

ALASKA DEAF COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2009

Opening:

The Board meeting of the Alaska Deaf Council was called to order at 1:15 PM on February 8, 2009 in Red Cross Building by Elizabeth Andrews.

Present:

Aaron Striblings
Jennifer Schwebke
Dean Gates
Courtney McCabe
Elizabeth Andrews
John Miranda

Guest:

Sadie Kerr
Rudy Kerr
Sharon Miranda

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Executive Committee Reports

Secretary—Jennifer Schwebke: Made a contact with Anne Lazenby in regarding of open discussion with ADC about interpreter issues. Anne Lazenby is interested but no dates have been confirmed.

C. Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee—Rudy Kerr: Rudy want to improvise the by-laws and will be making some motions during the meeting.

Legislative Committee—Dean Gates: Dean is working on the ‘plan of action’ in regarding of commission bill. He wants to meet with the committee to discuss the ideas and to find the ‘talking points.’ The ‘talking points’ are crucial because it will be ones that convince legislative into a consideration for setting up a commission. There are couples of details that Dean would like to iron out such as modifying Sample Bill for Alaska and figuring out how many seats needed for commission and their roles/duties.

Fundraising Committee—John Miranda: John wants to sign up “Pinky” (www.pinky.com) for local events (Deaf Jam, Deaf Awareness, etc). Pinky travels from state to state and gives lecture on VideoPhone issues and charges \$700 dollars for a show (one hour) plus hotel, transportation and food expenses. He hopes to have ASSDHH to serve liaison on Pinky’s expenses. Other alternative is Mirana Richards, who only charge \$200 and will not charge for transportation, food and hotel expenses. The other alternative is to use local celebrities. Also, John wants to set up a booth at Anchorage School District during Deaf Awareness week as part of fundraising.

Education Committee—Courtney McCabe: Courtney made contact to Susan Lambert, who used to be on Education Committee, for advices on how to set up Education Committee.

Media Outreach Committee—Aaron Stribling: Aaron added new feature on ADC website. A ‘mock up’ is a feature when a mouse cursor point to link, name, or calendar, it then will pop up with more information.

D. Old Business:

1. Williwaw Recreational Club for the Deaf (WRCD)
 - a. Dean Gates will host election for new WRCD officers during Community Meeting in March.
 - i. WCRD is still a recognized organization.
2. DEB Meeting
 - a. ADC president can chose a member from ADC to go DEB Meeting to represent ADC. The next DEB Meeting is on March 20, 2009 at 9:00 AM. The public testimony is from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.
3. Interpreter Committee
 - a. Selecting a Committee Chairperson is still in process.
 - i. Sharon Miranda declined. Eve Ooten is considering the position. Plan to ask Geraldine.

E. New Business

1. By-Laws
 - a. Dean Gates: I move to amend ‘board members’ in Article 16—Section 1. Jennifer second. **Passed**
 - i. Dean Gates amended Dean Gates’s motion by inserting ‘and’ between active and board members. Jennifer second. **Passed**
 - ii. Dean Gates amended Dean Gates’s motion by anchoring Article 16—Section 1 to delete ‘60 days’. Courtney second. **Passed.**
 - iii. **Final Motion:** I move to amend ‘and board member’ and removing ‘60 days’ in Article 16—Section 1. **Passed**
 - b. Courtney McCabe: I move that we need to change the date in By-Laws (Article 4—Section 4) from January 1st-December 31st to May 1st-April 30th. Dean second. **Passed**
 - c. Rudy Kerr: I move that By-Laws may be suspended for a specific purpose by two-thirds (2/3) vote at a regular meeting by the board members present and voting. Dean second. **Passed**

- d. Elizabeth Andrews: I move to change Article 11—Section 3 to state that general funds shall be primarily used for general expenditures within the approved budget authorized by the board members at a regular meeting. Jennifer second. **Lay on the Table.**
 - i. Dean Gates: I motion to ‘lay on the table’ for Elizabeth Andrews’s motion and refer to By-Laws Committee for more study. Jennifer second. **Passed.**
 - e. Elizabeth Andrews: I move to reserve Article 11—Section 5 through 7 and Article 11—Section 8 on the first sentence until the growth of members. Jennifer second. **Withdrawn.**
2. Deaf Jam
- a. John Miranda: I move to host Spring Fling in April. Courtney second. **Passed**
 - i. Dean Gates: I move to amend John Miranda’s motion with the phase at the end ‘and authorized to spend up to \$500 and can request more money later.’ Jennifer second. **Passed**
 - ii. **Final Motion:** I move to host Spring Fling in April and authorized to spend up to \$500 and can request more money later. **Passed.**
3. DEB Meeting
- a. Elizabeth Andrews: I move to have someone from Education Committee to attend DEB meeting two times a year to represent ADC. Jennifer second. **Passed.**
 - i. Jennifer Schwebke: I move to amend Elizabeth Andrew’s motion by anchoring ‘education chairperson committee.’ Aaron second. **Passed.**
 - ii. **Final Motion:** I move to have Education Committee chairperson to attend DEB meeting two times a year to represent ADC. **Passed.**
4. Government Council
- a. John Miranda: I move to send someone to represent ADC at government council. Courtney second. **Passed.**
 - i. Dean Gates accepted the position. **Passed.**
 - ii. **Final Motion:** I move to send Dean Gates to represent ADC at government council. **Passed.**

Announcement:

The next Community Meeting will be on March 1st, 2009 at 1:00. Anne Lazenby will be coming in for open discussion in regarding of interpreter issues. WCRD election will follow.

John Miranda: Lynn Van Vector (AVS director from Washington) will be coming to Alaska 5 to 6 weeks from now, and in the meanwhile, she would like to set up meeting with ADC during her stay in Alaska (interpreter will be provided).

Sharon Miranda: AVS recently made contract with Access Alaska and would like for ADC to refer people to Sharon Miranda.

Dean Gates: Duane wants to spread the words that other disabilities Government Council have more seats available and is accepting applications.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM by Elizabeth Andrews. The next Board meeting will be at 1:00 PM on March 15, 2009 in Red Cross Building. (~~Time~~—**subject to change**)

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B Schwebke