

OAB CONVENTION/OBEA STUDENT AWARDS LUNCHEON 4/4/19

Members present: Dean Percy, Andy Gibson, Michael Maxwell, Rick Lippert, Jack Hodgson, Dell McClain, Markus Zindelo, Carylon Ross, Christi McGahan, Stephen Draper, Christian D'Andrea, Ken Fischer, Bob Dickey, Cathy Coomer and Vance Harrison.

The meeting was called to order at 10:18am. Dean Percy asked everyone to review the minutes. Ken Fischer noted that the comments about the South Central event being combined with BEA this year, may be one time only. Dell made the motion to accept the minutes, Stephen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy passed out the report showing the club currently had \$3,615.08 in its Checking account. She noted that the total amount once the other schools have paid their entry fees will be \$1,750.00. The plaque costs from Dearing's Trophy is \$854.00 and that does not include any spelling corrections and/or the purchase of additional plaques for students. She also noted that \$250 is still owed to our web master for completing the OBEA web site and \$2,000 for our use of Open Water for our competition. Jack made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Christi seconded it and the treasurer's report was approved.

OAB Report – Vance was unable to stay for our meeting, Dean shared his comments with the members. Governor Stitt was invited to our luncheon and based on how long it takes to announce the awards, we may have to stop and start with the presentations while the governor is here. He also noted that a special announcement would be made during the luncheon about Dell McClain and SEOSU "P1" sales project program that OAB is funding. Following the luncheon, two sessions were available for students and faculty to attend including Al Tompkins "News and Storytelling" session and Dan Oblinger, trained hostage negotiator on mastering the art of persuading people in crisis to make decisions.

President's Report – Dean noted in regard to our financial status that we consider raising our institutional and individual dues for the 2019-20 school year. After a brief discussion, Jack made the motion, Dell seconded the motion and the increase in dues was approved.

Dean noted that Wendy will no longer be a part of OBEA or a member after this semester but will continue to work with us, along with Andy Gibson, on the Open Water judging process. We may need to get a new member to help with this process or someone to become a part of the competition committee.

Dean noted that we needed to elect new officers for the coming year. Cathy asked that she maintain the secretary/treasurer's position for another year. Jack made the motion, Michael seconded the motion and Cathy will remain secretary/treasurer for another year. Ken noted how important it will be to get a new member involved as an officer, and as this coming year's Vice President position. Christi McGahan, from OKBU, was asked if she would be interested and was informed about her role with OETA Student Day in the fall and she accepted. Stephen made the motion to approve Christi for VP, Christian seconded the motion, and all members approved Christi's acceptance.

Old Business – Cathy asked about old records for OBEA and the standard number of years to hold onto documents. After a brief discussion, it was noted that 8 years or older could be destroyed and scanning future document might be an option.

New Business - Incoming President Carylon Ross presented the out-going President's plaque and gavel to Dean Percy and thanked him for all his hard efforts this past year.

In regard to the summer meeting, Carlyon is going to check with Gwin Lippert to see if the iHeart suite is still available for the annual ballgame and if not, will contact members of the competition committee to pick some dates. Cathy also noted to Carlyon that she also needs to consider the continuing education segment that is also included each year in our meetings. Several comments were noted about things to improve for future online judging, dealing with ties, etc.

Several members still need OBEA name tags including Dell McCain and new member Christian D'Andrea. Cathy will get those ordered.

The meeting concluded at 10:46am.