

Cahaba Buffoon Unit
August, 2009
Minutes of Stated Meeting

Attendees: (11)

George Pipes, James Szeredy, Mitch Adams, Tim Wright, Bill Claus, Steve Ackerman, George Boyd, Fred Moffet, Lee Welch, Larry Kirkpatrick (visitor), and Roger Barker (candidate)

Tim Wright served as director as Dennis was unable to attend due to business requirements

Opening Prayer - Bill

Pledge of Allegiance – Tim

Good of the order – We altered the normal flow of our business meeting in order to provide Susie and Jessica the opportunity to present Fred Moffet with the picture album that was placed in competition at Jacksonville (SESCA meeting). Although the album did not place it was very well done and in my humble opinion was the best of show. Fred teared up a bit during the presentation but everyone was quite proud of him and his long term commitment to the Buffoon organization and Cahaba Shrine. Job well done Fred, Susie, and Jessica!

Minutes of last meeting – accepted as presented

Treasurers Report – accepted as presented

Old Business:

- Daniel Wolf of Ed's Shoe Repair – Still interested in making shoes. May make a visit next month to show what he can produce and discuss some sales options. Ed can make shoes for approx. \$150 per pair (same status as last month).
- Clown Wall - Craft Center (Timothy Metzger) has not been in contact with us since the initial visit. Chi Chi knows of another avenue we might pursue to address our desire to update the clown wall with new names and graphics. Perhaps more news will be available next month.
- Fire Truck – It appears that the insurance costs associated with the unit keeping this truck exceed our ability. Tim received some information from George Boyd that might help reduce the cost estimate of \$800 per annum but if this does not germinate we will have little recourse but to unload the vehicle.
- Scottsboro Rehab – Chi Chi, Smooch, and Patches dressed out for this event. Pictures were taken that resulted in front page news in the Scottsboro Sentinel. This was real good PR. Community Event – Non Fund Raiser.
- Main Dish Clown Gig – Skeeter, Patches, and Chi Chi dressed out for this event. Public exposure was fantastic and we also were given a \$100 unit donation.

- Dutton Kids Night Out – Smooch, Patches and Chi Chi dressed out for this event and tied hundreds of balloons for the kids. It was hotter than a skillet but again, we got good public exposure. Jackson County Shrine Club was also in attendance and gave out several hundred snow cones to the public. Community Event – Non Fund Raiser.
- SESA – It was announced that Patches took second place in clown competition (Auguste), that the motor corp had multiple first place entries, and that all in attendance had a great time. It was also mentioned that the unit needed to re-engage in the various regional events (SESA, Dixie, ISCA).

New Business:

- It was voted to conduct a Christmas Party on December 13th and George was tasked with seeing if the Temple (Cahaba Room) might be available. If so we will do our own cooking (Steak) with potatoes and salad. We will also invite the Divan to attend. The unit will absorb the cost of the meal.
- Gun and BBQ event
 - Guns have been selected
 - Tickets are available
 - Sell Sell Sell
 - Unit will also purchase sponsorship package
 - It was mentioned that we need to reconsider unit involvement in the floor sales next year as our collections are not what they “should” be. We will revisit this in next years administration and make a decision well in advance of the event.
- Casino Night
 - Unit responsible for purchase of 4 \$25 gifts
 - Help for event was solicited
- Boeing
 - Temple requested unit to perform for client
 - Unit will receive \$300 from Temple (bundled into Boeing rental rate)
 - Skeeter, Bubbles, Patches, Bobo committed to event. LOBO of Texas will also work event if he is still in town.
- Drawdown #3
 - Unit voted to buy 1 ticket and to internally attempt to sell remainder
- Roger Borden was voted on favorable and now is a Buffoon
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Good of Order

Bill Claus initiated a conversation concerning the Directors Staff forming a clown group and asked if anyone had heard of this. It appears that there has been some discussion within the Buffoon unit membership that this might be a good thing while others in attendance feel it might cause resentment, fragment the organization and jeopardize our strong relationship with

the Directors staff. Rather than debate this to death George asked the unit to allow the executive committee (Director / Sec) to talk with Woody about this, to voice our concerns, and to ask for some clarification of the role this group might play. We will return next month and share our findings.

Upcoming Events

- 9-7 Mule Day Parade
- 9-12 Casino Night
- 9-12 Boeing Picnic Gig
- 9-18 Trail of Tears
- 10-2 Veterans Museum Gig
- 10-3 Madison Street Festival
- 10-10 Gun Show
- 10-10 Veterans Memorial Gig
- 10-16 Cahaba Deadline
- 10-23 Judges Seminar
- 11-21 Drawdown #3
- 12-3 Blount County Christmas Parade
- 12-12 Hollywood Christmas Parade

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