



Home of the AmTryke



We meet
Each Thursday at Noon
in the Heritage Room of
1st United Methodist
Church
400 N. Fredonia St.
Longview, Texas 75601

THE BOCCANEER

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding: Dick Allen
PRayer: Tom Davis
Pledge: Jonathan Alford

Members: 36

Guests: 1 John Jackson
of Jackson Pools

Guest of: Tom Brown

Attendance: \$373 Allen-Lizza

50/50: \$60 Forrest Williams

Prayer Concerns

Tim Hood's mom passed away, and the family will be holding a private service. A card was signed today by lunch attendees.

Board Meeting Notes

Present: Paul Herring, James White, Harry Barth, Dick Allen, Allen Lizza, Chapin Miller, Kevin Ingram, Ray Bostick, Joe Knox, Billy Hagenbucher.

Minutes were read and approved w/motion by Harry Barth, 2nd by James White – passed.

Treasurers report for August, 2017 presented by Harry Barth. Motion to approve treas. report by James White, 2nd by Ray Bostick – passed.

Old business:

Discussion on including National Conference ramp costs in annual

ramp budget allocation going forward. Motion – Billy H.; 2nd – Kevin Ingram – passed.

New business:

1. Amtryke funding – Steve Rogers presented Amtryke short-term needs requesting \$10K. Discussion ensued on funds availability until Bash & Mud Run funds are realized. Motion to allocate \$5K now by Paul Herring; 2nd – James White – passed.

2. Longview Rotary-Ambucs Park. Ray Bostick reported on the “shade structure”. Ambucs committed \$7K, and since it has been completed, funds previously allocated will be disbursed.

3. Danny Lee – has submitted resignation letter from board; motion to accept by Harry Barth; 2nd – Paul Herring – passed.

4. Member resignation – Justin Scott; motion – Harry Barth; 2nd- James White. – passed.

5. Member resignation – Lane Mills; yes per Lane / no per Billy H. – to be continued...

6. Ramp funding – Billy H. requested \$1,500; motion-James White; 2nd- Harry Barth – passed.

7. Purchase of caps, brochures – discussed dwindling stock – deferred.

8. Riders, Rockers & Ribs – Dennis “the menace” Rand presented information about the 2nd annual fundraiser targeted towards bikers. Ambucs has been asked to participate in the event for setup and barricades placement. We would help set up on Friday evening, work the event Saturday, and help tear down on Sunday. There is potential for more inclusion in coming years. This is a new fundraising effort for the club to consider which could bring \$3K to \$5K in new revenue. The date of event is 10/20-21, and this coincides with the National Ambucs Conference. Motion to approve and present for membership vote – Ray Bostick; 2nd-Kevin Ingram – passed.

Today at the luncheon, the club voted affirmative to participate in the Riders, Rockers & Ribs.

9. Burn Conference funding – Kevin Ingram presented request for \$300-500 to attend burn accident survivor Conference for burn victims in Dallas. There was discussion and motion to award \$500 to individual by Billy H.; 2nd-Ray Bostick - passed.

10. Upcoming “power” event funding – deferred discussion.

11. Longview 2 “mud volleyball” – request presented by Billy H. to fund \$525 for registering 3 OTA/PTA teams and supporting local Ambucs chapter. Motion by Billy H.; 2nd by Allen Lizza – passed.

12. October board meeting – moved to October 25th due to Ambucs National Conference.

Committee reports:

1. Community service – Kevin Ingram; discussed ramp activity, scholarships for 2017, world HQ repairs and maintenance.

2. Communications – Billy H. spoke on behalf of the absent Jeff Thorpe – discussed missing award presentations, early start on December pastor recognition program planning.

3. Fundraising – discussion on “mobility bash” ticket sales and member needs to push ticket sales in the last week prior to the upcoming fundraiser.

4. Membership – the lack of orientation is a disservice to our new members. Dick Allen noted a need for revitalizing our orientation program and the need to find a member to steward this program. Members are researching a new location for combined orientation with other chapters as an alternative.

5. Visibility – Ray Bostick and Allen Lizza discussed expanding web/social media presence. Dionne Lott with Social Limelight is to be invited to our next meeting. Ray mentioned that upcoming media exposure of the new Rotary/Ambucs park completion could be included in this effort.

6. Membership activation and retention – Tim Hood was absent due to his mother’s passing, so there was no presentation.

Scholarships

Forrest Williams said October 13th is the deadline for scholarship applications, and that Nov 16th will be the awards presentation. If you would like to assist Forrest in selecting the recipients, let him know.

Sports Fest

Sports fest is this Friday at Lake Gladewater. We will set up the big tent and both trailers. Begin setup at 5:30 or as early as 4 if you can be there. We need at least 5 people to set up tent with tear down Saturday evening. From 8-10 Saturday morning, we can continue setup if need be. We are short on people to help with the events this year because many are in the Houston area helping clean up after the hurricane. We just need people to assist with the events to insure safety and a good time for everyone. Andy Traylor has volunteered to take out the skiers on his raft with seats on it, as he has a lake home there.

Raffle Tickets

Joe Knox spoke of selling raffle tickets for additional sales revenue. He is buying lunch for anyone tomorrow that needs advice on how to sell them. The prizes this year are: a 5 ton A/C installation valued at \$10K, \$2,500 package to Cherry Hill, \$1K dog resort health package, a luxury name-brand purse, and a robot vacuum cleaner, etc. The tickets are \$10 each, and the A/C package is \$20 each.

Ramps

Billy H. said that we will built 2 ramps last weekend. One was a 2-boxer in New London, and the other was a 4-boxer in Kilgore. The Kilgore ramp was for a most

enthusiastic young boy, who showed everyone how he could push himself in his wheelchair up the new ramp. His mother and siblings were most appreciative and supportive as well. Our next ramp build will be on October 14th, with 2 ramps scheduled for that day.

Amtrykes

Steve Rogers said that he has already spent the \$5K money allocated to him by the board, and that we have 7 to give away. 3 will be given away at the Buddy Walk and 4 to other local kids. He regularly receives requests from local therapists for an Amtryke.

Mobility Bash

Dick said that we need more silent auction items now. Team captains, please begin collecting items from the list provided. If you are unable to do so, please return your lists to Dick and he will see that it gets done.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled tonight (Thursday) at 5:30 at World HQ to do final planning for the Bash.

Mobility Bash is September 30th!

Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization

The organization is working with a consultant to develop a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for Longview. They are asking for civic groups and interested citizens to provide input. A special website is available that provides an interactive experience and allows citizens to complete a survey, identify barriers and opportunities on a map, and learn more about the Walk & Bike Project. The website is

LongviewTexas.gov/WalkBike and you can fill out the survey at <http://bit.ly/2wDh9XR>