

SFCON Board of Directors Meeting
April 1, 2005
Meeting convened at 7:05 PM

NOTE: Minutes edited to remove non-UtahSF items as they are irrelevant to UtahSF.

Pamela Oberg, Conducting
Ruth Hanson
Carol Hanson
Mike Oberg
Chris
Erin
Kammi Davis
Carl Stark
Becky Weeks
Getting here late because of Traffic problems. Joe Monson

BoD meeting

Ruth talked to the CPA, who did not charge her for the information. He explained that yes, we need to re-incorporate. Banks will work with us, but we need to do some shopping around, for one who understands what we are and how we work. Separate accounts under one main account.

Ruth did the domain registration for us for UtahSf, .com etc. Utah Speculative Fiction Council. We do want to reorganize. Ruth proposes we vote on whether or not we want to do the reorganization of the group and run along side our existing organization. We will make sure it is going ok, apply for the 501C3 status, then close SFCon.org and shut it down, bequeathing the assets to the new org.

Discussion. We start now and it may take a year. We do not want to let sfcon.org go, but that can be associated with CONduit. Mike points out that what we are doing should not bother CONduit at all. So far as we can tell, it would not even be connected except as sharing some personnel who are volunteering for both.

Vote for continuing:

For 9
Oppose 0
Abstain 0

The second group will be Utah Speculative Fiction Council.

Do we want to have separate groups? Utah SF will need to have a meeting to decide officers and such. Ruth proposes we go with the current SFCon trustees to start. Three are present, so we will go with those at this time. She wrote an Articles of incorporation. We can file

with the people who are here, or we can get others. But Pamela says we should let people choose whether or not they want to be involved.

Ruth is filing as the registered agent. She has the signatory pages here. It costs \$22.00 to incorporate.

Mike asks if we need to register the business name as well? He explains that if someone wanted to take the name and register it, then you would have to fight for keeping your own name. The cost is small, or was. He says used to be \$10.00 for 5 years. Someone else can not use the name, do business under that name, nor register a business under that name as well. It is possible that if you don't register, they can register the name and it has the potential of causing trouble in future.

Shall we register as well?

Yes: 9

Oppose 0

Abstain 0

Chris points out there was a restaurant in Price that had that kind of trouble and had to shut down.

Motion: Shall we accept by-laws as written by Joe. (Kammi says she read them and they look fine).

We will wait for Joe who is on the way.

Discussion concludes that we should remove:

Section 2, A [501 (c) 3]

(Section 2, A, 1, see objection at end of discussion from Pamela)

Section 2, A, 5 replace [artists and authors] with [professionals]

Section 3, C in the bylaws, the words [in writing (electronic or paper)] should be removed.

Section 5, E remove [per Section 6 Paragraph B,]

Section 5, K, change [Secretary) to [Treasurer], remove [or]

Section 5, M, 3 remove [and auditing] and [and of all sponsored events]

Section 5, M, add as 4: [Supervising and auditing the accounts of sponsored events]

renumber Section 5 M 4 through 9, to 5 through 10.

Section 6, B, 1, Change [Voting Body] to [Body] and [Body Meeting] to [Meeting]

Section 6, B, 2, replace [Voting Body ("Body") ... Officers] by [current members of the council]

Section 6, B, 3, replace [Body] with [Council] in both positions

Section 6, B, 4, Replace 1st [Body] with [Council], remove 2nd and 3rd [Body] and replace 4th [Body] with [Council]

Section 6, B, 5, strike totally

Section 6, B, 6, strike totally

Section 6, B, 7, strike totally

Section 6, B, 8, strike totally

Section 7, A, 2, Remove [the organizing committee of], capitolize the A, and remove the last [organizing committee's meeting] with [organization].

Section 10, C, change [are] to [shall be]

Section 10, E, remove [of meetings]

Vote to accept with the discussed changes.

****Note objection by Pamela: Pamela would like the [all] in Section 2, A, 1. removed as she feels it is too inclusive when we may want to not include some groups. Joe points out this should be controlled by the committee to an extent.****

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Brief discussion on 501 C 3 rules, Ruth will need to go through the rules to see what has changed.

Ruth got us a P O Box!!! Utah Speculative Fiction Council, P O Box 802, Layton UT 84041-0802

Next meeting: Friday, June 10. Time: 7PM. We will be at Chris's office or alternatively at the UofU Marriott Library. (Should we also register sfcon)?

Possible revenues some may be from cons as maintenance of list? Currently sfcon owns mailing lists.

What we need to do:

We need to finish the legal structure, and next meeting we can work on getting officers. Joe will put in a ad for the council in the CONduit program book. We are informally supporting Mountain Con and Autumn Con.

Move to adjourn? Yes, and seconded.