



Road Builder Charities

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 10:00am

Virtual WebEx Call

Meeting Minutes

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1. Chair Kathy Kapovich called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and the following RBC Board Members were present; John Bryan, Anne Cotter, Lou Gallucci, Tod Faerber, Jason Szabo, and Kathy Kapovich. Molly Stratman was also present. Jay Behnke was absent for the meeting.
 2. Tod Faerber made a motion to approve the February 27, 2020 minutes, this was seconded by Lou Gallucci and passed unanimously.
 3. [RBC Bylaws](#) were included for any reference purposes.
 4. Board Members: Lou Gallucci nominated Jason Szabo for the open Secretary seat, John Bryan seconded the nomination, and the vote was unanimous. Most of the RBC Board Member terms have expired and nominations for new members will need to be made. Kathy Kapovich and Molly Stratman will review the terms and discuss at the next meeting.
 5. Review Financials [RBC Financials](#)
Due to the 2020 pandemic and lack of IRTBA Events, RBC did not raise adequate funds as they have in the past. Thankfully the virtual auction helped make up for the lack of in person events, where funds are typically raised. The board brainstormed some different ways to raise money and reach out to membership. One idea was to send out mailings. Jason asked if we can reach out to a third party support, such as a dealer or agency. Give them an outline where funds have gone and include a testimonial. They may want to give money towards a charitable organization instead of sponsoring a golf outing. We could also share with membership the thank you letters we received from students. It was agreed that we need to continually education the membership on this program and why it is so important to donate. It is a challenge to ask the same people and companies to sponsor and donate year after year. Tod Faerber made a motion to raise the RBC contribution dues from \$100 to \$200, Anne Cotter seconded, and the RBC Board agreed. They discussed that they will be financially better off in 2022, in the event that they do not hold another auction this year.
 6. Donation Requests: Tuskegee event rescheduled to August 14, 2021. Sponsorship will roll over from 2020.
 7. Scholarships: RBC Board would like a better understanding of how each student is select. Schools will need to be contacted and a new relationship developed where we are kept in the loop. It is discouraging to send scholarships to schools and the students are not studying to work in Illinois or a transportation related field. Scholarships for 2020 were recently sent out. After research is complete, a similar set of scholarships will go out to the same schools. If additional schools contact us, the RBC Board will be notified and review for approval. Two Scholarship Gifts of \$2,500, totaling at \$20,000 were distributed to the following schools; Bradley University, Southern Illinois University, University of Illinois, and University of Illinois at Chicago. Colleges should send a request for "funds" to continue receiving scholarships.