

Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

Minutes: 01/26/25 Zoom

Call to order: Mason Wolf called the meeting to order in form at 8:02 p.m.

Members present: (18)

Mason Wolf	-	Degree Captain
Debbie Wolf	-	Treasurer
Larry D. Guenther	-	Financial Secretary (and secretary pro-tem)
Jack Cain	-	Chaplain
Katrin Hazen		
Stacy Thomason		
Annie Cronin		
Carol Wahrer		
Lisa Harrigan		
Kevin Sitz		
Alison Holeman		
Andrew Crockett		
Jane Beckman		
Tom Blackburn		
Paul Goodman		
Mary Jane Shabalin		
Jay Thomason		
Debra LaVergne		

Minutes from meeting of 11/24/24 read by Tom Blackburn.

Minor corrections requested. Mason Wolf declared minutes accepted with corrections.

**Financial Secretary report:**

Larry Guenther reported 32 members paid for 2025, 1 member paid until 2035, no income received since last meeting.

**Old Business:**

Andrew Crockett presented letter dated 12/04/24 that the application for 501(c)(3) status was accepted by the IRS, with an effective date of 10/24/24. Discussion regarding effects of this. Sub-status 509(a)(2).

Mason Wolf brought discussion of RBDL taking over various aspects of Cave administration including maintenance contracts, status of existing contracts, insurance, fundraising etc.

Mason Wolf requested by-laws committee consider legislation to be presented at Grand Lodge in May, 2025.

Annie Cronin asked about Per Capita Report: Mason Wolf responded this is not required for a Degree Lodge because everyone is a member of a Home Lodge.

Mason Wolf asked for a **motion to approve bills** from the Finance Committee. So moved by Andrew Crockett (no second required): \$25 reimbursement to Mason Wolf for state tax application and \$200 for Federal Filing Fee Statement of Information. Brief discussion. **Passed.**

Degree Teams:

Initiatory Degree: Davis Lodge - Larry Guenther reported that this is still in the works, will keep the Lodge posted on progress.

First Degree: Oregon Jurisdiction - Stacy Thomason reported difficulty in getting support, but still working on it.

Second Degree: District 107 - Mason Wolf believes this is still viable.

Third Degree: District 3 (San Francisco) - Katrina Hazen has not received much enthusiasm, but still hopeful.

Discussion regarding progress of assembling teams. It was felt that an "Ambassador Committee" could go to Lodges to help promote and educate. Mason Wolf created Ambassador Committee:

Debbie Wolf - Chair

Annie Cronin

Katrina Hazen

"Odd Con":

Discussed program and logistics. Discussed using this event as an opportunity for training, but will need training materials and volunteers. "Odd Con Logistics Committee" created:

Debbie Wolf - Chair

Andrew Crockett

Mason Wolf

Debra LaVergne

Annie Cronin

Carol Wahrer

### **New Business:**

Larry Guenther suggested not reading minutes to save time at meetings, since all members get them via email. Consensus of the group was to keep reading the minutes.

Andrew Crockett asked about putting Cave Degree registration for 2025 on website, or at least a 'place holder' option. Discussion resulted in leaving this off of the website until more particulars are confirmed.

Lodge was closed in form.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: 02/23/25 Zoom