PNLHA Annual General Meeting

May 3, 2015
SeaTac Washington (Seattle Area)
Double Tree Hilton Hotel

I. Call to order by President Ross Rieder, 12:37pm
Recording Secretary: Joey Hartman (in the absence of Marion Pollack)

II. Minutes

M/S/C to accept circulated minutes of June 15, 2014

The president appointed a 3 person committee to review 2015 minutes:
-Larry Brown
-Jessica Bonebright
-Jackie Boschok

III. New Business

Election of officers- Chair turned to Susan Levy, Elections Chair.
51 people signed into the meeting and eligible to vote (non-voters=Camera & Audio)

Referred meeting to the “election rules” document. Susan will read names of those already
nominated and then invite additional nominations.

President
Nominations:
Tom Lux
Ron Verzuh
Called 3 times for additional nominations-- M/S/C to close nominations
Dave Swan appointed by Tom as scrutineer
Jay Hertzmark appointed by Ron as scrutineer

Tom Lux: 5 minute speech and supportive comments from:
Sue Palmer
Robbie Stern

Ron Verzuh: 5 minute speech and supportive comments from:
Marcus Widenor
Peter Kardas
Joey Hartman
Ballots distributed, marked, collected and counted
Tom Lux Declared elected vote count: 27 to 24
Vice Presidents
VP British Columbia:  Brian Charlton
M/S/C to elect Brian Charlton

VP Washington:  Jason Redrup
M/S/C to elect Jason Redrup by acclamation

VP Oregon:  Ron Verzuh
M/S/C to elect Ron Verzuh by acclamation

Secretary:  Lane Poncy
M/S/C to elect Lane Poncy by acclamation

Treasurers
From Canada:  Joey Hartman
M/S/C to elect Joey Hartman by acclamation

From U.S.A Nominations:
Brenda Doolittle
Janet Stecher
Called 3 times for additional nominations --M/S/C to close nominations
Jackie Boschk appointed by Brenda as scrutineer
Marcus Widenor appointed by Janet as scrutineer

Janet Stecher:  5 minute speech including supportive comments from Peter Kardas
Brenda Doolittle:  5 minute speech including supportive comments from Pam Lux
Ballots distributed, marked, collected and counted
Brenda Doolittle Declared elected vote count: 27 to 21 (one ballot spoiled)

Trustees
British Columbia:
Anne Davis
Larry Kuehn
Allen Seager
Liam O’Flaherty
Scarlett Schiebel
Additional Nominees:
Marion Pollack
Coleen Jones

M/S/C to accept all nominees pending willingness to serve
Trustees continued
Washington:
Connor Casey
Mike Honey
Peter Kardas
Janet Stecker
David Swan
John Boyle
Christine Fullerton
M/S/C To accept all nominees as elected trustees for Washington

Oregon:
Bob Bussel
Norm Diamond
Jim Strassmaier
Mike Sullivan
Nathan Moore
Ryan Wisnor
Heather Meyer

Additional Nominee: Marcus Widenor- declined
M/S/C to accept all nominees as elected trustees for Oregon

Susan Levy, Elections Chair, turned meeting over to Ross Reider who then turned the Chair over to President-elect Tom Lux

IV. Reports

Washington VP Report:
Tom Lux, most work has been to put together the 2015 Conference

Oregon VP Report:
Ron Verzuh, activities included a pledge to double Oregon membership, attend Labor Day Picnic & rallies, talk to Labor Councils, make media appearances, put together and hold Astoria mini-conference, work on electronic newsletter, website and you tube. Plans are underway for the PNLHA 2016 Conference to be held in Oregon

Point of Privilege by Susan Levy, Thanks to Garret’s photography

BC Treasurer Report:
Joey Hartman Submitted the 2014/15 Financial Report for the Canadian Account
M/S/C Adopted the BC Treasurer’s Report

U.S.A. Treasurer’s Report:
Brenda Doolittle gave a verbal report, PayPal established, about $17,000 in checking/savings,
raised about $12,000 in donations for the 2015 Conference—she will submit a written report to the board & trustees in future weeks

Questions to the treasurer:

Marcus Widenor: From last year’s report, will the $13,000 or $12,000 stipend be going forward?

Brenda Doolittle, Treasurer: No, membership is half of last year; once Ross announced his retirement, most organizational and sustaining members did not renew.

Marcus Widenor: So going into the future, the calendar income being used for the stipend needs to be addressed.

V. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Article II Purposes
M/S/C to amend (a) as proposed
M/S/C to amend (b) as proposed
M/S/C to amend (c) as proposed

Article III Membership
M/S/C amend to add to list as circulated
M/S/C amend to add PNLHA VPs will be sent an updated membership list...amend “with contact info and affiliation” M/S/C as amended

Article V Duties of Officers & Trustees
A (ii) M/S/C
clarify “appoint a trustee if attendance is not possible” means if a VP can’t attend they can send a trustee-SKYPE type meetings as an option
B (1) M/S/C
re temporary accounts
D. Treasurers- maintaining Canadian account for BC activities
B(iii) M/S/C or credit union
B(iv) M/S/C “written” financial... an “internal” financial audit accepted as a friendly amendment with a start time within 3 years

Article VI Election of Officers & Trustees
M/S/C complaints process adds time element

Article VII Revenues & Expenditures
A. M/S/C the PNHLA “Labor History” calendar is a legitimate source of income for the organization.
Tom Lux steps outside the chair for discussion or the 25/75% split on calendar profits.
M/S/C Ross Rieder will remain as the preparer and distributor of the calendar for up to 2 years. Details for future options to be worked out.

Article VII cont.
B. M/S/C Executive Board will render decision & inform funding for projects or proposals in one month
C. M/S/C Regional VPs & treasurers may write checks on temporary accounts with presidential approval

Article VIII Regional Conferences (new clause)
M/S/C Local planning committee will submit a conference report & financial statement within 3 months of conference close

Policy Recommendation /Resolution

Resolution 1- (Proxy) Absentee Voting

The amendment to add availability for the 2016 AGM died without a second.
M/S/C Resolution 1 with the friendly amendment to change “proxy” references to “absentee”

M/S/C to amend agenda to include a motion to establish an audit committee per revised constitution to conduct an internal audit of the PNLHAs finances to be completed and submitted to the membership 60 days prior to the 2016 annual conference

Good of the Order
M/S/C a motion that the PNLHA recognize Ross Rieder on his retirement from the position of president after 37 years, and thank him for his leadership, commitment and passion for the PNLHA and workers’ heritage.
M/S/C a motion to thank deeply the planning committee of the 2015 committee and especially the financial fundraising done by Brenda Doolittle.

Adjourned 2:45pm

Minutes taken by Joey Hartman and Respectfully Submitted by,

Lane Poncy, Secretary