

FTDNC Rules and Elections Committee Minutes for 20 August 2008

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Billy Hays, Committee Chair.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

C. Roll Call:

Committee members in attendance: Billy Hays, Chair, Cris Hughes, Jeff Woodruff, Ken Keeble, Margie Beeson, Mary Ann Geyer, Linda Greco

absent(excused): Bart Paul

D. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of 13 August 2008:

Ken Keeble moved to approve the minutes prepared by Jeff Woodruff as amended by Committee. Margie Beeson seconded, motion passed.

E. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

1. Margie Beeson expressed concern on the recording of absences as excused versus unexcused. Mary Ann Geyer mentioned the importance of recording the differences for accountability purposes. Billy Hays expresses the need for members to notify him beforehand when they aren't able to be present. Linda Greco mentions that sporadic attendance puts more work on regular committee members when they are absent, and spending time catching everyone up. Margie maintains her concern that placing labels on absences may cause undue pressure on members, resulting in decreased volunteerism overall.
2. Cile Borman is undergoing eye surgery and may be unable to attend the General Board Meeting on 21 August.
3. Mary Ann Geyer thanked Cile for her crucial posting of Meeting Agendas, keeping FTDNC moving along.
4. Cris Hughes thanked Billy Hays for his positive reaction to her opinions during a previous phone conversation.

F. Chair Comment: The Chairperson would like to clear up allegations of vendetta and being someone's proxy, stating that any actions he may take have a firm ground in the bylaws, and will be taken in the spirit of upholding those rules. The Chair appreciates and commends the extra effort the Committee is putting in by attending weekly meetings. The Committee is encouraged to work together to finish bylaw revisions now that the review is reasonably complete. The Committee will be meeting less often, having given up the 2nd Wednesday of the month for the Equestrian Committee to use the space.

G: Discussions and possible action regarding Bylaw(s) changes & amendments, by Article:

1. Article VIII, C. discussed qualifications for office eligibility and retention. Question if change of employment affects eligibility to maintain office. Chair to seek guidance from DONE, City attorney's office.
2. Article VII, E. discussed format of form to be filled out by committee volunteers to be given to the Recording Secretary. This proposed form and format will replace the previous methods of gathering / recognizing prospective committee members.

H: Discussions and possible action regarding creation of Standing Rules for FTDNC: None

I: Closing Comments:

1. Cile Borman had a great time at the LVT Eagles event, sponsored by FTDNC.
2. Billy Hays announced that the next Rules & Elections Committee meeting will be held at 6:30pm on 3 September 2008 at 9747 Wheatland Ave., Shadow Hills, CA 91040

J. Adjournment at 8:19pm