

American Lowline Registry
Special Board of Directors Meeting
October 25, 2016
Conference Call

Members Present: Janis Black, David Shockey, Neil Effertz, Wade Coffey, Rick Dodd, Larry Watkins

Others Present: Sherry Doubet, Dean Pike, Jan Effertz

President Janis Black called the meeting to order. This is a special meeting of the board to discuss the location of Junior Nationals.

Dean Pike reported a dilemma has developed regarding room cost in Aurora, Colorado for the 2017 Junior Nationals. They have searched long and hard for rooms and have received assistance from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. The only suitable motel they have been able to find will cost \$129 per night plus tax for a total of \$144 per night. The adult Junior advisors gave them the alternative of changing the location of the upcoming Junior National. The juniors rejected the idea, saying there are lots of rooms in Aurora.

Dean Pike also reported safety is a huge concern of the adult advisors. There have been incidents of vandalism, assault and other crimes in Aurora motel parking lots.

Wade Coffey reported he was on the call with the Juniors on Sunday night. He is concerned about safety as well and also about the disrespect shown to the advisors by some of the juniors.

There is a concern among the advisors that with room rates so high some families may not be able to attend. There is also a concern that because of cost, some families and/or juniors may choose to stay elsewhere, in an unsafe location.

Several board members expressed that as adults we have an obligation to provide a safe host motel. They also said one of the benefits of Junior Nationals is developing relationships and friendships and staying in the same hotel helps foster these friendships around the pool, at breakfast, etc. There was concern expressed that the Juniors were not following the advice of their advisors.

Dean Pike reported one alternative would be the Scott's Bluff Fairgrounds. They are very nice facilities at a reasonable cost. There is a motel 15 minutes away available for \$88 per night plus tax.

Some board members were hesitant to become involved in Junior decisions, fearing it would affect attendance at Junior Nationals.

It was moved by Neil Effertz, seconded by Larry Watkins that the American Lowline Registry Board of Directors strongly suggest the 2017 Junior Nationals be relocated because of concerns about safety and expense and the possibility of creating a non-cohesive group by separating people in different hotels.

Rick Dodd moved to amend the motion by asking that the Juniors “look at all options”. Motion seconded by David Shockey. The motion failed on a roll call vote. Voting yes: Rick Dodd and David Shockey. Voting no: Larry Watkins, Neil Effertz, Wade Coffey.

The original motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting yes: Neil Effertz, Larry Watkins, Wade Coffey. Voting no: Rick Dodd, David Shockey.

The board asked Janis Black to be on the next conference call with the Juniors to let them know about the motion.

Janis Black reported on one more issue. The price from Edje Technologies to put a subscription form for the Ledger on the website is \$720 for 6 hours of programming. Several board members felt this was too expensive. They suggested putting a pdf subscription form on the website. Sherry Doubet will ask Kelsey Pope to make a pdf.

It was moved by Neil Effertz, seconded by Wade Coffey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Effertz