

Board of Directors : Meeting Minutes-January 7, 2015

I. Call to order

Donna Bennett called to order the scheduled meeting of the Georgia Upstate Lakes Board of REALTORS at 10:08 a.m. on January 7, 2015 at Lavonia Depot in Lavonia, Georgia.

II. Roll call

The following board of director members were present; Brooks Moorhead, Betty Powell, Barbara Payne, Donna Bennett, Sheryl Mayo & Shelley Phillips. Board A.E., Michele Dipert, New members Tom Miller, Maralee Ray, Jill Botos, BJ Alexander & Angie Phagan

III. Financial Report

Barbara submitted the treasurers report for December. Account balance as of December 31, 2014 is \$35,212.93. The treasurer's report was voted and approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

December's meeting minutes was emailed to all attendees prior to meeting. These minutes were voted on and approved.

V. New Business

Code of Ethics will be on February 18, 2015 at 9:30-12:30. Check in at 9am. Held at Lavonia Depot. New Membership Orientation will be held at 1:30 same day and same location.

March's General Membership meeting will be the Circle of Excellence & Awards banquet. This will be on March 18th. Michele is working on nominations for awards; these votes need to be emailed back into board by Feb 6th.

Circle of Excellence awards will carry over the same exemption for teams as it did last COE award count. Teams will be allowed to carry individual awards based off team efforts. This topic will be carried over to the Awards Committee to add and clarify in detail team awards for future nominees.

REALTOR of the Year Award – email to go out to membership on 1/8/15. Nominations required back by February 10th.

VI. Old Business

Next General Membership Meetings January 14, 2014 at 11:30. Nora Chambers at Athens First Bank & Trust will be the sponsor. Mike Dickson our new Region 5 Director will be installing the officers & directors for 2015. Event will take place at Casa Grande Cantina & Grill in Hartwell.

Self Defense class with Chuck Cawthon at CMA in Hartwell. We are tentatively planning for Feb 18 or 26, night class for 1-2 hours.

2015 GAR Contracts Class is set for January 28th at 9:00 am. Howell Haunson will be the instruction for this class and held at Hart Co Adult Learning Center in Hartwell.

2015 Dues Update – We have 4 secondary In State members, 2 secondary Out of State members, 90 Primary members who have paid their dues as of 1/6/15. We have 17 members who have NOT paid and a \$20 late fee is applied to their dues.

Committee's for 2015 is in development. Chair positions along with committee members are needed. RPAC Goals for 2015 are \$25 a member. Currently if all members rejoin are goal will be \$2,675. Maralee Ray has taken the chair position for 2015 RPAC committee. Donna Bennett agreed to chair committee and Shelley Phillips agreed to chair Strategic Planning committee. Also each director/officer needs a committee to get updates from and report each month at BOD meetings.

Board Cell Phone will be changed over to Cricket Service from AT&T this month. This will save money as well as update the service we can provide to our members.

Budget for 2015 was voted on and approved.

Next BOD meeting is set for February 4, 2015 at Lavonia Depot at 10:00. This meeting was moved up one week earlier due to GAR's Convention is the 2nd week in Feb.

VII. **Adjournment:** adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

VIII. Minutes submitted by: Shelley Phillips, Secretary.