

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: June 6, 2021

Call to Order / Introduction of Members of the Public

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present and the meeting was called to order by Board Co-Chair Dan Carrigan at 9:06 am. Other board members present were: Lorraine Hull, Board Co-Chair, Steve Gonzales, Treasurer, Mary Beth O'Connor, Acting Secretary, George Gidora, Chris Smith and Sue Betts.

Non-board members in attendance included: Robert Stump, Executive Director; Lisa Swing-Corney, Frontier Regions Coordinator; and other LifeRing delegates/members from the general public.

Minutes and P&L Reports

The Consent Agendas from April and May were up for review and approval. Chris made a motion to approve, Mary Beth seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Update on marketing pamphlet

Sue screen shared the new pamphlet with the text changes suggested by Mary Beth and other board members. Discussion ensued about how it will replace all the old pastel paper brochures. It has a QR code on the front linking to a new LifeRing welcome page, as well as space for those who still want to use an ink stamp with their meeting information. Sue promises to have it completed by end of June.

New Business

Today's schedule for Congress

Board candidates and Bylaw change

There are nine board member seats. Dan's term expires this year. He has been on the board for seven years! Other seats were vacated throughout the past year. Six candidates stated briefly why they want to join the board of directors. The candidates include:

Sue Betts, George Gidora, Steve Gonzales, Christopher Smith, Michele Kenny and Paula Gillen.

One open seat remains. Dan made a motion for all to be elected as candidates to be named on the ballot; Lorraine seconded it, so the motion carried.

There was a brief discussion of the number of board members, the fact that this is a working board, as well as how interested individuals can work with the board without being a board member. The link from the website with the BOD Commitment Letter was shared.

The proposed correction to the language of the current Bylaws was presented. Specifically, In Article 3 of the Bylaws, change "Article 2" to "Article 1."

Mary Beth made a motion to accept the proposed bylaw correction, Lorraine seconded the motion, and with all in agreement, the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Executive - Dan, Lorraine and Robert

Results of Annual Meeting yesterday, it was well attended with engaged participants.

Finance – Steve

Steve showed a chart that indicated year long results. LifeRing started out in a difficult position due to the pandemic. The year end fundraiser was much more successful than in years past. Donations brought in \$17,000. Plus LifeRing applied for and received \$11,000 in federal grant funds. It's possible that we may get \$7,000 more but will not find out until later in the summer. LifeRing has over one year of expenses in reserve. An update about review of financial processes was shared. The monthly Profit and Loss Statements are posted on the website. <https://lifering.org/governance/policies-and-documents/bod-minutes-and-financials/>

Fundraising, Marketing, & Communication Committee (FunMarCom) – Lorraine and Sue

Sue shared the monthly calendar of events that are currently scheduled.

Meeting and Convenor Committee (MCC) – Sue

The MCC reorganized from the Meetings Committee in April. We have hosted three topic specific salons for convenors. The number of attendees ranged from 15 the first time, then 20 and the last 45. Next time the salon will focus on the LGBTQIA+ community. Seeking a way for convenors to share expertise and support. Future plans to roll out a new convenor preparation kit.

Outreach Committee - Dan and Michele

Michele would like to develop a coaching and mentoring process for convenors. More members are needed on this committee for this teamwork to happen.

Pop-Up Committees

No Reports today.

Adjournment of Board Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Beth, Dan seconded it and all agreed.

Submitted by Lorraine Hull
LifeRing Board Co-chair
July 2, 2021