

**SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (via conference call)**  
**June 2, 2019**

Meeting called to order by President Greg Lewis at 7:01 pm Eastern Time

Invocation was given by Barry Spitzer

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all

Roll call of officers and members present on the call by Secretary:

Greg Lewis, President (RAJAH)

Lee Pfeifer, First Vice-President, (SYRIA SHRINE)

Bruce Rohrbach, Second Vice-President (RAJAH)

Jim Gesell, Third Vice-President (MOOLAH)

Barry Spitzer, Secretary (MOOLAH)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Del Kroon was not on the call and Barry said the last available balance he knew of was \$8,054 as of January 20<sup>th</sup>. These are the units who have paid their dues: Moolah, \$110 for 9 members; Rajah \$120 for 10 members; Syria \$140 for 12 members; Yelduz paid \$20 annual dues; Abubekr paid \$20 dues; has not heard from Murat yet. Motion made and carried to file treasurer's report for audit. Lee 1<sup>st</sup> and Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Secretary's Report**

Barry gave Secretary's Report report from April 28th, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes. Lee made a motion to accept, second by Jim. Approved unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

None reported

### **President's Report**

- Greg Lewis said after talking with Parker Toler, Director General, that we would need to sing for the 3:00 p.m. Opening Session both Canadian and National Anthems. (6/30/19) Chris Fisher the Master Council for MO Demolay will not be there at opening session. He said an organ at Grand Lodge does not work but there will be an electric keyboard. Bruce Rohrbach is playing the electronic keyboard for the church service. Jim has been in touch with Lynn Morelock and the songs for the church service have been selected. Units will be contacted with selection of music.
- Competition on 7/1/19 was discussed to be held in the Convention Center. We have been informed we will have meeting rooms set up for practice and there is no piano available.

### **Old Business**

Discussion of all of the events and singing schedule and all competition information.

- Three units are competing as of this date: MOOLAH, RAJAH, and SYRIA.
- Greg reported we are singing at the church service at 1:00 p.m. Jim Gesell will give church service songs to conductors. Rehearsal will be from 11:00-12:00 on Sunday for church rehearsal. (6/30/19)
- Quartet will consist up to 5 members and Chorus will be 6 and above.
- Bruce Rohrbach discussed the fact he has an organ rental contact in Nashville. He will get us prices and deliver information.
- Several times for the competition was discussed and exact time will be decided by conductors and directors.
- Competition, installation and rewarding of trophies, reception and Board Meeting will be from 10:00 to 2:30 in the Convention Center on the day of Competition. Greg has agreed again to MC

the Competition Opening.

- RAJAH is bringing their float and all units are welcome to ride.
- Discussion of shared music will be shared by conductors and directors. Singing of country music was discussed.
- Barry is taking care of trophies as needed and will get checks from Del as needed. ie. adjudicator payments and reception reimbursement to Lee. Greg and Barry will make sure Competition Information is on Imperial Website as soon as.

### **New Business**

- Jim mentioned the songs for the church service and he will be sending out an email with the list.
- Syria brings the quartet trophy and Moolah brings the choral trophy for competition.
- Barry will get checks from Del if he will not make Imperial.
- We discussed having a list of hotels for competing Chanters.
- Board Meeting and Reception will follow the competition.
- Lee said his installation is complete and a copy and he will forward to the officers.
- Much discussion and suggestions made on the availability of acquiring another adjudicator.
- We discussed having a couple of numbers that could be audience participation. There was much discussion of songs to be sung.
- Rajah will be at the Omni, Moolah will be at Maxwell House.
- Greg will be MC for the Competition.
- Syria will not make the opening session.
- Motion was made and carried to allow for Lee to spend up to \$300.00 for reception, installation and light lunch. Motion carried.
- Parade line-up will be at 5:30 at Titan Stadium.
- Logistics of getting from Grand Lodge to the center for the opening session was discussed. No FEZ at church, but must have for the opening session

Next Meeting will be the Annual Board meeting in Nashville, TN on Monday, July 1st, 2019. Time and place TBD.

Motion to adjourn and second, carried unanimously at 8:41 pm Eastern Time.

Meeting closed by Greg Lewis.

**Conference call phone number is: 712-775-7031**

**Access Code: 626252#**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barry Spitzer, SCAI Secretary