

VMCTA Education & Certification Committee
February 25, 2019 • 12:30 pm
Barre Town Offices

PRESENT VIA SPEAKERPHONE: Tracy Borst (Thetford), Heidi Racht (Huntington), Patti Lewis (Fayston), Clyde Jenne (Hartland), Diane Judd (Holland), Deb Beckett (Williston), LaDonna Dunn (Westfield), Deb Hawkins (Pawlet)

ABSENT: Donna Kelty (Barre Town)

ALSO PRESENT:

MINUTES: Heidi Racht

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am, chaired by Tracy Borst.

Tracy Borst reviewed agenda and asked for modifications; none were requested.

MINUTES OF January 25, 2019

Changes were made to the minutes, as follows:

Date of spring training in West Rutland

Some minor punctuation; change date at top of first page

MOTION: Deb Beckett moved to approve as amended; seconded by Patti Lewis. Approved unanimously.

Deb Hawkins joined the meeting.

SPRING TRAINING

Tracy Borst reported that the date and venues were confirmed: April 18, Fairlee, and May 2, West Rutland.

LaDonna Dunn reported on Fairlee:

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Fairless, Town Clerk, confirmed that location, noting that the Selectboard approved the CMCTA's use of the facility and will waive the fee. Dunn said that the venue had limited table (Borst and Racht both offered to bring tables). Also, in the break-out room for the treasurers' session, the Fairless staff will have to work through the room to get to the Food Shelf. All agreed that this would not be a problem.

Dunn will visit Fairlee; Borst offered to meet her.

Clyde Jenne joined the meeting.

Dunn went on, GWL had recommended two lunch options and after a small amount of sedate discussion, the Committee decided to go with the recommendation for the Lunchbox, which

would include quiche, salad and a large cookie for about \$6 per person. Dunn will ask about a gluten-free option. The caterer wants 10% deposit and seven days notice. Borst offered to put the deposit on her credit card.

Racht offered to help with the lunch and transportation, as her session is early in the day and she has the rest of the morning free.

Clyde Jenne has been working again with Town Clerk Christine Wener on the West Rutland training on May 2. He reported that much will remain the same:

West Rutland will do the coffee set-up. Wraps will be offered, salad and cookies, too.

The dynamic duo from Hartland – Holy Smokes, Batman! – will bring homemade doughnuts, puddings, coffee – all the treats we know and love.

And, even better, they will also do it for Fairlee. Profuse thanks from the committee was forthcoming.

The Committee discussed the postcard and Racht will make changes before it is sent to the printer.

Regarding a post on the VMCTA listserv, Borst will do a save-the-date this week. Racht will do a follow-up right after Town Meeting.

Borst reminded the committee members to fill out the registration form to indicate a lunch preference.

REMINDER: bring the portable microphone system.

2019 Annual Meeting on September 12 & 13

The Committee decided to use the word presenter for all speakers, workshop leaders, and panel members.

Topics discussed:

Elections – Kurt Samset of Democracy Works

Topics were discussed and the committee ranked its choices:

1. Best Practices for Poll Workers
2. Messages to Motivate Voters
3. Cyber Security

Heather Shouldice, VMCTA lobbyist
How we can talk with our legislators.
What they do for us.

What we can do to help them be successful.

Deb Beckett talked about Stephen McKinley from the Department of Labor – feel free to add some details here as my notes are thin.

YRM Consulting Group, New Jersey

Fee of \$1200 plus travel costs (mileage, tolls, room – estimate that mileage will be another \$350)

Might do two 90-minute presentations

Option to have one session each day.

Borst will follow up as Murry has presented in Connecticut.

Tammy Legacy has forwarded a contact from Preethi Fernando; she provided a website and a list of topics. The committee responded positively to Diversity and Inclusion.

Dunn will contact Fernando.

Shelburne Town Clerk Diana Vachon made a recommendation for the National Council for Behavioural Health; she had attended a conference and the group had presented. Beckett queried, “What do we want them to do for us?”

Athenian Dialogue

Briefly discussed. Borst noted that the AD is done as a fundraiser. She will ask Donna Kinville if the E-Board is expecting the Ed Committee to do something.

Discuss Certification applications/promotion and deadline.

Racht admitted she had not done anything on the certification applications, but will do basic changes and send out before the next meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date(s):

Tuesday, March 26, 9 am, Barre Town

Adjournment:

Clyde Jenne moved to adjourn; Heidi Racht seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.