

MINUTES FOR TAMPA BAY MENSA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - OCTOBER 22, 2005

EXCOMM MEMBERS PRESENT: Sylvia Zadorozny (hostess & scribe), Maxine Kushner, Thomas Thomas, Kathy Crum, Ronan Heffernan, Dana Groulx, Barbara Loewe, Richard Manno, Dan Chesnut

EXCOMM MEMBERS ABSENT: none

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: After heated discussion regarding a couple of ExComm members' proposed amendments to previous minutes and timeliness of printing the minutes in the *Sounding*, Thomas moved that the second half of the sentence under the heading "Reports" be stricken from the minutes, the first paragraph under the heading "New Business" be separated into two paragraphs, and in the future, Thomas will send any potential corrections to the ExComm via e-mail for review prior to printing in the next *Sounding*. Barbara seconded. The motion passed 8 to 1. Last meeting's minutes were approved as amended.

CAMP-OUT: This year's November camp-out on Chris Clement's property will be reimbursed the same as any other event at a member's house.

TREASURER: Oktoberfest lost money--the exact amount yet to be determined--mainly because of a record number of cancellations. This year we appear to be in the hole by \$3183.71, but this does not reflect Mind Games income which appeared last calendar year. Our overall balance is still higher than it was two years ago.

EDITOR: Thomas requested everyone please get anything you'd like in the *Sounding* to the editor by the deadline! We got another price break on the *Sounding* printing; thus, our printing expenses are down, even though the number of pages is up. It turns out we're not being reimbursed for sending the *Sounding* to other editors in our region; we'll continue these mailings through December, but then other editors can read the *Sounding* on-line instead. Thomas will make the corporate exchange newsletters he's been getting available to the ExComm. Dave Bryant's article

"West on I-10..." (October *Sounding*) was also printed in the *Mensa Bulletin*. The Publications Recognition Program has changed the cut-off for a large group to 550 members; Tampa Bay Mensa still just barely fits into the large group category.

CALENDAR: A TBM member has complained about calendar conflicts cutting down on event attendance; currently there is no restriction on event timing. Dan suggested the calendar grid mention the website.

CIRCULATION: A folder of postal regulations was provided by Dorothy at the reading group (she works at the post office). Another post office drop site will cost us \$60.

AUDIT: Because the checkbook was needed by the Treasurer to pay for Oktoberfest expenses, the audit was delayed.

MEMBERSHIP: New members have been contacting Maxine, who reported that Frank Clarke is happy to send out Crewe Lists and welcome letters to new members; Maxine will follow up.

TESTING: Barbara Counts held a testing session at Oktoberfest. She will hold another one in St. Pete on November 19. Frank Clarke's paperwork for proctor recertification has been submitted to Mensa's National Office.

WEB: We need to remove the Oktoberfest ad and put up new Regional Gathering information. Ronan will talk to Ellen Berry about this.

REGIONAL GATHERING 2006: Dan has lined up a hotel, but the paperwork hasn't yet been signed. He also prepared a time line; we'll need to send forms to Mensa's National Office in November. Sylvia has tentatively agreed to honcho, provided other people cover hospitality and games; she'll contact potential candidates for those positions.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy wondered if we wanted to offer a reimbursement minimum for events. Thomas suggested we think about this and address it at the next meeting.

NEXT EXCOMM MEETING: December 17 at 3 pm at Dana's. The Annual Meeting and holiday party will follow at 7 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.