

Lifering Board of Directors Meeting- Sunday, August 14th, 2022

Call to Order and Identification of Public Attendees

Meeting was called to order at 9:11am by Sue. Board members in attendance were Sue Betts, Chair, Steve Gonzales, Secretary, Mary Beth O'Connor, Rafal Klopotoski, Lorraine Hull, Michael Toal, Lisa Swing- Corney, and Casey Cannizzaro.

Officer: Joshua McLaughlin, Secretary

Non-board members: Mark Franklin, Mark Fussell, Kemper Martin and Kathy Perez

Approval of July 2022 BOD Minutes and P& L Report

Due to the Secretary having technical issues with Zoom, the minutes were not available at this time. The P&L report was prepared in advance of the BOD meeting.

Sue moved a motion to defer the meeting minutes and P&L Report to the September board meeting, which was seconded by Rafal. The vote for deferral of the July minutes and the P&L report was unanimously approved.

Review & Update Plan: Privacy Policy

Lisa shared that the currently posted policies are being reviewed, noting some time has elapsed since their last update. The current stage of review is implementation of suggestions from Mary-Beth O'Connor and Lorraine Hull.

Strategic Planning Update

Lisa addressed the board, advising that she will be absent in the month of September due to a tabling engagement. She did, however, share that committees are collaborating in the creation of initiatives for strategic updates, and that more updates would be forthcoming.

Authorized Signer

Steve Gonzales provided an update on the ongoing process of this action item.

Executive Director Search/ Engagement Opportunities

Sue asked the board members present to come forward with any recommendations on persons they know, who would be eligible to take on the role of LifeRing Executive Director.

Sue also introduced two new guests: Kemper Martin and Kathy Perez.

Meeting Availability Form | "Meet the BOD"

Sue gave a re-cap of the agreement from the last meeting to have an informal donor appreciation event, a sort of meet and greet.

Recovery Month

Sue informed the BOD that September is recovery month. She shared that there is a calendar posted, which lists various recovery events and engagement opportunities, encouraging the board members to attend or participate where possible.

Mary Beth shared that she would be speaking at a recovery month event. Her focus would be on “multiple paths of recovery”, which will include LifeRing as well. She went on to state that she will be tabling in San Mateo & Santa Clara County, California as well.

Cultivating DEI on the BOD – Special Guest Shay

Casey provided a brief re-cap on the DEI BOD session presented by Shay. He shared various tools for enhancing DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) & DEI awareness.

Lisa shared that content on DEI would be made available to Board Members on a monthly basis.

At this time, Mark Fussel joined the Zoom meeting.

Status of Income Tax Filing

Steve updated the board on the current stage of the income tax filing. Having identified the next steps, he advised that he is in the process of submitting the necessary filings.

High Level Review of Finances

Steve provided a high-level review of finances for the year to date. He also noted that there is room for discussion on areas to cut expenditure.

Committees and Workgroups Update

Lorraine provided an update on the SAMHSA challenge LifeRing recently participated in. Unfortunately, we were not successful in our application. She noted that successful groups seemed to have a strong focus on DEI.

Casey agreed with Lorraine and reiterated the value of improving DEI.

Adjournment of Public Meeting

Sue called for a motion to adjourn. Lorraine moved a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Casey. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17am PDT.

The Public Forum

The LifeRing visitors present discussed various topics.

Submitted by Joshua McLaughlin

LifeRing Board Secretary

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