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National Chimney Sweep Guild

Board of Directors Meeting

March 31, 2020 – 1 p.m. EST

via Go To Meeting

President Jasper Drengler called the meeting of the National Chimney Sweep Guild Board of Directors to order at EST.

**Directors Present: Jasper Drengler, Jeff Keefer, Joe Sauter, Ron Rust, Gregg Boss, Tom Hunkele, Steve Scally, Matt Mair, Stuart Karanovich, Bob Ferrari,**

**Directors Absent:**

**Staff Present: Megan McMahon, Annemarie Stockton, Russ Dimmitt**

**Guests Present: Chuck Roydhouse, Art Garrett, Tracy Marshall and Larry Halprin**

**A motion was made** by Steve Scally and seconded by Bob Ferrari to accept the minutes from November 6,2019: All in favor. Motion carries.

**President’s Report:** As submitted by Jasper Drengler, cross out the first paragraph since we are not in Orlando.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As submitted by Ron Rust

**A motion was made by Gregg Boss** and seconded by Steve Scally to accept the Treasurers Report. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Executive Director’s Report:** As submitted by Megan McMahon,

**Education Director’s Report:** As submitted by Russ Dimmitt

**Marketing Report:** As submitted by Annemarie Stockton

**Legal Report:** As submitted by Art Garrett

**Presentation by Larry Halprin:**

**Longest legal challenge I think I’ve ever seen in OSHA history, but unfortunately we do not have a lot of control over this. We filed a petition to revise and reopen, filed legal challenge, they are all pending. Had one face to face meeting. Generated a proposal. OSHA decided to work on theirs first. Appear to be close to settling with Ned Stevenson’s company. We presented info on the ways people could use roping systems. Ned said the chimney sweeps said they knew what they were doing. Working with chimney sweeps on fall protection. Tie off to gutter supports. Many agree gutter supports would not be a suitable anchor. OSHA/Stevenson wants to use that as a positioning. Stevenson is moving towards a settlement to tie off to gutter supports and scale a roof somewhere on a 10-12 to a 12-12 slopes. Not saying it’s a solution to chimney sweeps, but it could be an option to consider.**

**We provided them with a proposal. Limited to an hour. Stevenson is advocating for at least 2 hours, we are advocating for 4 hours. We are waiting to hear from OSHA on if they accept that proposal.**

**We want maintenance activities to be covered by settlement. Working on the kind of tasks that are considered general industry tasks with the hopes that OSHA would recognize them as general industry tasks and that it would be covered by the Settlement.**

**California already has a standard that deals with roping systems. We did not suggest that to OSHA because the CA standard requires 2 people to be involved, and we do not want to go down that road right now. After we reach a positive agreement with OSHA, we will work with them on how to get some greater relief in CA.**

**Director Reports:**

* **Region 1** as submitted by Matt Mair
* **Region 2** as submitted by Bill Thornton
* **Region 3** as submitted by Ron Rust
* **Region 4** as submitted by Jeff Keefer
* **Region 5** as submitted by Jasper Drengler
* **Region 6** as submitted by Bob Ferrari
  + **All conferences are cancelled.**
* **Supplier Director** as submitted by Stuart Karanovich

**A motion was made by Gregg Boss** and seconded by Bob Ferrari to accept the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Bylaw Report** no report Jeff Keefer
  + **Question by Matt Mair: what to do about convention being cancelled and our required membership meeting**
  + **From Art: in situations like this, you try if you can to do it another way, but if in the end you can’t get it done then that’s just the way it’s going to be. My research in DC showed that corporate formality is not affected by not having an annual meeting. Since this is a pandemic it’s a totally different situation.**
* **Ethics Committee Report** as submitted by Joe Sauter
* **Governance Report** as submitted by Thomas Hunkele
* **Government Affairs Report** no report Jeff Keefer
* **International Relations Report** as submitted by John Pilger
* **Membership Committee Report** as submitted by Annemarie Stockton
* **NFPA 211** as submitted by Jim Brewer
* **NFPA 31** as submitted by John Pilger
* **NFPA 54** as submitted by Jim Brewer
* **Site Selection** as submitted by Megan McMahon
* **Technical Advisory Council Report** as submitted Steve Scally
  + **Make Scally the Chair, Michael wants to stay on the committee, but Steve will now be the Chair.**
  + **There have been more phone calls than normal, 30-40 phone calls since last time we met. Calls have pretty much dropped off at this time.**

**Old Business**

* None

**New Business**

* 2020 Resolutions
  + Bob Ferrari
* Election of 2020-2021 Officers
  + President, Jasper Drengler
  + Vice President ,Tom Hunkele
  + Treasurer, Matt Mair
  + Secretary, Jeff Keefer
  + A motion was made by Gregg Boss and seconded by Joe Sauter. All in favor. Motion carries.
* Seating of New Directors 2020-2021
  + Jesse Peralta
* Next Meeting dates:
  + May 13-15th, Tech Center, Plainfield, IN
    - If we cannot meet in person, we will reschedule.
  + August 10-11th, Tech Center, Plainfield, IN

**A motion was made** by Gregg Boss and seconded by Ron Rust to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:05pm EST by President Jasper Drengler