



Board Of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Call to Order and Identification of Public Attendees

Sue Betts called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM Pacific Time.

Board Members	Present	Absent
Sue Betts	√	
Bobbi Campbell		√
Monica Foy	√	
Joe Franklin	√	
Michael Anderson	√	
Mary Beth O'Connor	√	
Njon Sanders	√	
Robert Stump	√	
Lisa Swing-Corney		√

Non-Board Members Present:

- Ewa C.
- Jodi E
- Taresa N.
- Daniel M
- Laura M
- Joey C

Approval Of Consent Agenda

August 2024 Minutes

Monica made a motion to adopt the August 2024 Minutes as presented. Robert seconded.

VOTE: Sue confirmed a consensus of votes to adopt the August 2024 Minutes as presented, with one member (Njon) abstaining.

September 2024 Minutes

Monica made a motion to adopt the September 2024 Minutes as presented. Robert seconded.

VOTE: Sue confirmed a consensus of votes to adopt the September 2024 Minutes as presented, with one member (Njon) abstaining.

September 2024 Financial Report

Joe made a motion to adopt the September 2024 Financial Report as presented. Monica seconded.

VOTE: Sue confirmed a unanimous vote to adopt the September 2024 Financial Report as presented.

Ongoing Business

Relations With International Entities

The **Agreement for International Entities** has been submitted to the International Entities (who are expected to review and propose additional changes).

Mary Beth and Lisa have been working on relations with international entities.

Sue states that she spoke with Lisa who reports making contact has been difficult. Lisa has heard back from Ireland (and Sweden), but has not heard back from Canada or the UK. Sue reports that she just sent an email to Jamie Itterman, Chair of Lifering Canada, and is hoping to get a response from him.

Question posed as to whether it is possible to go forward with this; Mary Beth feels this would be a legal question and should be addressed in the Executive Session.

Website Redesign

Bobby is not present but Robert provides the following update:

The new (test) website has been viewed by a select number of individuals. Website is being designed to be smartphone friendly, since many people use their phones or tablets to join meetings. Goal is to find a balance between keeping familiar items on the website for longtime users while also designing the website to be relatively fast and interesting to new individuals. Robert states that it may be another couple of months before the website is ready to be seen by a select group of people outside of the team.

New Business

Town Hall Meeting

Sue reports that a message has been sent to all Life Ring members and community; asking all stakeholders, including Board members, committee members, team leaders and collaborators, the convenor community and e-group community to join a town hall meeting. The response was robust and the town hall meeting will be held on October 20th and has been scheduled on the LifeRing calendar.

Meeting Management

There continues to be some concern with a certain individual who has reportedly been disruptive at meetings, especially one of the meetings. Robert and Sue are working with the convenor to address this issue.

Pop-Up Meeting Proposal

Taresa and Kemper have been working on putting together a proposal for a pop-up meeting. Teresa describes the vision for the pop-up meeting as a way to provide members with an opportunity to gather informally with other sober people. The meeting itself would be unstructured and there would be no minimum time for participation nor would there be verification.

Sue thanked Taresa for her efforts and reports that the proposal has been presented to the MCC (Meetings and Conveners Committee) who have endorsed the proposal and are working closely with Kemper and Taresa on the project.

A lengthy discussion followed with regards to the logistics of creating such a meeting, along with questions of insurance and liability. Further information will need to be gathered and it was agreed that the details would be discussed further during the Executive Session.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Monica presents the income and expenditure information in its new visual graph form; income so far this year is less than in 2023 but there is still a quarter left for fundraising and donations. Discussion followed re: possibilities for raising funds including putting ongoing efforts into grant writing.

LifeRing Book Sales Report

No new updates.

LifeRing Development Report

Sue is standing in for Lorraine, who is not present. No new updates.

LifeRing Teams Updates

Social Media

Bobbi is absent, no new updates.

Adjournment of Board of Directors Meeting

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Monica seconded.

VOTE: Sue verbally confirmed unanimous approval to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM Pacific Time.

Public Forum

Members of the public discussed outreach efforts along with the challenges presented by some of the meeting attendees who are disruptive and come back into the meeting with different screen names. Discussion ensues over how to keep meetings safe for all as well as review of the formal complaint processes that are already in place.

Thank you to all members of the public who participated in the forum today.

Executive Session

- International Relations
- Insurance and Liability Questions
- Disciplinary Actions