

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of May 2014. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

BASEBALL NIGHT: Again the Scott County Bar Association is sponsoring Baseball Night at Modern Woodman Park on Thursday, July 10, 2014. All lawyers, staff and Clerk's offices and their families are invited to attend as early as 5:30 p.m. for a buffet dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers and sides with water and pop being provided. Your cost will be \$8 with the remaining cost being paid by our Association. This will include admittance to the ballpark as well as dinner. Because there are reservation requirements, please make sure if you sign up to attend because we will be charged whether you are there or not. Everyone is welcome to attend and should do so. Come watch the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park. For reservations contact L. Jasper at lynne.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net or 332-8181.

ANNUAL PICNIC: The Fourteenth Annual Picnic of the Scott County Bar Association is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2014, at Windsor Crest Club in Davenport, Iowa from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will be serving sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, cookies, tea, lemonade, pop, beer and bottled water. We have rented the pavilion and lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. This event is open to all members of the Scott County Bar Association and staff and their families; Courthouse and Bicentennial Building employees and their families and their staff and their families. Your food, drinks and swimming are free, compliments of your Scott County Bar Association. Please join us for a day of fun in the sun. Everyone is welcome to swim and/or watch their children swim and enjoy the day. Tennis courts are available if you wish to bring your equipment.

We would like to have an approximate headcount so it is important that people sign up ahead of time with names and number of people attending in their group. Signup sheets will be located in various offices at the Scott County Courthouse and Annex. For any further information, contact Janet at 332-8181 or janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net

BARRISTER BALL: Over \$18,623 is being donated to HELP as a direct result of the Barrister Ball. Congratulations to that Committee for organizing such a fine event.

APPLICATION: Alex Berger has submitted his application for a favorable recommendation from the Executive Council for an Abstractor Certificate of Authority from the Iowa Title Guaranty Division. Pursuant to paragraph 11 of our Guideline the membership is notified of this Application and anyone having any comments should submit them to President Berger at steven.berger@scottcountyiowa.com

THANKS: The Executive Council thanks Amy Devine and Mike Gorsline for their extended service on the Council, as well as Mike Motto as President.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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NEED HELP?: Problems with alcohol, drugs, stress or depression? Call Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program at 1-800-243-1533. All calls are confidential.

Any member having any comments may contact the President or an Executive Council member for comments on any matters. Further, any member may request a reservation at the monthly meeting for a presentation to the Executive Council by contacting the President.

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

May 27, 2014

Present: Kaplan, Patterson, Moto, Ripley, Berger, Tappa, Walker, Gierut, Jasper

Guests: Freyermuth, Kincaid

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Berger.

Berger started the meeting by thanking Amy Devine and Mike Gorsline for their service on the Executive Council.

There was no corrections, additions or comments concerning the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of March 24, 2014, and April 28, 2014.

Jacobs was not present for the Treasurer's Report, however, Kaplan reported we have a positive cash balance for this year. Approximately \$6,000 is owed to HELP. In the past we have requested when they would like to receive their grant, but it was the general consensus Berger was to contact Shepherd to determine if the money could be paid at this time. Whatever the decision of HELP is in this regard will be followed and the money paid when they request same.

There was no Law Day report, however, several members said it was a very nice event.

The Night at the Ballpark will be held on July 10, 2014. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the Association would pay everything in excess of \$8 per person. Therefore, all members, staff and the Clerk's office are welcome to attend with each ticket being \$8.

The recommendation from our Executive Council was requested for Alex Berger to receive a Iowa Title Guaranty Number. It was recommended he had complied with all requirements of our Guidelines for such a recommendation. Pursuant to paragraph 11, the membership must be notified by email or Newsletter and a final decision will be rendered at our next meeting. Jacobs is to confirm Berger is a member of the bar association.

The Barrister Ball reported the net amount of \$18,623 was raised to be paid to HELP. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the program.

Berger requested an attendance count for the lunch after our annual meeting. Jasper reported an estimated 45-50 people were present, which would be approximately two-thirds of those in attendance.

Berger reports he received approximately three boxes of information from past presidents. There was a general discussion indicating this information was not noteworthy and we should establish a length of time to retain these notes. Jasper reported he had over 28 years of his notes in his archives. He has prior notes and information from prior secretaries. It was the general consensus we would discuss this later.

The presidents of the Bar Associations of the Seventh Judicial District met and discussed many issues with Chief Judge Greve. EDMS is coming in October and November of this year and everyone should have their email address to the Clerk of Court. The first floor of the Courthouse is being remodeled. There is a seven day notice requirement for media coverage in the courtroom; the fee for a late jury settlement within two days of trial has been increased to \$1,000; there is a separate fast track for civil cases under \$75,000 to be implemented.

Berger suggested we consider our investments of the monies of our association. Last year he noted the income was a little over \$4 with expenses of the management exceeding \$95. It was suggested we also consider updating the Bylaws and Committees.

Freyermuth was present and provided financial information indicating that over the years they have raised over \$500 more than they have actually expended. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to disburse up to an amount not to exceed \$500 for their Social event. This Social event includes Scott County and Rock Island Counties and all the funds received from the events in each of these counties is deposited with our Treasurer.

Andrea Martin has been appointed the Chair of the Young Lawyer Division of our association.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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