

Friends of Lesotho

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

October 4, 2009

Lesotho Independence Day

Present: Richard Rowan, Dyann Van Dusen, John Hollister, Kevin Freer, Scott Rosenberg, Deena Rowe-Krumdick, Bill Moore

Guests: Bill Dunn, Charles Fogelmann, John Aerni Foster, Stacey McKeefer, Regional Gathering in Colorado hosted by Deena Rowe-Krumdick: Steve Rowe-Krumdick, Graham Rowe, Victoria Rowe, Joyce Richardson, RPCV Lesotho 1976-78, Bruce Morrison, RPCV Lesotho 1976-78, Susan Resnick, RPCV Nepal, Jonathon Resnick, Adam Resnick, Aimee Resnick

Welcome from the President

Richard welcomed the Board and membership. His remarks included the fact that FOL had a good year – we continued to fund TAP and VAC in Lesotho and met all requests for funding for these groups as well as other projects. Richard thanked Board Members and Committee Members for their work over the last year. On behalf of the Board, Richard made a special note of thanks to Martha Munson for her Board service over the last ten years as Chair of the Donations Committee, Vice President, Chair of the Annual Meeting as well as several other projects.

Presentation of the Annual Report

The 2009 Annual Report is available on the FOL website.

Election Results

There were no nominations submitted at the Annual Meeting.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors:

Scott Rosenberg (continuing) RPCV 1989-1991

Richard Nystrom RPCV 2003-2005

Dan Schmitt RPCV 1979-1982

The proposed by-laws changes were approved:

#1. Change Date of Annual Meeting. After the 2009 annual meeting, the next annual meeting will be held during the first quarter of 2011. This would be done to facilitate financial reporting on a full calendar year basis, and to place the meeting at a time of year when more members could attend. Going

forward, the date of subsequent Annual Meetings will be determined by the Board, but must occur at least once a year.

The text of the change, as approved by the Members on October 4, 2009, is as follows (Article II, Section 3): Annual Meeting – FOL shall hold an Annual Meeting of Members on a date set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall make provisions to hold the Annual Meeting for the purposes of receiving a report of FOL's activities for the previous year to be presented with the results of elections of the Board of Directors, and for transacting such other business as shall be required by law or regulation or shall promote the efficient management of FOL. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given to each Member at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting.

#2. Board Director Term Extension. Board members and officers who were elected for terms that would have ended in October, 2010 will have their terms extended until the Annual Meeting held during the first quarter of 2011. This is a one-time extension to accommodate the by-laws change for the Annual Meeting date above. If #1 is not approved, then this item is moot. Technically, this is not a by-laws change, but approval by the membership is in order because it is a deviation from the current by-laws.

Treasurer's Report

John reported Fiscal Year ending 2008 in the Annual Report. He noted that trends indicate increases in donations and our ability to hold down our operating expenses. 96% of all donations go directly to projects we fund. Remaining funds cover print and mailing expenses for the organization.

Speakers

Charles introduced the speakers for the meeting:

John Aerni, 2002 Grinnell Corps Volunteer at St. Roderigue High School, Maseru.

PhD Candidate at Washington University who conducted recent Fulbright studies in Lesotho focusing on the role of young people, institutions and youth organizations in defining independence from a Sesotho perspective and their co-opting of colonial power structure to gain power and influence.

Scott Rosenberg, 1989-91 Peace Corp Volunteer at Morning Star, Berea.

PhD, Associate Professor of History – Sub-Saharan Africa at Wittenberg University and named the University's 2007 Distinguished Teacher by his students. Scott recently led two groups of students on a work/study trip to Lesotho.

John and Scott will submit articles that highlight their remarks in a future FOL Newsletter.

Dyann will assist John in locating RPCVs who served in Lesotho in the 1960's for the purpose of interviewing volunteers from this period of history.

Newsletter Deadline Monday before Thanksgiving

November 23, 2009

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The next Board of Directors will meeting is scheduled for:

November 15, 2009

7:00 PM (ET)