



July 2022 LifeRing BOD Minutes: Sunday, July 10th at 9:00am Pacific

Call to Order & Identification of Public Attendees

Quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order on Sunday, July at 9:02 am (PST) by Sue Betts, Board Chair. Board members present were: Sue Betts, Lorraine Hull, Casey Cannizzaro, Lisa Swing-Corney, Michael Toal, Steve Gonzales, and Rafal Klopotowki.

Non-board members in attendance: Robert Stump, Executive Director, Josh McLaughlin, Secretary.

Welcoming the New Board

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Sue Betts welcomed new directors Casey Cannizzaro, Michael Toal, and Rafal Klapatowski, as well as Josh McLaughlin, who will be taking on the role of Secretary.

Appointment of LifeRing Officers and BOD Chair

Lorraine Hull moved a motion to accept the election of the four board members, which was seconded by Steve Gonzales. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Sue Betts called for nomination of Josh McLaughlin, as Secretary, which was seconded by Michael Toal. The vote for nomination of Josh McLaughlin was unanimously approved.

Sue Betts moved a motion for Steve Gonzales to continue as Treasurer, which was seconded by Lorraine Hull. The vote for Steve Gonzales to continue as Treasurer was unanimously approved.

Lorraine Hull moved a motion for Sue Betts to continue as Board Chair, which was seconded by Steve Gonzales. The vote for Sue Betts to remain as chair was unanimously approved.

Approval of May and June 2022 P&L Reports

Steve Gonzales moved a motion to accept the P&L reports for May 2022, which was seconded by Michael Toal. The vote to accept the May 2022 profit and loss report was unanimous.

Sue Betts moved a motion to approve the June 2022 P&L Reports, which was second by Lorraine Hull. The vote was unanimously approved.

Approval of June 2022 Minutes

Sue Betts made a motion to accept the June 2022 minutes, as prepared by Lorraine Hull, which was seconded by Steve Gonzales. The vote to accept was unanimously approved.

Ongoing Business

Dated policies-- Review and Update Plan

Lisa Swing-Corney updated the board on the ongoing process for Lifering policy review and revision.

Strategic Planning Update – Mission Statement

Lisa also shared that an electronic poll returned a favorable vote for the revision of the Lifering mission statement to, “Provide abstinence-based secular and self-directed recovery pathways through meetings and support communities”. This item was subsequently adjourned.

Authorized Signer – Checking Account/ Debit Card

Steve Gonzales informed the board that there was a delay in completion of this item, which was subsequently addressed. This meeting item was adjourned until the next board meeting.

New Business

Director of Development

Lorraine Hull informed that as the item was previously tabled, the current stage requires the formalization of the job description and commencement of the recruitment process. The matter was subsequently deferred to the next board meeting.

Donor Appreciation Event: Meet the New Board

No decision was made here.

Executive Director Search

Sue shared that there was a new section to the LifeRing website: “Engagement Opportunities”, which lists various volunteer positions. At this time, no decision was made on this meeting item.

Concluding 2022 Annual Conference BOD Obligations

High Level Review of Finances

Steve Gonzales provided an overview of the current financial position.

LifeRing Annual Conference

After an informal vote, it was decided that the upcoming Annual Conference will be held on the 3rd & 4th of June 2023.

Committees and Workgroups Quarterly Status Report

Lorraine discussed the submission of our proposal for the SAMHSA challenge on help, home purpose & community. She explained the process of the application, and what would follow if it is successful.

Adjournment of the Board of Directors Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Lorraine moved a motion to adjourn. Michael seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58am PDT.

Submitted by Joshua McLaughlin
LifeRing Board Secretary
September 8, 2022