

Crime Stoppers USA

August 12, 2009

3:06pm CST

Teleconference

Meeting called by:	Chairman Tom Kern	Type of meeting:	Monthly Board Meeting
Facilitator:	Tom Kern	Note taker:	Kevin Viney

Attendees: Tom Kern, K. Scott Abrams, James Chambers, Margaret Jones, Robert Mooney, Gary Potter, Tami Lawler, Janice Van Houten, Rob Sarrantonio, Jack Sullivan, Frank Boyd, Chris Cameron, Troy Erickson, Harvey Hilvitz, Tim Stark, Mike Hope, Richard Carter

Absent: James Lewis, Earl Winterling, Jill Clabaugh-Will, Estela Quintanilla, Ken Kelly

Excused: Grey Willey

Minutes

Agenda item: Chairman's Report **Presenter:** Tom Kern

Discussion: Tom's written Chairman's report was sent out, in addition, Richard Carter sent a letter to Ralf Schwoerer, (crimestoppersonline.com) of the Pueblo Colorado Crime Stoppers a cease letter to stop the linkage of his on line Crime Stoppers and other programs associated with CSUSA. Tom Kern personally spoke to Ralf and instructed him to remove Central Indiana Crime Stoppers from his site. Tom will send out a letter to all programs about this site.

Tom and Tami met with NAFI, (National Association of Fugitive Investigators), in Baltimore and Tom was impressed with their organization and focus. The organization is very tight with the Marshall's. Tom also met with the producers of America's Most Wanted program.

Tom asked that all Board members submit a quarterly article for the newsletter. A list will be published of those NOT responding to the request. This newsletter is very important for communication to our members. Tom has also requested that we go to our programs and get by-laws, logos and other items including press releases and marketing items and submit to Tom by September 9th. (Sorry this is so late)

Tom has contacted the White House asking for recognition of Crime Stoppers for Crime Stoppers Month. Tom asked for volunteers to spearhead the efforts. Jan V.H., Jack, Chris and Tami volunteered. Chris, Rob, and Troy will comprise a committee to look at Accreditation Committee for policy and procedures. The committee will come up with ideas to show programs what it takes and that they are accredited to be part of the Crime Stoppers family. This group will come back by November 1st with a plan of action for the board to see.

Tom questioned Scott about the grant group. Tom feels that they are not holding up to our expectations. Motorola has reached out and offered support in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for training, website design and marketing. Tom also informed us that Board Meetings are not being well attended. Members may be asked to step down if they cannot meet the expectations of the board. Tom also indicated that membership is down.

Agenda item:	Vice Chairman's Report	Presenter:	Greg Willey
Discussion:	Greg was not in attendance.		

Agenda item: Secretary report

Presenter: Kevin Viney

Discussion: Minutes attached for August.

Agenda item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: K. Scott Abrams

Discussion: Scott predicts that if we continue as we are, we could potentially be \$21,000 in the red. IRS form 990EZ needs to be filed soon. Scott will send out to be examined by the board.

Agenda item: Elections

Presenter: Margaret Jones

Discussion: There were two region appointments, William Tourtman for Region 3 and Nathan (Nate) Nicholson from Huntsville for Region 5. Frank Boyd moved with a second from Janice Van Houten for approval. Region 11 has a tie for regional director. A new policy and procedure is being developed to handle "ties" in regards to voting and campaigning.

Agenda item: Regional Directors

Discussion: Nothing more to add. Frank's group is having their annual golf outing. Scott brought up the need for a consistent format in reporting by the regional directors.

Other Information

Other Bus: The legal report was email out by Richard.

Other Bus: A motion was made by Rob and seconded by Jan V.H. to send an email to Region 11 reminding them to vote.

Other Bus: By next meeting, we will need to have in place our plan for CSI dues for the coming year.

Other Bus: By-law changes by Rob S. will be discussed on the cruise with a notice sent to those who are not.

Other Bus: Conferences will be a permanent agenda item going forward. Diane Diamond and Jane Block will be speakers at the Conference at Sea.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33pm CST With a motion by Janice Van Houten and a second by Rob Sarrantonio
