

QUEEN'S COLLEGE (GUYANA) ALUMNI
FLORIDA CHAPTER

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 20TH. 2003

Present were: Adel Yasin, Adit Saywack, John Larose, Lloyd Houston, John Yates, Debbie Seepersaud, Ian Lye and Desmond Lee-Own.

Absent with excuse were Rod Westmaas and Winston Seepersaud.

The president called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM and read the minutes of the last meeting. The following corrections were made:

Pianist Ray Luck may perform at the brunch on the Sunday of the ICQC meeting.

Lloyd Houston had asked to be excused from the last meeting.

The adoption of corrected minutes was proposed by Lloyd and seconded by John Yates.

Matters Arising:

John Yates noted that the minutes did not reflect adequate details of the discussions on issues. Lloyd who reiterated that the formal structure should always be used for meetings, endorsed this. John Yates pointed that this could be beneficial for some members as his sojourn with the Jaycees as a youth served him well in his business life.

John Yates reported that he had not received the letter to assist solicitation of donations / advertisement for the ICQC event although this was confirmed at the last meeting. Lloyd said he did not have enough details of what was required, to do the letter but promised to deliver it by July 24th.

Lloyd proposed that details of the treasury report should not be in the minutes. John Larose said he liked the idea of details to enable other members who could not make it to the meetings to read of the success of the various events. It was agreed that the treasury report for each event should be presented and discussed and the minutes should reflect the acceptance of the treasury report. Adit suggested that the treasury report should be a permanent item on the agenda for each meeting and this was agreed upon.

The brunch held on May 18th. was discussed briefly. The consensus was that the quantity of some food items was not enough and this should be noted for future reference. John Yates proposed that a dominoes competition be held and that each house be represented. It was agreed that this was a good idea and will be pursued for a future fundraiser.

Adit reported for Rod that he had not located a venue for the Saturday meeting of the ICQC event. He asked that all members assist with securing of a venue. Per Lloyd, these meetings can go from two to five hours with approx. 14 – 20 attendees. Desmond suggested that the meeting room in the hotel where the attendees will be staying be used. Rod to follow up.

Lloyd enquired whether a committee had been appointed for the ICQC event. Since there was not, a committee was appointed. This consists of Rod, Lloyd, Debbie, Adit, and John Larose with Rod being the Chairman. Adel to arrange a meeting of this committee by next week-end (July 27th.)

For the Saturday fete of the ICQC event, John Larose reported that the additional costs of insurance and a live band had increased the price of the tickets from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per person. Consequently, we would need to sell 500 tickets to break even. The liquor permit required for this event needs the Form 501 (C) or tax-exempt certificate to be attached to the application. Since we are now applying for the 501 (C) which could take 4 – 8 weeks to be processed, Adit volunteered to pursue whether the permit could still be acquired using other documentation and to report to John Larose by Wednesday, July 23rd.

Lloyd raised the question as to whether the fete would have the usual QC flavor. John Larose and Adit assured him that it would. During this discussion, Desmond informed us that his brother who has a band (Highly recommended by John Yates) would be hosting a fete on that weekend and maybe we could piggyback on that fete instead. He will contact his brother and get back to John Larose by Wednesday, July 23rd to discuss the details.

The website is still not up. Lloyd reported that John King, the designer, was not responding. He also said he knows someone else who could do it for \$150.00. John Larose said he knows someone who could have it done by the end of the week for \$350.00. It was decided that Lloyd should pursue his lead and inform John Larose by Wednesday, of the result. If Lloyd is unsuccessful, John Larose will follow through.

Lloyd proposed that the Annual General Meeting be postponed to September 2003 because of the planning of the ICQC event. This was agreed upon but the President mandated that the AGM must be held not later than September. Desmond reminded that notice of the AGM and copies of the constitution should be sent out via e-mail and regular mail.

There being no new or other business, the meeting was adjourned with the school song at 4.45 PM.