

LOLPETS 05/17/08

Call to order at 10:30 am.

Present: Rod Buffington, Lou Volodka, David Parsons, Mel Weith, Larry Thompson, Chuck Farrar, Jeff Thornton, Jay Stortzum, George Trammell, Michael Slevnik, Chris Reilly, Ann Murphy, Joe Miller, Jim Czerwionka, Kelly Skinner, Scott Anderson, Harry Henderson, Tony Williams, Elise Cadigan

.Chair Rod welcomed everyone and announced that this is the wrap-up meeting for the 2007-2008 year. An agenda was distributed. The new members from 6420 and 6440 were welcomed. All the participants introduced themselves.

Program chair was presented by Chair Rod in the absence of Chis Scherer. The evaluations were overall positive.

Mel Weith reported that we still have 250 of the Blue bags which should be sufficient for the next year.

Evaluation summary was distributed, and is attached. The basket raffle was an overall success. We had 22 baskets and sold 2500 tickets and made about \$2K. The only suggestion was that if the committee is going to continue with the raffle we may not need the district's \$500 contribution.

Lou Volodka gave a report on the Registration. It seemed to go fairly smoothly and it did not pose much of a problem even with some registrations at the conference. We got through the folks easily and the biggest problem was printing the badges. An Access Database has been put together that will allow registration and printing the badge. There were about 25 registrations onsite.

David Parsons reported on the Facilities. Everything worked reasonably well, but we should not have a trainer be the Facilities Chair. There were few issues with the Crowne Plaza and they tried hard to do what was needed. We will need to have someone who deals with safety.

David Parsons reported on the District Trainers. It seemed to go well. We probably don't need an afterdinner session Friday. There were some comments that the late session was a problem.

Jeff Thornton, Treasurer, gave a summary of the budget.(Attached) Almost all the money has been received, lacking only the purchaser of the plate. Everyone did well on keeping down costs.

Each of the districts is to receive \$750 payable for District Simplified Grants which will be paid on July 1, 2008 directed to the District Governor.

Motion to approve the treasurers report was made and seconded. It was approved.

Chair Rod gave thanks to the entire group for the honor and privilege of the way the LOLPETS have gone. It has been five or six years that we have worked together well. It is now up to the successors to carry on and to make sure we have continuing growth. Letters and emails were sent to each of the incoming presidents and those were received positively.

We need to have an interview process to determine who will be doing the presentations. We need to inspire the incoming presidents to accomplish more than they thought they could do.

Thanks to the whole committee for the work done in the past year and the District Governors Elect had an opportunity to put into PETS what they wanted to have. Now we have a Multi-District PETS that has worked and will be great for the coming year.

New Chair Wayne Gerlock presented to outgoing chair Rod a token of appreciation.

Rod presented a token of appreciation to each of the members of the committee.

Chair Wayne presented a synopsis of attendance comparing the three years of LOLPETS. Since we lose some people on Saturday we need to look at the time of ending the session. We will need to ensure that the program is the best. It is the content that keeps them. It will include a dress rehearsal on Thursday. Since we have many people on the rail corridors we will need to figure out how we can provide transportation. District 6510 will have a bus taking many.

In November we will hope to have a registration book and will need to have a list of the presidents-elect. They will receive a book that markets the LOLPETS as well as the events going on in Chicago on that weekend.

We need the program set, speakers confirmed by November 1, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Westin in Lombard. That will be the next committee meeting. The meeting scheduled after that on February 21, 2009 and it will be scheduled to be at the Westin in Lombard.

For the 2010 and 2011 negotiations have come up with Effingham. The facility is large enough to accommodate our meeting. We have room rates for \$89 at the Hilton. \$85 at the Holiday Express and \$80 at the Country Inn and Suites.

It was moved and seconded that the contract be signed for 2010 and 2011. It was approved.

Should we in our bylaws revision review and retain core competencies in each of the committees?.

Chris Reilly is the cochair for the coming year and will be the Chair for 2010.

Bills are submitted to the Treasurer for membership in the MultiDistrict Alliance. We also need to renew our website license. We will invite representatives from 6440 and 6420 to attend the MDAlliance.

Adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted

Charles H. Farrar, Secretary.

Land of Lincoln P.E.T.S.

Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Agenda

Welcome

Rod Buffington, Chair 2008 LOLPETS

Wayne Gerlock, Chair 2009 LOLPETS

Introductions

Wayne Gerlock

Reports

Chris Scherer, Program Chair – 2008

Lou Volodka, Registration – 2008

David Parsons, Facility Chair – 2008

Mel Weith, Support Services Chair – 2008

Treasurer's Report, Jeff Thornton

Chair

Final Comments – Rod Buffington

Changing of the Gavel

Lunch

Lunch cost: \$12.00 - \$15.00 (order upon arrival)

At this point Wayne would like to invite the 2008 committee to stay and have lunch (if possible) with the 2009 LOLPETS Committee.

2008 Committee may stay for the afternoon agenda.

Introductory Remarks – 2009 – Wayne Gerlock – LOLPETS Chair, 2009

Handouts:

Attendance by Year

Attendance by Session

Discussion on attendance and possible reasons for drop off after first session and second day

Committee should be set up by November 1st meeting

Will also need 2009-2010 Presidents by December 31

2010 & 2011 LOLPETS scheduled for Effingham

Hilton: \$ Rm & Suites \$109

Holiday Inn Express: \$85 Rm & Suites \$100

Country Inn & Suites: \$80 Rm & Suites

Meal Costs: 1st Day Lunch \$18.80, Dinner \$28.62

2nd Day: Bkfst \$ \$13.58, Lunch \$ 17.43

Motion by Larry Thompson, seconded by Jay Stotzum

After some discussion the motion passed.

By – Laws Committee

Core Committee for multi-district LOLPETS

Presented bills for multi-district alliance (www.petsalliance.org) and web site domain name

Committee Introductions

Program, David Parsons

Needs names of potential programs

Ambassadorial Scholarship – Gani Abazi, Kosova

Playbook

Have an informative & fun program

Foundation Deadline of July 18th for selections of speaker options

Facility, Dick Galitz, PDG

Committee has met and set room assignments (need to review)

AV rate of 22%, but not required to use them, need requirements of speakers ASAP so districts can determine what they can provide.

Speaker Gifts

Refer to play book!

Internet access available

Support Services, Kelly Skinner

Photography – space for photographer

Vendors assigned space

House of friendship (competition to increase participation), keep focus on education, not actual fundraising.

Input wanted

Registration, Open

Registration book to be used to market event, program, vendors, activities, shopping, etc

Budget will be coming out to chairs by Sept. 1

Hospitality room

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Comments

Fees to be discussed after budgets are set.

Meals need to be aware of Lenten Season

Adjournment and next meeting November 1, 2008 at Westin Hotel, Lombard, followed by February 21, 2009 also at Westin Hotel, Lombard.