

MINUTES ALL STAR 1 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2019 at The Guest House

Attendance: Deb Walton, Tom Walton, Jeff Loewer, Caroline Quijada, Lisa Gresser, Ann Etter, Stan Corfman, Ben Soule, Deb Weiner Soule, Andy Bristol, Dale Stewart, Elizabeth Yermack, Larry Yermack, David Yermack, Annie Stewart, Scott Stewart, Phil Pierce, Carla Osgood, David Osgood, Cyndy Parr, Steve Parr, Deborah Cohen, Stafford Cohen, Katy Biron, Cathy Bertasi, Eric Yermack. Via Zoom: Sue O'Loughlin, Janice Prochaska, one unidentified via phone.

Meeting called to order by Convener, Keith Knox at 1:30 p.m.

Opening words by Deb Weiner Soule from Fred McGill, author, and from our All Star I Covenant as well as Rumi.

Milestones: Stewart Knox and wife have moved to Japan. The Loewers have first grandchild, Sullivan. Larry and Elizabeth just celebrated 60th anniversary, Henry Powsner died and his home has been sold. Stan offered thanks for community's support. Judy O'Keefe also passed this year. Ann Etter announced new grandson, Oisin.

Consent Agenda for Reports A-K. Motion to put forward consent agenda. Accepted without objection.

Jeff Loewer presented words from Joe Watts. Expressed appreciation for our programming, volunteering for both Conference and Island, and monetary donations. Joe is attending Council of Conferences today in Portsmouth. We had highest capacity this year of bed nights. Dedication of Brookfield/Marine Lab. This year focus will be on smaller projects and long-term planning. Joe welcomes ideas from all of us. Deb W-S expressed appreciation to Jeff and others for work on Board of Directors of SIC.

Treasurers Report presented by Ann Etter. Note of thanks to Miller/Denno family for artichokes, choke tshirts and grant to children's program. Discussion as to whether donors to auction are adequately informed that proceeds may be split between the Island Annual Fund and AS 1 conference, for financial aid or general monies. Question also applied to bidders for auction items. Signs were present at Auction for bidders, and donors received written notice. We are lacking clarity on this. Determination of split is decided after Auction. Discussion. Propose to announce via Porch News so all conferees will be advised in advance of Auction of where proceeds will go. Stan Corfman feels decision of how monies are allocated should not rest with Treasurer and recommends Executive Com. instead. Discussion. Motion that the Exec Com in consultation with Treasurer determine annually what portion of Auction proceeds will go the SIC and what remainder to AS1 conference. The recommendation will be reported as part of the budget at the fall meeting. Passed unanimously. This supersedes the action taken on an earlier date.

Presentation of 2019-2020 Budget by Ann Etter. Note that Social Hour brought much less income than in the past. Discussion. Motion to accept the budget as presented. Passed unanimously.

Actions of the Executive Committee. Reviewed by Keith Knox. Discussion of Star Union and question of impact on All Star I, particularly Children's Program. Jeff Loewer communicating on this to Board of Directors. Process of Leadership evaluations designed by subcommittee reviewed. Feedback is now

given to those evaluated. Insurance Policy: Ann Etter spoke to this. Hope to have sexual harassment coverage included next year. Motion to ratify these actions of the Executive Committee. Ratified unanimously.

Conference Planning: Theme is 20/20 Vision. Speaker works in filmmaking . Key ideas will be presented and then we will study the classic, "North by Northwest". Will be coming with her wife who is retired teacher who now teaches self defense. Both love to play soccer. Leon Dunkley will be Minister. Nancy Wood moving this winter to assume chaplaincy in Washington State. Initiative to move under -40 age conferees to be more involved in leadership and volunteering. Also looking for input regarding dilemma of late night music and the presence of young people where alcohol is being served. Discussing All STAR1 as Beloved Community. We need to pay attention to our Pels as part of that Community. Late signups from COGS caused a great deal of time and difficulty to numerous people. Consideration is being given to a required notification 2 weeks in advance in order to attend as a conference guest. Also the concept of a special handling fee being imposed on late notice was proposed for Exec Com to consider. Discussion of selecting a total Conference capacity for the future.

Executive Com Recommendations re Selecting Future AS1 Chairs reviewed by Keith Knox. Problems in the past with nominators not having contacted persons in advance for their permission. Amendment 1-prior notification of nomination. Motion called. 1Nay. Motion carries. Amendment 2 - who can be present during nomination process and selection. So moved. Discussion. Passed unanimously. (See Attachment R; will be the process going forward.)

Nominating Committee Report presented by Lisa Gresser. Move to accept the slate of nominees as presented. Passed unanimously.

New Business. Larry Yermack presented concept of sharing acquired Star Island and Isles of Shoals Art in a virtual online art gallery. Would show artist, date, how/where acquired, medium but not reveal the owner's name. Could be expanded to be shared with Island, other conferences, used for marketing. Would require standards and protocols. Images would not be allowed to be downloaded (or captured by screen shots. Proposed name is ISOAG-Isles of Shoals Online Art Gallery. Move to refer the question of establishing ISOAG to the Exec Com for study. Passed unanimously.

Discussion facilitated by Keith Knox about Room Choices and individuals who did not accept their assignment. Concern re out-of-Covenant behavior--this or any kind. How should we respond? Discussion. Move to request Governance Council ask Exec Com to form a process to review/reaffirm AS1 Covenant with the AS1 community for the 2020 conference. 2 Nays. The motion carried.

Off-Island Meeting 2020. Deb WS presented on a new potential site, Mercy by the Sea in CT. Decision to offer on-line survey to Governance Council regarding future meeting location(s).

Closing words offered by Elizabeth and Larry Yermack.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Pierce, Recording Secretary