

GoF 2019 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2019

Recorded by both Larry Long and Donna McNabb since Val Hogue was absent.

The Steering Committee meeting followed the Advisory Committee meeting immediately and was called to order at 2:04pm.

Those in attendance were:

Larry Long, Chair, GoF West, Inc.
Mike Campbell, current SC elected member
Bob Freitas, current SC elected member
H Garcia, newly elected SC member
David Edgar, newly elected SC member
Donna McNabb, current SC member as 2020 host

Larry opened the meeting by welcoming the newly elected members to the Committee. He then asked permission to recap one outstanding item that he and Mike have been involved with: The final financial negotiations with the Hard Rock Hotel in Reno, the venue for GoF West 2018. He recapped that there is only one outstanding item that remains to be resolved: That of the price of the meals served. Since he has been corresponding with the hotel regarding this, he asked permission to continue to arrive at a resolution instead of turning it over to the new Committee. It was moved and seconded that he continue this and keep the SC informed of the outcome. Motion passed.

Prior to the new Steering Committee taking the floor, there were several comments made by Donna McNabb regarding the Committee and how it operates. The 2020 Committee must ask for seed money; it is not automatically distributed.

Larry then opened the meeting to have the new Committee members decide on their respective positions on the SC. Following are the results:

David Edgar, Chair
Bob Freitas, Vice Chair
Valerie Howard Hogue, Secretary and Gazette editor
Mike Campbell, Financial Officer
H Garcia, "At Large" representative
Donna McNabb, Chair, GoF West 2020

There was a very long and contentious discussion of the motivation for clubs to put on GoF, and how we can make it more attractive to them. Many opinions were voiced, and Donna felt, that a balance is needed between Steering Committee oversight/control/red book and a sense of 'ownership' and creativity by the club. No consensus was reached or even conclusions drawn.

Donna gave an overview of the GoF 2020 events planned in Oregon. It looks to be a full and fun event.

The #1 registration auction money goes to the 2020 event to pay the winner's registration, and seed the auction revenue.

Larry Long left the meeting at this point since he was not on the SC any longer and had GoF West host duties to attend to. This caught us all off guard and thus forgot to thank him for his service to the SC.

Future GoF's in the works are 2021 in San Diego if Mike Campbell can work out something with the Town & Country Hotel. He would ask the San Diego T Register to host. But nothing is cut in stone yet. The 50th anniversary event is in 2022. Pete Thelander is working on the Vintage MG Club of So. California to host that one.

If these two proposals work out, then it would be two So. Calif GoF Wests in a row. While not desirable, at least we have interest in hosting which is rare.

There was a suggestion to have some kind of kids event to get them involved. Encourage folks to bring their kids and grandkids. Several ideas were floated.

Steve Kellog is the webmaster. Contact him to get the 2020 registration form out.

Doug Pelton did a good job promoting the 2013 Event in the Gazette. You can use his model to promote 2020.

Meeting was ajourned at 3:45pm