

BACDSC Board Meeting

Via Sorensen Group Chat

Tuesday December 12, 2023

President Celia May Baldwin called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

PRESENT: Celia May Baldwin, Maureen Nieves, Shirley Dart, Paula Bryant, Jerry Grigsby, Debbie Call, Kat Farr, and Charles Holmes

ABSENT: None

BACDSC General Meeting minutes from November 3 were approved as corrected.

Charles shared a thank you card from past board member Marie Ramos.

Discussion regarding Jerry's motion that we give \$50 to senior deaf clubs for assistance in room rental and attendee admission charges. It was decided that Celia May will remind each organization that they are welcome to ask for assistance when they feel it is needed.

Discussion on the motion giving the quilting weekend participants financial support. It was agreed that these types of situations are group oriented and that BACDSC should be recognized as a sponsor for these group events. This is to prevent individuals from feeling entitled to support for their recreational activities.

Jerry brought up the need for compliance with the current by-laws regarding election procedures. It was agreed we will review the by-laws and make needed motions for revisions at our next General Meeting. Jerry will assemble a committee.

It was felt that the removal of the previously agreed on motion to add new counties was needed, as it was felt that motion was unnecessary and problematic as it could lead to issues down the road when the board is faced with finding new members.

Celia May emphasized that all the board members should be fluent in "by-laws speak" to ensure we follow them correctly.

Jerry brought us up to date on workshops in progress:

- CTAP (California Telephone Access Program) workshop to help understand personal device technology such as Bluetooth, CC and how to use the Health app.
- Mental Health Workshop to be set up in February or March.
- Will and Trust Workshop. Jerry will contact AARP to see if they have any resources. Celia May suggested contacting Stephen Hilbok as a potential resource.
- Picnic will happen this year as the by-laws stipulate it is a bi-annual event.
- Need for a Dementia/Alzheimers workshop. Maybe a panel of those who have experience with either.

It was agreed we should provide three to four workshops a year. And to coordinate dates with other clubs to avoid friction. The goal is to have a BACDSC events calendar. Non-members are welcome as long as they pay for a new membership.

Charles will meet with board members individually as needed to provide support for learning and using Google Apps. Charles will also investigate the best device to procure for Kat to use as membership coordinator.

DSC Holiday Party was agreed to happen in January 2025. Two members from each club to serve on the planning committee.

We decided that the idea of a new logo was not feasible due to the probable removal of the recently added counties.

General Meetings will be followed by new activities, not BINGO. Celia May will brainstorm fun things to do following General Meetings. The board approved Celia May's request for funding (up to \$250) to help make the new ideas successful.

It was agreed that BACDSC members must ask a board member for permission to send organization-wide emails using the BACDSC email address.

Maureen has updated the membership form and will share the new form with CM.

Kudos to Paula and her committee for a successful Gnomies Holiday BINGO event.

President Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 11:12am

Respectfully submitted by Charles Holmes, BACDSC Secretary