

September 23, 2020 BOD Meeting

Attendance: Dan Kidd, President Jerry Jalbert, Treasurer
Lianne Mitchell, Vice President Jerry Harkavy, Secretary
Dave Francis, At-Large Marianne Hubert, At-Large
Peter Mullen, At-Large

The president called the meeting to order via Zoom.com at 7:35 p.m.

Following approval of the August minutes, the treasurer reported that MOAC's financial picture is continuing to improve from the lows of April. Jerry Jalbert cited growth in membership and reduced expenses, much of that resulting from the curtailment of our monthly church rental fees. He said the combined balances in our money market and checking accounts now stand at about \$8,700, an increase of some \$3,000 from earlier in the year. The treasurer said his goal is to maintain a year's worth of expenses in reserve.

Members continued the previous month's discussion about how to handle membership renewals, with a consensus favoring elimination of the Click2Mail method in which members return renewal reminders with their checks. A dwindling share of the membership now pays dues by check rather than credit card.

The board voted unanimously to drop Click2Mail, which represents a savings of \$400 a year, and switch to email reminders, to be sent out 30 and 15 days prior to membership expirations, and again on the expiration date. The change, effective June 1, 2021, will also enable members who still choose to pay by check to do so at our monthly general meetings. Discussions are ongoing with our webpage vendor to see if what we want is possible.

The president gave a brief update on the ongoing issue of liability for trip leaders, which we are continuing to explore.

Lianne Mitchell proposed that the club resume its practice of holding meetings for new members, to introduce them to MOAC and talk about what it has to offer. Those meetings were previously held after the general meeting, but the board favored Zoom meetings on the Wednesday following the general meeting. The board voted 6-0 on the proposal and Mitchell agreed to get the ball rolling.

The president appealed for ideas on changes to the website, which could range from minor tweaks to a complete redo. Dan Kidd urged board members to present their ideas at the October meeting.

In view of Covid-19, the board is looking to scratch the annual Christmas party and explore alternatives. Peter Mullen will check on whether the club had put down a deposit for rental of the AMVETS hall. He is inviting ideas on how MOAC can redirect its energy toward projects that can serve others. Marianne Hubert floated the idea of several outdoor events. The board will resume the discussion next months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

