

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of August 2015. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

DUES: Your Scott County Bar Association dues are payable at this time. Please remit same to Steve Jacobs at 1900 E. 54th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52807.

MAGISTRATE COURTROOM: Phase 2 of the Scott County Courthouse remodel is almost complete. This phase includes the Magistrate Courtroom, chambers and Clerk's Office right off the main unified entrance. The target date for the first day Court will be in session is Wednesday, September 2nd. Hopefully, most of the equipment, etc. can be moved in on Tuesday afternoon. Additional staff will be located in the main lobby Wednesday morning to help direct traffic.

SCOTT COUNTY TAXES: The 2014 real estate taxes for the City of Davenport have now been certified. The Davenport split is 42% for city and 58% for county and state. Remember the new tax year commences July 1, 2015, and leap year is in February of 2016, so there are 366 days for this tax year.

FALL GOLF OUTING: The Fall Golf Outing is planned to be on Thursday, September 24, 2015, and everyone should mark their calendars. The first 100 members contacting S. Berger to attend will receive their dinner free paid by the Association. Golfers are to contact Berger at steven.berger@scottcountyiowa.com. Those not golfing are welcome to attend the dinner afterward. Registration is attached.

NIGHT WITH THE MALLARDS: Anyone interested? Your Association is gathering information to have a Night with the Mallards similar to that of the Night at the Ballpark. Anyone interested should contact L. Jasper at lynne.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net.

ANNUAL PICNIC: The Annual Picnic had perfect weather and the water was great. Not many lawyers attended, but it was well attended by the clerks and their families. Please consider joining in the fun and camaraderie next summer. Anyone having any questions or concerns should contact D. Jasper at janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net

CHANGES: Everyone should provide any changes in your address, telephone, e-mail or other information to Wing at spwing@iabar.org so current information can be used on the website. One must also notify Brian McKenrick at 328-4145.

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

August 25, 2015

Present: Jacobs, Sommers, Patterson, Tappa, Aitken, Copell, Berger, Walker, Kaplan, McElyea, Furlong, Russell, Jasper

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Patterson.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of June 30, 2015, were unanimously approved without amendment. There were no formal minutes for the month of July as there was not a quorum.

Jacobs presented a Treasurer's Report. We have a positive amount for the year and we are in the process of collecting dues. Everyone is encouraged to pay their dues at this time. Patterson is to contact the membership to encourage all to pay their dues and Jasper will place same in the Newsletter.

Patterson reported the State Bench/Bar Conference in Davenport was discussed. The quote they had for a motel room for one night at the Blackhawk was \$159. Last year in Dubuque the participants paid \$99 for a room. The Figge Art Center for a meeting would be \$1,500. More investigation will be conducted to secure lower rates.

The spending of any surplus in our account was tabled and no further action is scheduled to be taken at this time.

Patterson and Russell reported on the Board of Governor's meeting. The State budget was approved, however, without any increases for the judiciary. If this status quo remains there may have to be furloughs or other measures taken. They also discussed the Courthouse restoration and Courthouse security among other items.

Berger was present and reported the Golf Outing will be held on September 24, 2015. It will be at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf. The first 100 members who sign up for dinner will receive a free dinner paid by your Association. Everyone is encouraged to plan on being in attendance. This will be placed in the Newsletter and for more information contact S. Berger at steven.berger@scottcountyiowa.

Jacobs suggested we have another benefit for our members by hosting a Night with the Mallards. We have done this in the past and would be somewhat similar to Night at the Ballpark. It was suggested the best time for this would be either in October or January due to other commitments and the season is from October 16, 2015, to April 9, 2016. The matter was referred to the Social Committee and it was considered we may supplement the cost of same as we did for the Night at the Ballpark. The matter is referred to L. Jasper as Social Committee Chair for her to report back to the Executive Council.

Jasper reported the Annual Picnic was a great success, however, he wished more people would be in attendance. There were not very many lawyers in attendance, but many clerks were there with their families. It was a great time and the weather was perfect. Everyone should consider coming to this event as the swimming is great and there is good camaraderie.

The Barrister Ball will most likely be held in March or April of 2016 at the Blackhawk Hotel. Again, your Executive Council is considering subsidizing the cost in an attempt to have more in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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REVISED-FREE DINNER TO 100 BAR MEMBERS

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
2015 FALL GOLF OUTING AND DINNER

DATE: September 24, 2015
PLACE: Palmer Hills Golf Course
FORMAT: 4-Person Team, Best Ball

The Scott County Bar Association will hold a Fall Golf Outing and dinner event on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf, Iowa. **THE GOLF EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL LAWYERS AND COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES.** The format will be a 4-person best ball, with team prizes awarded for first and second place low gross, plus individual pin events. The cost for golf will be \$45.00 per person, which includes green fees, cart and prizes. Tee times will begin at 12:02 p.m. and it would be appreciated if all golfers would arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned tee times.

As a fundraiser for H.E.L.P. Legal Aid, participants may each purchase two "mulligans" and 3 inches of "putting string" for a donation of \$25.00 per person. Please make out a separate check to "H.E.L.P. Legal Aid" if you wish to have a separate record for tax deductibility. Otherwise, please add \$25.00 to your green fees.

After golf, an informal social hour and buffet dinner inside the Palmer Hills Grill will be available to participants and non-participants alike starting at 5:00 p.m. **THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR DINNER FOR THE FIRST 100 BAR MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP!** The Association will also purchase hors d'ourves and the first \$250 of beer and there will also be a cash bar for the purchase of other refreshments.

DEADLINES AND LIMITATIONS: At this time, participation in the golf portion of the Outing may be limited to the first forty (40) players who register. Tee times will be assigned after the registration deadline. Please submit your registration to Steven A. Berger, Scott County Attorney's Office, 400 W.4th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801 **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17, 2015.** Please make all checks payable to the "Scott County Bar Association." If possible, please indicate all team members on each registration form. If you do not have a team, we'll pair you up with one.

2015 FALL GOLF OUTING RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Team Members: _____

Enclosed please find my check payable to: Scott County Bar Association

Golf (\$45.00 per golfer): \$ _____

Mulligans & String (\$25.00):	\$ _____
Dinner (\$0 FOR FIRST 100 TO SIGN UP)	\$ _____
Dinner – New Member (\$0)	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

_____ Enclosed please find my separate \$25.00 check payable to H.E.L.P. Legal Aid
for two Mulligans and Putting String.