

April General

Approve Minutes

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Policy for Intergem

Policy on Intergem participation

Last month we talked about Intergem. They informed us that there was confusion and the charge was intended to be \$100 per space and we have 2 spaces. Three of the clubs had a meeting and expressed concerns that at \$200 it was going to impact the clubs. Three of the clubs said that they would reluctantly pay the fee. I told them that I had to take it to my Board, and that there was no guarantee that we would be able to continue. The Intergem People are taking the concern to their management, and we will hear back on the next few weeks. I will discuss it with the Board at the next meeting, But the current recommendation is to keep the Club expenses capped at \$30 and if the members want to make up the additional fee than we will continue. I am leaving that to Dave Dudich to work out.

Silver Station

The Silver Station is now functional. We still need Pickle solution but other than that it has everything you need except for Silver to do basic silver work. In fact it has outgrown the cabinet I made. If there is a wood worker out there who wants a project please get in contact with me.

Reminder clean out monthly. ANYTHING in the shop at the end of the month belongs to the shop. If you want a locker they are available. Lockers are \$50 per year.

By-Law update Status

The group has completed the first review of the By-Laws and we are in a push to format and Polish them. We are also updating a "Shop Procedure" that was referenced in the original By-Laws. Just as we completed the work I started looking into getting our non-profit 501(C)3 back. That led to a review of the IRS web site and discussion with the SCFMS Federation. They had some good information on recovering and maintain the 501C status. Both of these reviews is driving some minor adjustments to the By-Laws. The IRS wants some specific language related to the club assets not benefiting individuals.

The feedback from SCFMS is still be reviewed but will probably add a section on Record Retention and will drive us to develop some lower level procedures. Basically to get it back we have to demonstrate that we understand why we lost it (we did not file the correct paperwork) and that we have taken steps to prevent it from happening in the future.

To give you a heads up here are some of the changes we are looking at:

- A general reformat to consolidate an issue to a single section. The current version ends up addressing some things in several sections. We are addressing each issue in one section and referencing that section as needed.
- A change in the Budget section to clearly define several categories of the money.
  - o Show money
  - o Reserve Fund (18 months) This is new
  - o Operational expenses
- A new section on Records Retention to address 501C
- A new paragraph on replacing a Board Member who becomes unable to perform their duties
- Changes to the section on how the By-Laws are updated. In the past one section could be updated. This meant that we had to track down many versions to try and get the most current set of by-laws. We are changing that so we approve the entire new set of bylaws as a whole.
- There are other smaller changes but these are the big ones. As we complete the updates we will be presenting it for approval to all members.

What we still need help with:

Ongoing ROK TOK Articles. Please do not think that you cannot do this. Think of it this way. Write a letter to your Grandfather who loves rocks. Tell him about something, anything. The latest trip, a trip to a show, the latest beautiful piece you made..... That can be an article.. Think of them as Letters to Friends.

Electrician We need to do some wiring updates to the shop.

I want to work on a project to improve our facet machines with digital readouts. My previous efforts were a but crude. I have plans and hardware for an improved version using an arduino which is a small programmable device. I have gotten individual functions working, like getting an angle reading, but am having problems getting everything tied together. So anyone outthere that wants to develop a new fun skill set or already has it let me know.

Last, I have had several people at Inter gem and at the shop ask about Faceting. I will teach anyone faceting one on one. There will be a "class fee" back tpo the club, but we will start using my own machine until I get the club ones upgraded. I live in Wylie and it is easier for me to meet at my house.