling interest in committees etc. which will in turn develop into a slate for elections come November
- 6) Google docs will be our repository for all organization documents
- 7) Cabinets: There are 3 still remaining at the Maritime Museum in Sayville
- 8) Assets list must be developed

Future Projects:

- 1) Bill Mozer to call NYS about our exhibiting at the LIE tourist information stop
- 2) Air Power Museum: Further discussions how best to proceed will take place early September in committee.