

All Star 2 Annual Corporation Meeting

July 12, 2021, on island

Present: Bonnie Sylvester, Jim Cooper, Noni Cooper, Phil Hurzeler, Pat Hurzeler, Joni Abbadessa, Cathy Cordes, Suzy Binzel, Ron Cordes, Matt Ronn, Allison Barrows Ronn, Joni Praded, Gene Taylor, John Reynolds, Roger Kellman, Maureen Kellman, Stephanie Hubbard, Craig Allshouse, Bill Knox, Bonnie Smith, Katy Weeks, Dave Kay, Jordan Young, Margy Levine Young, Ellen Eberhart, Margot Fleischman, Candace Erickson, Nancy Taylor, Tim Flint, Irene Flint, Nate Hubbard, Caroline Taylor. Recording: Joni Praded.

1. Welcome and Shoalers' Threshold Moments

Family Additions

- Mom Julie Jowaisas reports Kieran James Jowaisas was born May 20, 2020! Happy grandparents are Dave and Maryellen Mellon.
- The Bradley Scott family is joyously welcoming their third child, Nathan Scott.
- Travis Roy and his wife Sammi and two-year old Alan welcomed Lillian Amara Roy June 4, 2020. Happy grandma is Lisa Barton and great grandmother is Carolyn Rick.
- Henry, Maude, and Dorothy Cordes (with their parents, Brooke and Erik) officially welcomed their cousin Kylar Kirsch into their household on July 8! Happy grandparents are Cathy and Ron Cordes.
- Otis Christopher Russell-Lowe was born to Bethany and Bryan on May 5, 2021. Happy grandparents are Sarah Russell and Rodney Lowe.

Marriages

- Eddie Davis and Julie Brown were married in the mountains overlooking Lake Tahoe on June 20, 2020. It was during the pandemic, so Sue and Larry Davis celebrated with them in Tahoe on their first anniversary.
- Amy Lipton married Alex Henrie in June 2020. Jared Lipton married Audrey Merriam in September 2020. Amy is due with their first child, a daughter, in October 2021.
- Roger and Maureen Kellman celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 23, 2020.
- Bonnie Smith and Craig Allshouse celebrated their 45th anniversary on August 23, 2020.

Deaths (During 2020 and 2021)

Tom Duncan
Judge Hilton "Spike" Dier
Dan Fenn
Evie May

Scott Ward
Jim Bradley
Parker Hirtle
George Misner
Lucy Susslin
MaryAnn Armstrong
Russ Swanson
Dana Swift

2. Reports

Special thank you to Matt and Allison for their stewardship of All Star 2 for two full years, during the pandemic.

2a. Chairs' Report: Matt Ronn and Alison Barrows Ronn

- Special thank you to Brooke for all of her work as the registrar.
- In preparation for this year, Matt and Alison attended 10 SIC meetings plus meetings with Star staff. First concern was whether the island would open. Covid concerns led to an expanded safety committee to determine everything from cleaning and dining procedures to housing arrangements to quarantine arrangements. There was also concern about day trippers and pel guests. Goal was to hold all activities outside whenever possible. Island established a capacity of 170 based on 60 percent staff and associated services. We are 150ish. Markedly reduced meeting-room capacities caused a lot of changes in routine. Also, assigning jobs was difficult. Many are doing jobs brand new to them as the chairs had only half of our usual 200 adult conferees to work with. Our conference, with a children's program, required additional thought on the kids front. Alison formed a group with other conference leaders to strategize.
- Liz Hannah will stay on for one year as children's program coordinator. Fiona Monllor is not here this year, but she was slated to be the assistant children's program coordinator and we'll assume she will step into that role next year.
- Kid's program skewed older this year. Liz and Parker Ronn, who is serving as assistant this year in Fiona's absence, have adapted the program to include all the kids in various activities.
- Concerned that not all chairs/conferees are receiving emails. May be going to their junk folders.
- **ACTION**: Consider not changing the email every year or take other measures to ensure chair email doesn't end up in spam filters.

2b. Registrar's Report: Brooke Cordes

Brooke's circulated report: The registration process was set by SIC and opened on March 10. Room and board deposits, as well as program fees, were due at registration. Cancellation was allowed up until the start of the conference, and a full refund was offered.

All were surprised that AS2 did not fill this year. The registrations trickled in over the past 4 months, and so did the cancellations. Alison and Matt were able to accept all registrations. AS2 was offered a 3-night option at the end of June (this option started as a pilot for AS1), but only 3 people registered for it.

Housing looked different this year: All children (under 18) were housed next to their parent or guardian. No non-family roommates! I did try and keep similarly aged children near each other. No babysitting was offered, and so some families could be housed in cottages.

Gosport, Cottage D, and Founders were not available for housing (used as staff housing to comply with SIC COVID policies). This was not a space issue, but Founders is a favorite of AS2. Brooke does not anticipate this being an issue in the future.

Additional comments at meeting:

- Conference has a 99% vaccination rate.
- Island is taking a big reduction but is doing okay.
- Not sure why we didn't fill up. LOAS and All Star I filled up. Some just didn't want to take a vacation with a mask on.
- We never got to try out the new registration process discussed after the 2019 conference.
- **ACTION:** Brooke recommends we try this out the next time.

2c. Treasurer's Report: Bill Knox

Bill's circulated report: As you all know, a final Treasurer's report for our conference isn't available until the Fall meeting, as there are still many bills to come in for various items. That said, I wanted to provide a preliminary picture in this extraordinary year, as I feel it may be helpful to ponder prior to the Fall meeting how we want to react to our current financial situation.

