

PA GUILD OF PROFESSIONAL CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Meeting Minutes 6/27/2020 held at Camp 93, Central City, PA

The meeting of the PA Guild of Professional Chimney Sweeps, held at Camp 93 is called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance is said

Roll Call is taken. Present: Pres. Bill Thornton, Tres. Will Omlor, Regional Directors #4 -Roy Johnson, #5 Randy Sabo, #6 Mike Ellis, Past President -Ray Johnston.

Absent- Vice Pres. Glenn Holler, Sec. John Schofield, Region Director #1 Tom Smail, #2 Kyle Fisher, #3 Kevin McArdle

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

No bills were submitted

Tres. Report - All bills were paid for the January meeting and party. This event was a loss for the Guild. It may have been due to the snow storm that weekend.

Bills from Stewart Services were paid for the website- All new members were added and non renewing were removed.

Current balance of the checking account is \$27,572

Possible to move some of these funds to a rollover CD account -details to follow.

We now have a Square acct for membership and training registrations.

The cost per transaction is 3%

The current tax status is moving forward. The board answered most of the accountant's questions. Will O. is working on it, and will provide the remaining data needed. We may need the original Articles of Incorporation which she will acquire for a fee.

Going forward, the board agreed to hire Karen Ellis to prepare the bookkeeping of our Guild and report to Will O. Karen E. will also be part of the membership billing annually.

President's Report- With the current state of our country, all training and Charity workshop were, and will be, cancelled for the rest of the year. We will try to schedule the same camp for the 2021 Charity workshop, if allowed, on April 29th, 30th & May 1.

We really don't know what lies ahead for training if this virus comes back in the fall-winter.

Vice President's report- No report filed

Old Business- The January training featured a safety outline taught by Bill Ryan. This was a great class!! It focused on writing a proper safety manual for our trade.

The Guild needs to re-think our January training event. This was the second year we have lost revenue on this event (even though the training was top notch!) With the Covid-19 issue, it will be very hard to plan an event next January- most venues need to sign contracts 6 months in advance. Currently we do not have an idea for training that would draw at least 30 students. Most companies are training online to forgo the travel cost.

Due to the Virus, we did not plan the factory-built class mock-up chase to be built this summer at Camp 93. We did secure a new Forever factory-built unit from Copperfield and it is stored up at camp for now. If we do it, it will be a 2022 class.

At the February CCP Expo in Valley Forge, the Guild had a booth at the trade show. We had to share a booth with Mid-Atlantic Guild. This was somewhat confusing. We will need to pay for a booth in the future if we don't want a close neighbor. At this convention, we signed up 5 new members- well worth the time and effort.

Education Committee- Due to the virus, the workshop, summer work at Camp 93 and the Rope Access course were cancelled. Rethinking the January training to the 2nd week to avoid conflict with manufacturer's training which has hurt us in attendance

The Annual Charity workshop will be held at the same camp as was scheduled for this year. Dates for this event will be April 29 , 30 and May 1st. A final list of work and materials still needs to be finalized if we are not allowed to enter the camp

Dates for the January meeting – January 8th and 9th in Region 6. We may do a class on January 8th. TBD

New Business

Motion to hire Karen Ellis as a bookkeeper was approved

Talk about rewards for all board members for their service-would require a bylaw change and the President is not in favor of this change.

Current Membership is at 55 companies – All time high number

August Zoom meeting August 5th at 7PM email will be sent

Meeting minutes to be sent to all members within 1 week of the meeting

Packets to all new members still

Focus on our best events – Charity Workshop and Camp 93 weekend each year, possibly dropping January education

Submitted July 9th 2020

By Bill Thornton in place of John Schofield