

MCSC EXPO Zoom Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2020

Ralph Poore began the meeting promptly at 7:00 P.M.

1. USPS Kiosk - Ralph said he and Stanley visited with the Grapevine postmaster for coordination purposes. They reported that the USPS will not be able to attend with their kiosk this year.
2. Insurance - Ralph also mentioned that we had secured an insurance contract again this year.
3. Exhibits - Stanley said Ray Cartier told him we would have exhibits to fill 48 frames this year. After a lengthy discussion about the location, a motion was made and approved to move the exhibits back to the main room (this will save some costs for the extra room and security).
4. Publicity - Peter said he had submitted the Expo notice to Linns for five weeks instead of the normal eight, as agreed in the previous Expo meeting.
5. Judges - Peter said he had contacted the three judges that had previously agreed to participate. One will still attend, and another may still attend on his own. The third had not made travel arrangements yet and was okay on not attending. A question arose about having any judge at all since we had agreed in the previous meeting to have all exhibits as non-competitive. No decision was made on this matter.
6. Transportation (of frames and file cabinets) - Evan Islam said he will proceed with getting a truck and labor for transporting the frames to the convention center and back to the storage unit.
7. Bourse - Tom Cunningham said he had 19 confirmed dealers. He said he will probably have one more, and could get a couple of others before all was through.
8. Security - Ken Aldridge said there were no issues with security.
9. Beginners - Skip Ely said he was working on beginner give-away packets. Rick Howell talked about how some other shows where dealers willing to help beginners would have some sort of extra identification. Skip said he wasn't sure that was necessary at our show. (Upon further reflection, that could be something we could investigate for next year).
10. Budget - Judy said she had sent an email with the revised Expo budget. Tom Cunningham had a few updates that Judy said she would incorporate.
11. Lunches - Judy said no drinks would be offered with the lunches this year, but that we would still do the sandwiches from Jason's Deli.
12. Programs - Stanley asked about the number of programs to print. It was agreed we would do 350 again this year.
13. Awards - Peter questioned what we needed to do on awards since we had agreed exhibits would be non-competitive and there would be no awards banquet. It was pointed out there would still be a few awards like TPA and most popular, so some ribbons and certificates would still need to be prepared.
14. Registration - Tom Cunningham said Kathryn Story had agreed to help with the registration desk.
15. Floor Plan - Stanley said he would meet with the convention center to finalize the floor plan map as soon as we know the number of dealers.
16. Safety Precautions - Ralph said he talked with convention center and they had no requirement to take people's temperatures. Hand sanitizer will be available in the foyer, but again will not be required to enter the main hall. Names and contact information will be an important part of registration. Tom Cunningham hoped we could get more people to give us their email addresses.
17. Next Meeting - Ralph scheduled the next Expo Zoom meeting for October 29, 2020, again at 7:00 P.M.

Skip Ely