

## **ST. LOUIS RIVER EXPERIENCE**

### **Board Meeting Minutes-January 16, 2019**

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*Meeting called to order at 4:40pm at Ecumen Lakeshore-The Gales Conference Room by President Julia Rulla.*

*Attendees: Julia Rulla, Bob Bennett, Ron McKinnon, Scott Lyons, Eric Kaiser, Nancy Saari, Bob Vavrosky, Roger Amborn, Kathy Anderson, and via conference call with Dick Florey. (Absent: Mark Evans and Blaine Gamst).*

*The minutes from the Board meeting held on November 28, 2018 approved.*

*FINANCIAL REPORT: The balance in SLRE account remains at \$27,109.69. Ron McKinnon has met with Harbour Pointe Credit Union and has forms to update authorized signatures on the checking account. A motion was made by Scott Lyons and seconded by Ron McKinnon to maintain a balance at or above the anticipated one year operating expenses of program in reserve. Motion approved.*

*PIER B AND SPIRIT LAKE MARINA UPDATE: Jon Driscoll from Pier B approved the program continuing at Pier B this season. A discussion was held regarding gas storage or purchase and board members will follow up with Mike Polzin (Director of Operations) to facilitate this. Charlie Stauduhar from Spirit Lake Marina is out of the country at this time. Scott will follow up with him when he returns.*

*SCHEDULING GUIDELINES: Julia and Dick have determined all of the scheduled passengers last season did fit with the SLRE mission. No changes are necessary for the upcoming season.*

*SPONSORSHIP RENEWAL: Julia and Ron reviewed the sponsorship amounts from 2018 season and were unable to determine many of the amounts invoiced/paid. Julia proposed SLR sponsorship levels Tier 1 at \$1300 and Tier 2 at \$1,000 so she would not have to ask sponsors what they paid last year. A decision was made to add a Tier 3 with an open donation with a minimum \$500 donation.*

*RECRUITMENT: Several volunteers have already filled out applications on line. Julia requested that any possible volunteers be asked to complete the form on the SLRE web site. Julia will add a line asking how the recruit heard about the program.*

*DEFINE TRIP DAYS/DATES: The 2019 season will start on June 10 and go through September 13. Trips will be scheduled M-F with no trips on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.*

*FUNDRAISER: No 'Ice Breaker' will be held this spring as the program is currently solvent. Fundraisers will be scheduled as needed if our budgeted expenses require increased revenue.*

*VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP: April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7*  
*Several board members would prefer that we have the roundup at Pier B so the volunteers will be familiar with where the season will be held. Kathy will check with Jon Driscoll at Pier B to see if the conference room is available. The alternate location will be at Primrose Retirement.*

*NEW BUSINESS: Eric suggested having socials for volunteers throughout the season so the program would have more of a sense of community, unity and appreciation. All board members were in agreement to move forward with this plan.*

*Suggestion that we have a training video made that would provide a visual to new volunteers. Example: How to tie the pontoon, pushing off pontoon etc. This discussion will continue at the February board meeting.*

*A discussion was held regard determining the physical requirements of the volunteers for the safety of all passengers and of the volunteers. It was decided that Scott and Roger will identify the necessary requirements at the April round up. Suggestions were made that a volunteer not able to assist with the pontoon could help with life jackets, train to open the bridge?*

*Julia presented a SLRE logo key ring we can purchase at the cost of \$3.92 each for a quantity of 100. The board decided to go ahead with this purchase. She will also look into the charge for name tags for all board members and volunteers. Scott suggested that we also get an estimate from Advantage Emblem for logo items.*

*Julia has made a new SLRE logo and asked for the board approval to use the new logo. All board members were in favor of using the new logo.*

*‘Festival of the Ships’: Dates August 11-13  
All regular trips will be blocked out Monday and Tuesday and all trips will be offered to sponsors prior to outside passengers on*

*these days. Monday trips will be offered on Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> due to the 'Festival of the Ships'.*

*The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at Chris Jensen.*

*Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.*