

Thunder Pride 2017-2018 Executive, Board & Committee

(Thursday, Dec 14th, 2017 @6:00pm, Elevate NWO Board Room)

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call of Officers – 6:05pm**

In attendance: Alan Forbes, Kodi Fortier, Meghan, Aiden Kivisto, John Forget, Jimmy Wiggins, Ken Miller

Regrets: Donna Nagy, Jessica Ross, Kathy Ripa, Colleen Peters

2. **Approval of Agenda** - Ken added a discussion on membership benefits. Moved by Alan, seconded by Jimmy

3. **CORE BUSINESS**

3.1 Previous Minutes - Minutes were accepted as prepared. Moved by Aiden, seconded by John C.

3.2 Regular Meeting Decision - Discussion was had on preferred regular meeting day for board meetings. Thursdays are preferred day. Ken will reach out to board members that are absent about which thursday is best.

3.3 New Website Manager - New website manager will be Stephanie Reid. Ken will meet with Stephanie, Alan, Jimmy to create media strategy. All media releases will be sent to Alan and coordinate with Stephanie to be posted.

3.4 Event Lead Updates - Event leads still need to be filled. Proposal for adding members to the board, at large, to cover the leads for marquee events during pride week. More discussion will be had over the year and a vote for adding more members to the board will be had at agm. Discussion on which board members could take on marquee events ensued. John C. said he will organize awareness breakfast. Board discusses hosting our own food tent to raise money for the organization. Jimmy brought up possibility of beer tent at pride in the park. Board discussed the pros and cons of having a beer tent including costs of vendor, alcohol, police, emergency procedures, insurance and amount sold. Ken explained previous barriers to getting a beer tent for pride in the park. Ken will touch base with other pride networks to see how they manage beer tents and events with alcohol. Another idea discussed was partnering with sleeping giant to create a “gay beer” to help raise money for thunder pride or sponsorship opportunities.

3.5 SAGE Meeting - Jess attended but no feedback has been provided yet. SAGE meeting minutes will be distributed for information to board members. Connecting with other groups like highschool gsa groups to get youth involved and hold events would promote youth involvement in boards. More connections within current circles will be made in order to partner for events.

3.6 Survey Monkey Update - Meghan presented plans for survey monkey and the monthly fees. Motion to purchase basic survey monkey standard monthly plan. Moved by John C. seconded by Kodi

3.7 Monthly Event Brainstorm - Elevate could support: Gaymes night at red lion or in common, we could bring games, Lube workshop at bpp, evening event, "Queer As Folk" marathon, by donation, ken will look into if we would have to pay licensed for showing. Possible Pride Central Partnership: Queereoke, Showtunes at Red Lion. Our Event: Cher Night, Madonnathon, Fetish Night, Gay Trivia Night at The Foundry.

3.8 Membership Benefits - Ken discussed what membership to Thunder Pride includes and will be sending information to Jimmy and Alan to be posted online.

4 Information - Thunder Pride had been asked to make a comment on the apology from the Prime Minister about the LGBTQ purge and it was decided that no statement on lgbtq purge. Decisions on a case by case basis for statements about lgbtq issues in the media for the future.

5 Next Steps - Event Leads to be filled. Monthly event to be planned

6 Items Carried Forward -

7 Adjournment - John C. moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm

ACTIONS:

- Ken to contact absent board members on preferred meeting day
- Aiden to set up email for meeting reminders with agenda
- John C. to plan awareness breakfast
- Ken to contact other pride networks on how to manage alcohol at pride events
- Survey Monkey basic account to be purchased
- Ken will submit a membership package to Jimmy and Alan, to be posted online to attract membership