

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of February 2010. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

PRO BONO TRL'S: The Public Defender's Office is seeking to compile a list of attorneys who are willing to file civil actions to obtain Temporary Restricted Licenses for PDO clients on a pro bono basis. The applications will be filed within existing criminal cases, and Phil Ramirez promises that any such clients referred by his office will be pre-cleared of all other impediments, such as unpaid fines, child support judgments, etc. Accordingly, the only thing remaining to be done for such clients will be to obtain a DOT Consent Order. Attorneys willing to participate in this program may contact Harlan Giese at hgieselaw@hotmail.com to receive a packet of relevant material including a checklist, sample documents and sample letters.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT: The Texas Hold'em Poker tournament was a great success. There were 18 participants and the fundraising for HELP will be provided at the next meeting. Everyone had a great time and more are encouraged to participate. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, contact Pete Thill at 326-4491.

BASEBALL NIGHT: Again the Scott County Bar Association is sponsoring Baseball Night at Modern Woodman Park for June 10, 2010. All are invited to attend as early as 5:30 p.m. for a buffet dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers and sides with water and pop being provided. The normal cost per person is \$22, however, your Association is paying for \$14 of the ticket and your cost is only \$8 per ticket, which includes your ticket for the game. Because there are reservation requirements, please make sure if you sign up to attend that you do so because we will be charged whether you are there or not. Everyone is welcome to attend and should do so. Come watch the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park.

BARRISTER BALL: The Barrister Ball will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the Figge Art Museum. There will be a silent auction and dinner as in the past. The music has yet to be determined. Everyone is encouraged to attend as it is a great benefit for HELP. For more information contact Gieck at 326-0006.

MALLARDS NIGHT: Anticipating a much larger crowd, the turnout was rather low. Those who attended had a great time, but the Social Committee has suggested we discontinue this event due to the lack of participation. Anyone having any comments or thoughts should contact Stacey Hall at 324-3246.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Jack Dusthimer and his group through MMI will have their 11th Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser on April 18, 2010, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church at 42nd and Pine Streets in Davenport. Jack and his group will be providing a medical mission to Bolivia later this year and all contributions shall assist in this endeavor.

NOTICE: As of January 1, 2010, GMAC will only accept certified checks, cashier's checks or a wire transfer for mortgage payoffs. They are no longer willing to accept an attorney's trust account check. Everyone should make note of this.

THANK YOU: The Pro Bono Project of the Scott County Bar Association and HELP Legal Assistance wishes to thank the following attorneys who have recently accepted Pro Bono Referrals:

Jeff Cook	Ralph W. Heninger	Milissa Hofmann
Dan Kresowik	David Millage	Dorothy O'Brien
Richard Roller	M. Leanne Tyler	Khara Washington
Wendy Weiskirscher	Stanley, Lande and Hunter (2)	Lane and Waterman

NEED HELP?: Problems with alcohol, drugs, stress or depression? Call Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program at 1-800-243-1533. All calls are confidential.

Any member having any comments may contact the President or an Executive Council member for comments on any matters. Further, any member may request a reservation at the monthly meeting for a presentation to the Executive Council by contacting the President.

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

February 23, 2010

Present: Davidson, Gieck, Larson, Gross, Devine, Leddin, Dusthimer, Berger, Thill, Jasper,

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Davidson.

The minutes of the meeting for January were prepared by Larson and were not available for review.

There was no Treasurer's Report. A request was made for a current roster.

Poker Night resulted in 18 players participating. Ryder Houk won. There were eight prizes awarded. It was suggested another location be considered and that possibly it be held twice a year. Also it was suggested the entry fee could be less, which may attract more people.

Only 24 people attend Mallards Night. The food expense was \$203.86. The total cost to the Association was \$1,363.86. The Social Committee recommended we discontinue this event for lack of participation. If anyone has any comments, please contact Stacey Hall.

The District meeting with Chief Judge Alpers and Bar Association Presidents was conducted. The primary discussion centered around the budget cuts. It is anticipated the new fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010, will call for an additional reduction. No answers were readily ascertainable.

Leddin requested Baseball Night with the Bandits be held on June 10, 2010. Tickets would cost \$22 and it is suggested he purchase 125 tickets for a cost of \$2,750. The cost to each member would only be \$8 per ticket, which would include a ticket to the game, as well as dinner and soft drinks. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Court appointments for Driving While Barred 321.561 and Driving While Revoked 321J.21 are to be assigned to the Public Defender. They have no authority to assist in securing a drivers license through the IDOT. It is understood they may be working through the CAP program and Amy Devine in the County Attorney's Office, but if any

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additional information is needed or any additional assistance is needed, the Public Defender simply does not have the time to handle and is not part of the criminal matter. Giese has volunteered and Judge Alpers has approved to attempt to form a committee of individuals who are willing to volunteer their time and effort in assisting people in these type of charges to regain their driving privileges. Giese has prepared a packet to be distributed with all the forms and letters necessary and needs volunteers. Anyone interested in this program of assisting indigents regaining their driving privileges when charged with the offenses of DWB and DWR should contact Giese at 445-2332.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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