

Crime Stoppers USA

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009 4:pm EST

Present:

Tom Kern, Greg Willey, Scott Abrams, (excused), Tami Lawler, Margaret Jones, Rob Sarrantonio, Frank Boyd, Jill Clabaugh-Will, (excused), Jack Sullivan, Tim Stark, Mike Hope, Kevin Viney, Elaine Cloyd, Richard Carter, Estela Quintanilla, (excused), Chris Cameron, James Chambers, Gary Potter, Jan Van Houten, Robert Mooney, Harvey Hilvitz

Not Present:

Earl Winterling, Ken Kelly, James Lewis

Guest:

Sid Newman

April minutes should reflect one change. Applications must be sent by May 25th, now they reflect ballots must be sent by May 25th. Harvey moved and Elaine Cloyd seconded approval of April minutes with change.

Chairman Kern welcomed members and guest and gave the floor to Warren Miller, Telecommunications Advisor. Mr. Miller spoke on the number of calls that are coming in from areas that do not have Crime Stopper programs. These calls are then transferred to the closest convenient location/program. Mr. Miller indicated that any questions concerning the Canada transfer of calls can contact him directly since it would be a long explanation. Warren would like to take any Crime Stopper 800 numbers and add them to his service since they are always there to answer. Warren is also working with Los Angeles since there seems to be some issues with their calls. Warren is working with Brian Dunkin from Larmar Advertising. He will send out a written report because it will be too technical to report here. Robert Mooney also suggested that an update in our next newsletter be considered.

Conference at Sea report: Mr. Newman indicated that an update would be occurring on June 21. Price reductions went into effect until June 8th. We have 40 cabins reserved so far as of this date, with 65 Crime Stoppers registered. He announced that the cruise would originate from Long Beach heading to the Mexican Riviera. Confirmed training individuals include Richard Carter, Jane Block, Gary Potter, Rob Sarrantonio. It was reported that Carnival gave a trip to Tom, Tami, Trudy and Sid in March for the purpose of inspection of conference rooms, suites and the ship itself. Margaret Jones has volunteered to help Sid Newman keep track how many Crime Stopper members are registered. Tami Lawler and Greg Willey indicated that they would not be attending the conference at sea.

Chairman's Report – Tom Kern. Tom Kern briefly summarized his written report and answered questions from the board.

Treasurer's Report – Scott Abrams, excused

Harvey Hilvitz brought to the board's attention a group starting Crime Stoppers online. Richard had a legal opinion on the idea and indicated that Tom Kern should look into the contact person personally. Harvey will get Tom the phone number to make contact.

Legal – Richard Carter, activity in New Mexico has required Richard and Tom to reach out and help regroup the state programs.

Nominations Committee Report – Margaret Jones. Nominations Committee received an application from Troy Erickson in Nebraska, Region 9. He will fill the open vacant seat for Region 8. The Nominations Committee has looked at the request and is in full agreement to accept his application. Margaret Jones moved with a second from James Chambers to approve the appointment of Troy Erickson to the regional 8 position. Unanimously approved. Margaret Jones requests a list of Regional Directors for 2009 to 2011 terms. A letter of support is required for these regional directors to continue and has a drop dead

date of May 25th. An email is acceptable from the program and officials. Regions that have complied are, 3 and 11.

Legacy Insurance – Elaine Cloyd, due to a bad feedback on the phone, Elaine will send out in written form her report and findings.

Debit card proposal – Tom Kern, Jack Sullivan made the motion to move forward with the debit card fundraiser with Tami Lawler as second.

The Secretary then had to leave the conference call.

Note: Tami Lawlor finished these minutes

Tom Kern asked we start beginning to think about putting together an Annual Report of CSUSA. Each regional director was asked to prepare a report highlighting at least two programs. We will also pull statistic using CSIM. Each director should submit their report by June 15th, 2009. Tom will be asking other board members individually to submit reports. We will complete by the conference in August.

NADDI conference in Southern Indiana is being well received. We would like to have as many board members as possible. \$74 dollars a night waived registration for all board members.

Newsletter deadline is June 4th, 2009.

Adjournment: moved by Frank Boyd, second by Harvey Hilvitz.