

Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

06/11/08

Call Meeting to Order 11:14 AM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Moment of Silence – For our troops and those injured or lost their lives in a workplace accident.

Roll Call of Board Members

Mike Kerstetter

Pete DePietro

Mike Pron

Bob Scholeck

Doug Gruber

John Donato

Dennis Straub

Carl Dillinger

Carl Judd

Sam Pond

Minutes from 04/09/08 meeting submitted & read by Mike Kerstetter

1. Amendment to the minutes to state that Bob Scholeck and Ron Stabinsky were co-chairman for the PFIW Memorial Day Rally held at the Capitol Rotunda, in Harrisburg.
2. Motion to accept – Bob Scholeck
3. Motion to 2nd – John Donato
4. Vote – motion carried

Financial Report for 06/11/08 submitted & read by Mike Pron

1. Motion to accept – Dennis Straub
2. Motion to 2nd – Bob Scholeck
3. Vote – motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Mike Pron's resignation submitted on 06/11/08.
2. Acceptance Mike Kerstetter as Director was accepted at the last meeting.
3. Election of Director, Treasurer & Trustee
 - a. A motion to table the election of officers was made by John Donato.
 - b. A second to the motion was made by Dennis Straub.
 - c. Discussion
 - d. The motion to table the elections of officers was amended to allow for a special meeting on July 09, 2008 is held and an audit of all the PFIW financials is completed was made by.
 - i. John Donato & Carl Dillinger said that the requested financial information for the last year will be okay instead of the last three years originally requested by Bob Scholeck, Dennis Straub and John Donato.
 - e. This amended motion was second by Dennis Straub.
 - f. Vote – motion carried
 - g. Mike Pron was asked to continue to be the Treasurer for the PFIW BOD until the election takes place. Mike Pron accepted the job.
4. Appointment of Election Committee
 - a. Acting Director will make the appointments.
 - i. None made at the meeting
5. Special Announcement:
 - a. Vince Quatrini has resigned from the PFIW Board of Directors.
6. Reading of nominations submitted to date:
 - a. Pete DePietro nominated for Director submitted by Mike Kerstetter.
 - b. Ron Stabinsky nominated for Director, John Donato nominated for Treasurer submitted by Dennis Straub.
 - c. Mike Kerstetter nominated for Treasurer submitted by Doug Gruber.
 - d. Nominations will remain open for one more month until the July 09, 2008 Board meeting.
7. The floor was opened for discussion on any other Old Business:

- a. Bob Scholeck asked what the protocol was for getting something listed on the PFWI website.
 - b. No protocol established
8. Carl Dillinger said the Board should form committees to handle the business of the PFIW for such things as:
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. No action taken
9. The Acting Director, Pete DePietro asked Mike Kerstetter to stay on as the web master for the PFIW website.
 - a. Mike Kerstetter said he would remain the webmaster until he resigned from the PFIW Board.
 - b. Discussion for a backup webmaster – no action taken
10. Parliamentarian
 - a. Needed to settle all disputes and conflicts that arise from everyday operation about the Bylaws. It was suggested that it be one of the attorneys on the Board. They should be up on nonprofit law. No action taken.
11. Pete DePietro asked how the audit was going to be done.
 - a. John Donato said that it would be very easy that all that was needed was the last twelve months bank statements & minutes from the last twelve months it would be very easy to complete very fast.
12. Pete DePietro brought up an issue with Chapters sending half the dues collected from the previous year to the Treasurer of the PFIW Board of Directors.
 - a. Hardship memberships will be discussed as to whether or not to limit the number issued.
 - b. This will be sorted out after the audit of Chapter finances.
13. Reports from the Chapters:
 - a. Berks County Chapter
 - i. The Chapter will be getting an office from the local 429 Teamsters Hall.
 - ii. BC TV Show – Next show is July 07, 2008 and will be broadcast on the internet.
 - iii. No Chapter meetings till September 09, 2008.
 - iv. Advertise in the flyer for the local Labor Day parade circulated by the United Labor Council.
 - v. IWP owes about \$500 for the toll free number they promised to pay for and they were going to take care of the ad to be placed in the Yellow Pages Phonebook.
 - vi. Contacted a website called Yellow Systems for more listings for the PFIW.
 - vii. Calls from all over the State are coming in to the toll free number and Dennis is directing the injured workers to the closest Chapter for assistance.
 - viii. Dennis says he may have someone willing to startup a Lancaster County Chapter.
 - b. Broke into a discussion about the PFIW and the Local Labor Councils integrating. Carl Dillinger explained how this might be done.
 - c. Grant money is available from State Representatives & Senators. Carl Dillinger says we can apply for and get some of that money.
 - d. Lehigh Valley Chapter
 - i. No Chapter meetings for the summer months.
 - ii. Running a lottery calendar fundraiser with the Local Steelworkers Archives, SOAR and Steelworkers Pensioners.
 - iii. Chapter Bingo is picking up again and additional funds are coming in from that.
 - iv. New fundraiser selling candy.
14. Sam Pond asked about starting up the Delaware County Chapter again.
 - a. Mike Kerstetter will collaborate with Sam Pond to see if they can mail out something to the old members of the Delaware County Chapter.
15. Pete DePietro asked if there was a mailing list for the former Beaver County Chapter.
 - a. No mailing list exists that anyone present knows about.
16. Pete DePietro read an e-mail from Mike Kerstetter citing some changes to the Bylaws.
 - a. Change the location of the Corporate Headquarters
 - b. Article X, Section 4, subsection (b) the amount of money that the Chapters are to send to the PFIW Board of Directors should be clarified.
 - c. Add an Article XIII to allow the Board to set aside any rules necessary to continue with the business of the Board.
 - d. Bob Scholeck recommended that a section be added to Article 4, Directors add a section (b) to require all Board members attend a minimum (4) four Board meetings in a year or be removed from the Board.
 - e. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting under Old Business.

17. Pete DePietro said the PFIW got a letter about the Governor's Health & Safety Convention.
 - a. Pete DePietro asked if the PFIW could be part of the PA AFL-CIO Booth and Carl Dillinger said he would run it passed Bill George, the President of the PA AFL-CIO.
18. Doug Gruber made a motion that all the financial information submitted for the audit on July 09, 2008 be held by Mike Pron, the acting Treasurer.
 - a. During the discussion everyone agreed but no second to the motion was made and no vote taken.
 - b. John Donato gave Mike Pron the financial information they had so far.
19. Carl Dillinger announced that the Pennsylvania Healthcare Group is about to lose it's funding by the end of June because the State will not have a budget in place. Dave Wilderman is the temporary Director and the groups existence is being sabotaged by the Hospital Association. This organization is a vital part of getting good healthcare for Pennsylvanians. This affects everyone including injured workers.
 - a. Carl Dillinger asked that we take action and call your local Representative and Senator and tell them this organization cannot be left out of the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nothing for New Business was addressed during the meeting

GOOD AND WELFARE

1. Call or e-mail Pete with your Subway order. - peted73@aim.com or call 610 - 758-9758
2. The next PFIW Board meeting will be on June 11, 2008 at 11:00 AM
3. Nothing else for the Good and Welfare was addressed during the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by – John Donato

A 2nd to the motion to adjourn was made by – Dennis Straub

Vote – no vote taken - meeting adjourned by default

The meeting for the PFIW Board of Directors adjourned at 12:56 PM