

THE BAND OF BROTHERS, INC.

***QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2022***

LAKE MIONA RECREATION CENTER, THE DEFENDER ROOM

The Quarterly General Membership Meeting of the Board of Brothers, Inc. was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at The Lake Miona Recreation Center, Defender Room at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Those in attendance were Ben Vasquez, President; Mario Bautista, VP-North; Jack Orr, VP- South ; Dolores Wilson, Secretary; Jerry Prince, Treasurer; Membership Chairman-North, Bill Costello; Membership Chairman- South, Ed DeMay; Quartermaster- North, JB Heaton, Quartermaster-South, Joe Marshall, Sargent-at-Arms-South, Ron Farlow, and Color Guard Commander, Ed Moldenhauer. Absent was Sargent-at-Arms- North, Kevin McCabe. There was a Quorum. Also present were 32 Members. (Sign in sheets available for review.)

CALL TO ORDER: Ben Vasquez opened the meeting with a Call to Order at 7:00 pm followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A motion was made, by President Vasquez, to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2022 General Membership Meeting which were sent out by email to all members on January 24, 2022. Motion made by Jerry Prince and seconded by Jack Orr. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Vasquez proceeded to address those present and noted that the Board consisted of many moving parts with much responsibilities. He thanked TC Chas (and his protégé) for the weekly music and at our parties; Gary Gariepy for the use of his property to hold these parties; JB Heaton and Joe Marshall for manning the BX store; the Membership Committee – Bill Costello and Ed DeMay for increasing our membership to 967 now from 628 in January noting that we are 33 short of a 1000 member total; our Sargents-at-Arms, Kevin McCabe and Ron Farlow for working our flags and 50/50's; VPs N&S – Mario Bautista and Jack Orr (respectively) for handling the weekly Socials; our Treasurer, Jerry Prince, the 'Money Man' for writing our checks, handling the income, and working meetings with outside people which allows us to present the BoB in another light; and our Secretary, Dolores Wilson, who has spent hours working notes, newsletters, membership lists and is always around to assist the President. Additionally, he thanked Pam Collins for handling the Sick Call/Bereavement Committee; Gary Collins and Brian Davis for assisting in carrying the torch for Kevin McCabe. Mention made of the new Color Guard Commander, Ed Moldenhauer, who noted that at least half of the CG Members were present this evening. Our President noted that we have become a Military club with a civilian attitude.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Prince noted the following:

- Income for 3rd Quarter 2022: \$47,902.60
- Expenditures for 3rd Q: \$65,022.18
- Net Income for 3rd Q: \$ 0.00

- Net Loss or 3rd: \$17,119.58

Other Transactions:

- Three quarterly donations to Operation Shoebox
- Four Scholarships to Project SOS - \$16000 total with the State matching funds
- Four Scholarships to BOB Members Grandchildren – 3 paid thru 9/15/22.
- Paid Storage Fees until November 30, 2023
- Beyond the Walls for Thanksgiving (\$3600)
- Three School Districts (Sumter, Marion and Lake - \$12,000)

He reported that there currently is \$25,000+ in the bank.

The President then noted that the distribution of funds has now also moved to a new aspect. Member Tim Trebil had spearheaded assistance thru outside people to help a member with sodding his lawn, etc. The Villages was in the process of fining this individual \$700 a day had it not been repaired quickly. This gentleman would have lost his home had the Band of Brothers not interceded and provided the funds for the work.

Treasurer Prince presented back-up paperwork on his current report to Secretary Wilson for file. President Vasquez requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report which was made by TC Chas and seconded by Tim Krawczyk. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion on acceptance of 1/19/2022 Quarterly Membership – handled under President's Report above.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Committee Reports due to the Nomination of Officers scheduled on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: President Vasquez proceeded on the Nomination for Officers for the calendar years 2023 and 2024. He noted that if only one candidate was nominated that person would be elected by acclamation

Call for President Nominations: Nominated were Ray Carter, Bill Costello, Gary Gariepy, and Joe Marshall. All nominees declined the position.

Call for Vice President-North Nominations: Bill Stattman and Bill Costello, both nominated and accepted.

Call for Vice President-South Nominations: Joe Marshall nominated and accepted.

Call for Secretary Nominations: Louise Goldberg nominated and accepted.

Call for Treasurer Nominations: Frank Mastalka nominated and accepted thru Jerry Prince.

In light of there being without a candidate for President and, with such a small amount in attendance, it was decided that the entire membership would be polled for additional candidates. Without a President, there could not be a 501(c)(3) corporation and question arose on what the qualifications were to be a 501(c)(3). Treasurer Prince reported that needed are a Board, ByLaws and to spend the income on philanthropic aspects and that without a 5013c designation, taxes would need to be paid on any income. Without this designation we are only a social club and subject to taxes on monies raised.

Discussion initiated by Louise Goldberg on the difficulty on getting individuals to attend the meetings and by Ed Moldenhouer on why the entire Board is erased at one time leaving no continuity such as intermingling the two year terms. Jimmy Hill had input on revising the ByLaws to incorporate other ideas. The ByLaws were discussed and it was decided that an Ad Hoc Committee on the ByLaws would be formed. Those interested in serving on the Committee were Ray Carter, Ed Moldenhauer, TC Chas, George Duczak, Jerry Grant, Mike Sanguinito and Louise Goldberg. Secretary Wilson will send the ByLaws to all interested parties. Motion made by Jack Orr to organize an Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Larry Letterman, all voted affirmative, carried by voice vote.

A blanket question was put to the floor as to who had copies of the ByLaws and actually read them ... only 2 had. As the ByLaws are revised, all members are sent a copy by email ... last revisions were July 21, 2021 and sent to the membership on July 24, 2021. Also, the ByLaws had previously been viewable on the Band of Brothers Website which currently has been taken down. John Shields has offered to create and handle a new website and act as the Webmaster for the Organization. Motion made by Joe Marshall, seconded by Tim Krawczyk, all voted aye, motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion continued on membership, how do we get members to attend the meetings and do they really care. Joe Marshall questioned which events have the most turnout. President Vasquez commented those would be social events such as the Holiday party, bowling and golf tournaments and socials on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lake Sumter Landing and Brownwood. Joe Marshall noted that criteria should be if you carry a coin, do something. Speak to others present and urge involvement in the organization.

Much discussion followed on the 501(c)(3) requirements/corporation; announce our philanthropic part to The Villages via the newspaper i.e. contributing \$40k+ to veterans groups, schools and local charities; the dispersing of the 501(c)(3) and remaining a social club; and the main source of our income (the 50/50's and the BX). Larry Letterman suggested card games as a fund-raiser as was done some 10 years ago. President Vasquez questioned the legal aspect of this suggestion and charged Mr. Letterman with investigating it further.

At this point, many conversations were going on concurrently, Larry Miloscio requested that anyone wishing to have the floor, please stand, present your name and proceed with the question/statement they wish to present. All in agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

For God and Country.

Dolores Wilson, Secretary (10/21/2022)