

MINUTES
SOUTHERN BRANCH EUSPBA AGM
Holiday Inn, Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC
September 20, 2009

Attendance: Tom Crawford, Chair; Jason Higgins, Joe Zappa, Cecilia Zappa, Eugene Armistead, Sabrina Sikes, Quinn Sikes, Robin Nelson, Peter Armstrong, John Sprague, Emily Sprague, Janny Wurts, Roderick MacDonald, Teri Wiegand, Al McMullin

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Crawford at 10:15am.

Reports: Chair Tom Crawford reported there was little activity by the branch this past year. There was a mailing requesting nominations and/or votes for new branch officer positions sent in June. There were only a few who responded. The Progressive Certification Program (PCP) was also included in the mailing. That program has started with offered in Atlanta with 2 participants and Sarasota with 6 participants. The aim of the program is to expand the education and skills of members. It is hoped that more members will participate in the program. Teri Wiegand, Acting Secretary, reported that the above mentioned mail out went to 465 members and that there were 9 responses. The Treasurers report was announced by Chair Tom Crawford; there is approximately \$1700 in the Branch account.

Old Business: Nomination and Election of Officers were held. Albert McMullin and Tom Crawford were elected by acclamation for Chair and Treasurer, respectively. There were two candidates, Teri Wiegand and Peter Armstrong, nominated for the position of Branch Secretary. A vote was taken for the Secretary position and Peter Armstrong was elected. It was noted that Teri Wiegand was currently seeking the position of Executive Secretary to the EUSPBA Executive Committee. Additionally, it was noted Southern Branch member, Alan Armstrong, was running for Executive Committee position as Officer at Large.

Newly elected Chair Albert McMullin conducted the rest of the meeting.

Branch Guidelines recommend elected positions be held for two year terms and terms to be staggered between officers. Since elections have not been kept current, it was approved by those present the newly elected officers' length of office would be:

- Chair – to serve a one year term. At the next election, the 2010 Branch AGM, the elected Chair will serve a two year term.
- Secretary and Treasurer – to serve two year terms. Elections for these positions will be held at the 2011 Branch AGM.

Chair Al McMullin appointed Roddy MacDonald, per Branch guidelines, to be the Branch Officer at Large and Special Projects Officer. Mr. MacDonald accepted the appointment.

Branch guidelines state that Branch Officer at Large positions are appointed by the Chair and not elected. Al McMullin noted that there is an agenda item addressing the issue of appointment by the chair versus election by the membership. If a change is approved, it will take effect at the

next Branch AGM. This position, whether appointed or elected will run concurrently with the Chair's term (see above).

New Business:

A. There were 14 proposals discussed for submission to the EUSPBA AGM in November. Attached is the approved list.

B. The Southern Branch Workshop was discussed by Jason Higgins and Tom Crawford. The problem in restarting the workshop has been securing a venue to hold it. Several places have been contacted and terms have not been able to be worked out. It was agreed a committee should be formed to work on having a workshop; no date was set. Roddy MacDonald was appointed to head the committee and asked Jason Higgins, Cecilia Zappa and Teri Wiegand to assist him with this event. Other individuals will be asked to volunteer to serve on the committee.

C. The next AGM meeting date was tentatively set for the Greenville (South Carolina) Games, June 5, 2010. It was noted that Branch Guidelines require the Branch AGM be held 3 months prior to the EUSPBA AGM, held in November. The Greenville Games committee will be contacted to confirm the feasibility and availability of holding the meeting there.

D. An updated Branch Policy Manual was discussed and agreed to that it would be beneficial to have one. A committee will be formed to draft a manual for approval by the branch officers.

E. Southern Branch Monitor Training Program: Peter Armstrong is to contact the current Southern Branch Monitor Coordinator, Debbie Hahn. Purpose is to locate the EUSPBA Monitor Handbook which was developed by the EUSPBA to assist monitors in carrying out their duties while at a games. There was a question as to whether or not this handbook was being issued to new monitors. In addition, there was a question as to whether the EUSPBA Monitor Coordinator was providing lists of qualified, trained monitors by state. Peter agrees to report back to the Branch Officers and to start a monitor training initiative for the Southern Branch.

F. Band mid-section comments program: submitted by Robin Nelson. Purpose is to better utilize the Tenor/Bass judge already in attendance at most games and provide specific feedback to the drumming mid-section. A score sheet was suggested; however, it would not be a part of the current scoring system used to judge bands. Several games will be asked to pioneer the effort and feedback will be solicited from the bands. Robin Nelson agreed to spearhead this project.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm by Chair Al McMullin.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peter Armstrong,
Branch Secretary