

SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (via conference call)
September 24, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Redding at 7:00 pm
Invocation was given by Del Kroon
Pledge of Allegiance given all

Roll call of officers and members present on the call:
Bruce Redding (YELDEZ)
Delmar Kroon (EL RIAD)-Treasurer
Barry Spitzer (MOOLAH)-Secretary
First Vice-President Elect Bill Bradford (MOOLAH)
Second Vice-President Elect, Greg Lewis (RAJAH)
Third Vice-President Elect , Lee Pfeifer (SYRIA)
Board Member, John Baber (ALBADOO)
Board Member, Phil Thrasher (MURAT)

Secretary's Report, Barry Spitzer

Approval of minutes from 7/10/17, Annual Board Meeting

Motion made by Greg Lewis to approve minutes of annual board meeting July 10th, second by Del Kroon. Motion to approve carried unanimously. Greg Lewis mentioned we need to correct the name of David Deturk, from RAJAH.

Treasurer's Report, Delmar Kroon

Del Kroon gave the Treasurer's Report and the balance as of July 1, 2017, is \$9,984.44. Debits of \$103.52 to Collegiate Awards, \$468 for the annual renewal of our website, \$250 for one adjudicator, Imperial Secretary's expense \$42.12, Treasurer's expense for 2016 and 2017 is \$54.34, interest credit of \$.21 for two months equals a balance of \$8,556.83. Del moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by John Baber, motion carried and approved.

There were no committee reports, but Greg Lewis at an association meeting with Lee Pfeifer said there was a request by the incoming Imperial Sir, Jim Cain, to see if all Chanters could participate in the opening service on opening day in Daytona 2018. Jim Cain asked if we could give him an answer as to how many units could participate in the opening session by January or February. We will have a positive response to him by the first quarterly call, January 8, 2018.

President, Bruce Redding, had nothing else to report.

MOOLAH, SYRIA, and RAJAH all competed at the Imperial Session in both Choral and Quartet Competition. MOOLAH Chanters won first place in both Choral and Quartet Competition. Bill Bradford, MOOLAH President, mentioned that it was good to have competition this year at Daytona. Further discussion ensued as to other Chanter Units that may compete in Daytona in 2018,

Current officers of SCAI will be retained through the 2017 and 2018 serving years.

At the annual board meeting in Daytona in July of 2017, we did nominate a First Vice-President, Bill Bradford from MOOLAH, Second Vice-President, Greg Lewis, RAJAH, and Third Vice-President, Lee Pfeifer, SYRIA, to the SCAI Executive Board of Officers.

Barry reported that we have a traveling trophy for the Chorus Competition and we will be purchasing a new one for the Quartet Competition this year. MOOLAH will bring both trophies down to the 2018 Imperial Session. Combined efforts of all competing Chanter Units to be present at the Imperial Church Service and the start of the Imperial Session was discussed. Directors, conductors will approve the songs to be sung at both sessions with the approval of the church service chairman/and or incoming Imperial Sir. Traveling trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the Choral and Quartet Competition.

Bill Bradford mentioned about the opening session where only RAJAH came down and sang the National Anthem. Bill suggested all units would participate in both services based upon the time frame designated by the Imperial Sir or church service chairman. Songs and participating units will be decided early in January or February.

Two adjudicators will be hired for both Choral and Quartet Competition. Lee mentioned that we need to work on qualifications, rules and guidelines, and expectations for hiring adjudicators. This past year judges were hired at the last minute and some felt they were not on the same page, ie. collaborating scores, making changes on the score sheets and left SYRIA on stage for 10 minutes between songs. Barry is going to look into the SMCA rules and guidelines for future competitions to make sure we don't have the same situation happen at another Imperial Competition. We need simpler scoring sheets that are consistent. We need to develop a committee of SCAI members to address the issues of concern of judges and scoring sheets. Lee Pfeifer said he would serve on the committee, Greg Lewis said he would ask Brian Hartmann who has 35 years as a music teacher, if he would also serve on the committee. It was suggested Jim Gesell also be asked to serve as he has been appointed the International Competition and Church Chairman. Information, rules, and procedures will be placed on the website so that only members with a password will be privileged to see them. Committee was asked to give a report by the January 8, 2018, conference call.

Greg Lewis will be the point person and also the Treasurer of SCAI to coordinate with National Association of Judges or Adjudicators that will be hired to make sure fees and services are congruent. Brian Hartmann was asked to check out several judging companies that he has had previous experience with so that there will be no questions months before the Imperial Session of July, 2018.

Minutes and agendas will be posted to SCAI website, information can be seen and read by all. It was suggested that a list of officers be included in the website. The SCAI website is: www.scaichanters.org. Choral and Quartet Competition.

Next conference call is set for Sunday, January 7, 2018, 8:00 Eastern, 7:00 Central, 6:00 Mountain and 5:00 Pacific. John Baber said that 60 miles from him they had 20 inches of snow.

Please go on the website, get out the word, and send Barry your articles and pictures.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Lewis, second by all at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Spitzer, SCAI Secretary