As we discussed at the registration meeting back in March, as part of the reaction to the limited attendance at this year's conference, the officers considered a few different options to reduce the financial impact to All Star 2. The final path chosen was to increase program fees by \$15 dollars (\$115 per adult and \$100 per child) across the board and to request an additional

contribution during the registration process. The expectation was that this would still result in a significant loss this year, but that the conference was prepared to handle that.

Many of you did avail yourselves of the opportunity to contribute, with a final total of \$1,796 - thanks to all who were able to do this. Our program fees brought in \$14,950 this year, which was somewhat less than expected due to the lower than hoped for turnout. Our expenses this year are still being figured, but it looks like they will come in at around \$23,000, of which the most significant portion, the room and board expenses for our volunteers, is \$19,832. The resultant loss will therefore be around \$6,000, which will leave us with around \$5,000 in the general fund portion of our account (the Ginny Levine Fund component is tracked separately).

This is absolutely NOT an emergent situation, but I believe we need to consider options to bring us back closer to the \$10,000 range in our general fund, as described in the financial model that I'm sure you all fondly recall. How we do that should ideally be a decision made once the full picture is in at the Fall meeting, but I would welcome ideas on how we might develop proposals between now and then that we could bring forward to the full body to consider.

Additional comments at meeting:

- Bill asked for volunteers to review finances and find creative ways to come up with a strategy.
- Volunteers: Joni Abadessa, Jim Cooper
- **ACTION**: Joni A., Jim C., and Bill will work together, along with any of the chairs who are not present at the meeting and would like to engage.

2d. Ginny Levine Fund Report: Margy Levine Young

- Committee: Suzy Binzel, Suzanne May, Pat Hurzeler, and Margy, with help from Bill.
- Nine applications this year.
- Committee decided to cover the total need this year. Made eight offers, for a total of \$6200.
- Some dropped out or ended up not needing the money. So, we gave four grants for total of \$3,538.
- GLF had \$21,806 prior to the dispersals. So we will end up with between \$17K and \$18K, which is plenty for next year.

2e. SIC Annual Fund Report: Kel Dowd

- Good group of volunteers are just getting started with on-island fundraising: Jim Cooper, Roger Kellman, Phil and Pat Hurzerler, Ed Doty.
- Ed will be heading up the off-island effort.
- Folks volunteering on island will also work off island after the conference.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Fall 2020 Zoom Meeting

- Minutes sent out by Joni Praded (3 times) did not make it into several peoples' inboxes. (Update: Comcast customer service reports that this is likely due to too many "spam" or "junk" flags on our group email address—another reason to act on the concern that Alison and Matt raised—see above--about taking a look at the functionality of the group email address.)
- **ACTION:** Minutes will be recirculated until all receive and then voted on at the fall meeting.

4. Election of Officers and Registrar

4a. Officers

All are up for re-election. Candidates:

- President: Ed, Doty, Incumbent
- Vice President : Cathy Cordes, Incumbent
- Treasurer: Bill Knox, Incumbent
- Secretary: Joni Praded is not seeking re-appointment. New nominee, Margy Levine Young.

Cathy invited other nominations. No other nominees. All candidates voted in unanimously.

4b. Registrar

Brooke Cordes, Incumbent

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5. New Business

5a. Proposed Bylaw: Bill Knox

Bill made a proposal to change the treasurer's term to allow the year to close out before someone leaves their post

Motion: Bill moved to change the bylaws regarding officer terms to the following: "The terms of the President, Vice President, and Secretary shall commence immediately upon the close of the meeting in which they are elected. The term of the treasurer

shall begin on January 1 of the year following their election, and the current treasurer at the time of the election of a new treasurer shall maintain that office until the new treasurer assumes their role.”

Ron proposed a friendly amendment, suggesting that a bylaw committee be put in place to review and update the bylaws. The committee would deliver an interim report at the fall meeting. The suggested changes would be presented to this group at this time next year and would be voted upon at that time. Bill’s proposed amendment could be incorporated into that.

UPDATED MOTION: A bylaw committee will be put in place to review and update the bylaws. The committee would deliver an interim report at the fall meeting. The suggested changes would be presented to this group at this time next year and would be voted upon at that time. The president will appoint the committee.

Cathy calls for a vote on motion. **Passed unanimously.**

Show of hands for who would like to be on the committee: Jordan, Amy, Steff, Ron, Bill, Cathy, Joni A., Jim C.

ACTION: President needs to appoint the Bylaw Committee.

5b. Distribution of Minutes

Steff Hubbard: Requests that minutes go out immediately after the meeting, and that that be put in the bylaws.

5c. Question about Use of Art Auction Funds

Margy mentioned that we have plenty of funds in the Ginny Levine Funds but less in the conference funds. She suggests we can perhaps use the art auction to raise money for the general fund vs. the Ginny Levine Fund.

Bill clarified we would need to reallocate funds in November based on the bylaws.

MOTION: The proceeds of this year’s art auction will go to the AS2 general fund due to the extraordinary circumstances.

Bonnie Sylvester: Desire to do this is for legitimate reasons but the process doesn’t seem legitimate given the timing. Seems like bait and switch.

Margy withdraws the motion. General consensus that if we want to do this it should be announced ahead of the conference.

ACTION: Determine if next year's auction proceeds should go to conference and announce in advance.

6. Meeting Adjourned