

TRI-COUNTY LODGING ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

The Tri-County Lodging Association is scheduled to meet at 11:00 a.m. at the TCLA/CVB Offices, 985 KK Drive, Osage Beach, Camden County, Missouri.

TCLA Board Members Present:

Kay Samuelson
Don Neuharth
Sue Pierce
Jen Morgan
Fred Dehner

TCLA Board Members Absent:

Brian Nivert
Nicole Kever Torres
Gena Aldrich
Russell Burdette

Also present were Lagina Fitzpatrick and Tracy McKinney.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sue Pierce called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Don Neuharth made a motion to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2022, TCLA Special By-Law meeting. Jen Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

MEETING MINUTES

Fred Dehner made a motion to approve the TCLA Special By-Law meeting minutes from the December 13, 2021, meeting. Don Neuharth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

(A.) Other New Business – No other new business

OLD BUSINESS

(A.) TCLA By-Laws update – Sue Pierce deferred the changes to Lagina Fitzpatrick due to Lagina being in contact with attorney Marc Ellinger.

Article One – Lagina Fitzpatrick noted the address had still not been updated, the changes will be made before the by-laws are to be presented for a vote, also, the zip code did not need to be included in the address, per Marc Ellinger. All agreed on the suggested changes.

Article Three – Section 1; “to their respective county collector” was added to understand where the tax money goes, also, there was no need to add “for a period of thirty-one days or less” after hotel, motels, resorts, and bed & breakfasts, however it was added to campgrounds. Jen Morgan asked the question if it should be thirty or thirty-one days. Lagina Fitzpatrick consulted the Statues regarding the days stated, according to the Statues it is stated at thirty-one days.

Section 3; With the suggestion to have TCLA added before “the advisory board”, TCLA does not need to be added since the By-Laws are TCLA’s, however Board is capitalized throughout.

All agreed on the suggested changes.

Article Four – Section 3; a) Don Neuharth suggested making the change from “an open board position” to “any open board position”. b) no changes were needed. c) clarification was asked regarding ballots emailed and receiving back. Fred Dehner suggested to note that all ballots must be mailed back, notarized, or delivered in person with proper ID. d) Don Neuharth noted in the third sentence, “his” should be “this”. e) After a discussion regarding a run-off, it was agreed that a run-off vote should be held immediately at the annual meeting. All agreed on the suggested changes.

Section 4; a) added “supporting the Associations comprehensive Marketing Plan”, b) 2) changed “Section 12 to 15” to the Statue referred; 4) the word donation was added, Marc Ellinger suggests that no words are removed due to mirroring the Statues. c) 1) Monthly was corrected to quarterly, 2) “The date of the annual meeting may be changed by a majority vote of the Board” is suggested to be removed by Marc Ellinger, this is not a common statement in By-Laws. All agreed on the suggested changes.

Article Six – Marc Ellinger suggests that Article Six be removed all together. All agreed on the suggested changes.

Article Seven – Other than the addition of the date the By-Laws were amended, no changes. All agreed on Article Seven.

Lagina Fitzpatrick presented a letter to be send with a copy on the revised By-Laws to all members of Tri-County Lodging Association. Don Neuharth recommended in paragraph two, third sentence to change “made” to “suggested” and to add Monday – Friday on the absentee ballot verbiage.

Fred Dehner made a motion to approve the revised By-Laws for a vote to the Tri-County Lodging Association members. Don Neuharth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Don Neuharth made a motion to approve the presented letter to be sent out with the revised By-Laws with the suggested changes. Jen Morgan seconded the motion. The absentee ballots will be available at the TCLA office, Don Neuharth suggested to have Lagina Fitzpatrick call to verify Camden, Miller, or Morgan County will not handle the absentee portion. Lagina stated that she had reached out to all three counties about handling the Business District elections, Camden County did not return any calls or emails, Miller County is awaiting the judgement from the pending lawsuit, and Morgan County declined. Jen Morgan asked if the letter could be emailed, per the current By-Laws and Statue they need to be mailed, however an email blast can be done, along with posting the letter and revised By-Laws with noted changes posted on the website. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Kay Samuelson made a motion to adjourn the TCLA board meeting. Fred Dehner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The TCLA board meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.