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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUARDSMEN
CHICAGO CHAPTER

June 26, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting

Date: June 26, 2021

Time: 12:30pm (called to order at 12:31pm)

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Hosts: N/A

Andre Hughes opened meeting with prayer.

Members In Attendance: Orlando Ashford, **Don Bailey Sr.**, Ron Bailey, Jr. Victor Bridgeman, George Brooks, Nate Cabbil, Carlos Cubia, **John Daniels**, Louis Dodd, Jimmy Doss, Reginald Dunlop, Monte Ford, Kenny Frank, Don Goens, Edward Honesty, Tony Harris, Andre Hughes, Ralph Hughes, Henry Johnson, John Kendall, Charles Matthews, **Michael Melton**, Jim Moss, Nick Nichols, William Payne, Al Reid, Ken Stephens, Nate Sutton, **Alonzo Williams**, James Wooten, Ray Wynn and **Bill Yates**.

Members Excused: William Lampley, Mamon Powers

Emeritus Members: **Earl Barnes**, **LaRoyce Chambers**, **Virgis Colbert**, **Roy Lacey** and Ron Statum

* **Red Denotes Absent From Meeting**

Approval of March 27, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Correct spelling of Ken Stephens name and a couple other grammatical errors per James Wooten. Moved, seconded and approved.

President's Report (Nate): Welcomed everyone, next Meeting will be in person on July 31, 2021 10:30am to 12noon then noon-2pm lunch. Mini-weekend Oct 21-24 in Miami at Fountaine Blu.

Treasurers Report (Jimmy): Reports were mailed to all prior to the meeting and Jimmy provided the highlights. (See report for details). All member (34) dues are now in. We have paid for our Form 990, national assessment and other expenses. Jimmy answered several members questions. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept.

Membership Committee: Andre Hughes no report. Motion to accept approved.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

CIO: Kenny Frank is in the process of finalizing the website with pictures and information. Motion made, seconded and approved the report.

Entertainment Committee: No report.

Weekend Report (Victor): Victor sent written reports via email and gave an update on negotiations with The Phoenician (see report). More specifically, completed negotiations. Yvette (lead negotiator) put in a lot of effort. See report for specifics.

We did not have room for our vendors initially, but now do at a discounted rate. Bartenders are also now free. The total in concessions is valued at approximately \$100K. Weekend Date: November 16-19th, 2023. A \$80K deposit is now due, with the schedule laid out in his report. Past President Don G. wanted to verify space was secured for President's Meeting.

Victor briefly went thru run-of-show and Don G. recommended, and it was accepted that, comedy and after party start concurrently for fear that we could kill the "party mood" if the after party starts later after comedy. Victor briefly discussed the Ladies events and finding the appropriate location.

We also need to finalize a venue for the men's event. Reggie asked if there was a prohibition to smoke on premises. Victor will verify but did not think it to be a problem.

Ron B. volunteered and was appointed to chair the card playing committee.

Victor then recommended that we retain Yvette as our event planner moving forward. It was stated that Twyler had not reached out to us during the pandemic. It was believed that with Yvette's contacts, resources, experience having represented other GMen Chapters and the savings already realized (between \$38K-\$72K) that we would get a better value and experience. Although it is believed that Twyler has been paid approximately \$16K for services to date (total contract commitment \$41K), Victor will verify.

Yvette's proposal includes providing services during four phases: site selection; pre-event; event and post-event for \$28,500.00. There was discussion related to the amount being appropriate given all the work involved. It was decided not to put it in writing but to give her a bonus at the end based on her performance as we did with Twyler last weekend.

The membership decided to relaunch the Weekend subcommittees meetings in September 2021. Although it will be further discussed, members who have on-site responsibility for the Weekend should arrive Tuesday and all others on Wednesday.

The Theme remains: *Fire & Ice*. Motion made, seconded and was approved.

July Meeting Committee: Ray Wynn et al have identified the location for our meeting and informal gathering:

Where: Sable Curio Hilton @ Navy Pier and the Offshore Rooftop Bar
When: July 30-August 1, 2021.
Time: 10am-12pm Meeting
12pm-2pm Lunch with Wives/Significant Others

Hotel Rooms: Send an email to Ray for more information and direction on how to secure 1 of the 10 rooms on hold. You must secure your own room irrespective of previous discussions with him and note that no suites are available.

There was discussion regarding the number of rooms reserved and Ray based the reservation on the response from members. It was suggested that the rooms be allocated to those who responded first. Ray will see if he can secure more rooms but noted that is the same weekend as Lalapoloza and thus will be difficult.

New Business: Past President Don G. discussed the first official national weekend in 2022 and the dates are in the National Newsletter. The Best Practice Committee has circulated chapter surveys to gather information re: different areas such as Emeritus, COVID vaccination status, if you plan to attend a weekend in 2022 etc...

Meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm

Next Meeting: July 31, 2021

Hosts: Ashford, Colbert, Daniels, Doss and R. Hughes

Location: Sable Curio Hilton @ Navy Pier

Respectfully Submitted:

/John S. Kendall/