

DISTRICT 19H  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Christmas Ship  
Feb.11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
MD Office

**Meeting call to order:** IPDG Don Wight at 12:30

**Housekeeping:** PDG Judy Portas

Please turn off cell phones or turn to vibrate.

No side conversations as they can be very disturbing.

Adoption of minutes of the Feb.16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 AGM

PZC Sandra Ball made the motion to adopt said minutes.

Seconded by PZ Ken Ball

Carried.

**Elections:**

Executive positions as per our By-Laws: The 7 Board positions stay in effect unless there is a reason to elect a replacement due to a vacancy. All 7 members have agreed to stay for another term.

Present Board:

CEO Don Wight

VP's Judy Portas and Rick Kowsky

Treasurer Gary Almy

Secretary Lynda Davidson

Directors Sue Watjen and John Moralek

Core Committee:

Choir Sandra Ball

Sales of ornaments Ken Ball and Wendy Canessa

Organizing Treat Bags Dennis Canessa and Lynda Davidson

Clowns Virginia Arnasen

Elf's Sue Watjen

Pirates John Moralek

Decorations Patti Easterling and Ron Evans

Gloria Hardan as Judy's right hand women and gallery assistant.

In addition to these on the board, the DG, two VDG's and all 9 ZC's are automatic board members.

Judy stressed that this is a District H Project and we need the support of all officers and members of our District.

**Old Business:**

Thank you letters are being prepared and will be sent out soon. If you know of someone who should get a letter please let Sue know.

**New Business:**

Gary presented the financials for the past year and the budget going forward.

Gary made a motion to have them approved.

Seconded by Ken Ball.

Carried

It was suggested that we get a credit card to help pay and keep track of expenses.

After a brief discussion Patti Easterling made a motion to apply for one.

It was seconded by Ken Ball.

After discussing the issue further it was made known that it didn't matter which card we applied for Visa or MasterCard, neither could be used in both Canada and the US Costco stores where most of the goods for the ship are bought.

A vote was called and it was defeated.

Patti Easterling then made a motion to apply for a debit card. (Which is usable in both countries)

Seconded by Ken Ball.

Carried.

Gary wanted everyone to know that the full extended receipt for reimbursement must be accompanied with the request for funds. A credit card bill by itself will not be enough to reimburse funds.

There has been some confusion on the letters we send out re coming on ship.

We will make it clear that the first letter sent out is for those who would like to sail with us.

When it is answered that does not mean you are accepted. Your qualifications will determine that. A letter of acceptance will follow if you are qualified to sail. This should lead to any confusion as to who is eligible to go.

A Facebook page has been set up by VP Rick Kowsky.

It was decided to approve a Facebook group page. Ken Ball has agreed to handle it. Both Ken and Don Shove will be the administrators.

A new email address has been set up for the Christmas Ship. It is [intlionscs@gmail.com](mailto:intlionsscs@gmail.com). This will be administered by Sandra Ball.

This will be used for receiving applications for consideration to sail, as well as the required information sheet if you are chosen to participate.

In the future we would like to set up a website. But at the present time we do not have someone to administer it. If you are interested please send email to any committee member.

A special thanks will be sent out to Everson and Chilliwack Lions for the wonderful toys they supply for the Christmas Ship. Also to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, with the assistance of Barry Shiles. They supply many of the stuffed animals and smaller toys.

A few new costumes were purchased this year. The penguins were a huge hit with the children.

A few others were purchased but the head gear proved to be a hazard getting on and off ship. They will be modified.

**Business From the floor:**

VP Judy Portas made a motion to add the position of procurement to sit on the board, naming Barry Shiles as the candidate.

Seconded by Sue Watjen.

Carried

The minutes will be distributed by email to Council Members, Website and Facebook.

**Adjourned 1:44**