

01/27/2025 FSOSP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL: Schmid, Soliday, Schuck, Dye, O'Connor, McCarty, Corben, Tilton

ABSENT: DeMoss

GUESTS: None

LOCATION: Mickle Center

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 P.M.

CURRENT PAID MEMBERS: NA

LAST MONTH'S MEETING ATTENDANCE: NA

-TREASURER'S REPORT-

BALANCE: \$10,836

- Rent has increased to \$271/month
- Still working on taxes for raffles.
- Last year's Ireland Raffle winner opted for cash buy-out Soliday to issue check (\$1000).

-PAST EVENTS-

BIKE EXPO:

- Booth Sales (O'Connor, Schmid, Dye): between tickets and merch brought in \$2,530 (approx. \$100 was merch., approx. \$700 of that was paid with Venmo). Sold/gave away a bunch of old merch. Displayed new merch. Received good reaction to new merch. Event set-up is about as good as it can be. Need to have raffle ticket cost listed on raffle banner.

-UPCOMING EVENTS-

IOWA DEER CLASSIC:

- Booth set up similar to Bike Expo. Updated banners for event (Schmid)
- New merch on display. Old merch fire sale or as give-away with high ticket sales.
- 3-Day event. Schmid to hand pick volunteers and handle scheduling of shifts, not a "whoever wants to, whenever they want to" set-up. (i.e. no need to ask for volunteers in the Blarney)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRE-PARTY:

- Saturday March 15th at "The Shop DSM – Event Center" 2:00pm-6:00pm
- Partnering with Local four Des Moines Firefighters Union
- Band: Band Black Dirt Ramblers (club cost: \$500)
- Food Truck: Off The Griddle will be selling food at the event
- Family friendly event. No entry fee only asking for donation at the door (will need board member to man the door).

- Whole venue open for the event.
- O'Connor & Tilton to handle press releases and radio/TV news
- Foy Dancers have been invited to perform.

PARADE:

- Parade is scheduled for 3/17/2025
- Staging:
 - No staging on Robert D. Ray Drive. Due to being a weekday and city employees need access to the Armory building.
 - No turn to deal with
 - Staging on Grand can only go to 4th. Will need multiple lanes of staging. Floats will need to arrive at certain times in order to be placed in the correct order.
 - Late floats will be placed at the end.
 - Extra volunteers will be needed, preferably not drinking/partying in order to keep things organized.
 - Street painting will be Sunday March 16th with a rain date of Saturday March 15th
- Entrant Meetings (all at the Marriott):
 - Saturday 2/22/25 @ 2:00pm
 - Tuesday 2/25/25 @ 7:00pm
 - Thursday 3/6/25 @ 7:00pm
 - Sunday 3/9/25 @ 2:00pm
- Toilets: King's Throne is out, Waste Solutions of Iowa is in for \$750.
- Queen Interviews:
 - Feb 16th, 2:00pm at MC. Rooms have been reserved
 - Schuck, Schmid, Soliday, Demoss, to preside with either McCarty or Dye as 5th vote and O'Connor to act as host. Both McCarty and Dye will attend the selection to learn the process.
 - Sash has been paid for.
 - Schuck to contact current queen regarding tiara, interviews, and transition as she is scheduled to be in Ireland during St. Patrick's Day.
- Irishman of the Year Potential candidates:
 - Police Chief Michael McTaggart
 - Guapo (verifying Irishness)
- Parade Marshal potential candidates:
 - Guapo
 - Chuck Long
- Raffle: Tickets are available. About 1,300 available in the office.
- After Party:
 - Return to second floor ballroom at Marriott
 - Foy Dancers to perform

DISC GOLF (IRISH OPEN):

- Not discussed.
 - From previous meeting: Date is set as April 26th, 2025.

GOLF TOURNAMENT (LEPRECHAUN OPEN):

- Not discussed.
 - From previous meeting: Toad Valley has a conflict with our original date, so we are moving up to 6/14/2025. 8:30 A.M. shotgun start

SOCIAL MEDIA:

- Not discussed.
 - From previous meeting: NEW DIRECTIVE- Do Not Respond if there are negative undertones to the comment. Consult the board first. If it is general info or praise, comment and build it up.

-OTHER BUSINESS-

MERCHANDISE:

- Schmid coordinating online store set-up with vendor T-Shirt Graphix.
- Samples provided for display at events.

DONATIONS:

- None

TIM FLANNIGAN MEMORIAL:

- Tim passed on Monday January 20th, 2025
- Memorial fund donations to be made to Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Iowa (us).
- QR code and memorial page set-up on our website for donations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- General Meeting: February 10th, 6:30pm
 - Food: Italian Sausage Sandwiches (O'Connor), Salad (Soliday), Dessert(Schmid)
 - Beverages (Schmid) – McCarty to bring a "special" bottle of whiskey.
- Board Meeting: February 24th, 6:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:12pm