

## **CMARC Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2009**

Present: Laurie Steinemer, Linda Dudley, GeLaine Joachim, Laurie Alicke, Scott Luther, Cliff Thomas, Shawn Sweeney and Andrew Ikall, John Cassuccio (on the phone)

Absent: Allen Bellamy, Christine McKinley

### **2010 Membership Fees**

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, motions made, seconded and unanimously approved, it was decided that the 2010 membership fee would remain at \$175 with the following changes:

- The annual \$175 fee will cover the primary member from each company. Additional meeting attendees from the company will pay a \$40 guest fee to attend each meeting.
- Guests will no longer be able to pay at the door. All guests must pre-pay on-line prior to the posted deadline. If a pre-paid guest is unable to attend the meeting, they will be given a credit for the next meeting.

The website will be updated to reflect this new policy.

### **Treasury Report**

Cliff Thomas provided the Board with the Financial Statement as of 8/31/09 which shows an ending balance of \$18,870.73. After deducting the anticipated costs for the September and November events, he anticipates a year end balance of approximately \$12,000.

We will also need to include in the budget the \$50/CRP credit hour charge that ERC has recently imposed.

### **Election of New Board Members**

Scott Luther advised the Board that he has received 5 nominees for open board positions. Two of the nominees are from companies that have representation from current Board members. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to accept nominees from companies that have current Board representation. It is anticipated that there will be 1 – 4 Board openings for 2010.

It was decided to extend the nomination period until September 30.

### **Membership**

Scott Luther reported that we have 9 new members since July 1, 2009.

### **Holiday Event**

This year's holiday event will be a Night at the Races and will be held at the Marriott on Westpark Drive the evening of November 19. Preliminary information about sponsorships and donations was distributed to the September 17 meeting attendees. We will be renting the kit to manage the program ourselves which will keep our costs down and increase our donation to Friendship Trays.

Companies are being asked to sponsor a horse at a cost of \$100 for all 8 races, sponsor food or drink, or be a gold, silver or bronze sponsor (cost to be determined). We will also be requesting at least 10 raffle items at a \$50 minimum value.

Attendees will be encouraged to wear hats and gift cards will be given to the winners in 4 categories: best racing theme, funniest/most outrageous, most glamorous and best use of flowers.

### **2020 Meeting Topics & Location**

Suggestions for meeting topics from the Board included more global focus, and inviting David Oltman to be an annual speaker. Next year's meeting will be held at the Hilton. A continuation of this topic will be held at the next Board meeting.

Next Board conference call is on Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kantor  
Secretary