**Date approved: 04/20/15**

**American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter**

**Whitepath Lodge, Ellijay, GA**

**March 21, 2015**

**4:00PM**

*Present*:

VOTING: Cindy Farrar, Vivian Davis, Lisa Aspy, Linda Christie, Laurie Pratt, Kathy Grow

NON-VOTING: Ben Glosson, Judy LeFave

OTHER:

*Absent*: Sharon Remaly

Called to order: 4:06m

Welcome: Cindy Farrar

Roll Call: Linda Christie; established quorum

Agenda; approved as amended.

Minutes from last meeting, February 21, 2015; approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report; reviewed during training and Laurie will provide year end and year to date at the April’s conference call.

**Unfinished Business**

Investment account is being transferred to the general checking account. Because the investment account was in Dusty’s name; as of yesterday he had not received the check. He has a deposit ticket to make the deposit into the general account. August remains the transition date for accounting to National. Cindy and Laurie will meet Tuesday to change signature cards at the bank.

One of the directives from National is that we are no longer to do school visits to promote AMTA. They are designed to promote events of the chapter, experience as a volunteer, and to build the chapter’s community. National is working individually with schools to find out what is best for each school. Nathan Nordstrom prefers to have board members provide school visits as representing the chapter. If a non volunteer member requests to visit a school it would be a case by case basis approved by the board. We will need to send out a communication to members regarding the school visitation protocol.

National is required to provide a leadership training program each year. Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program is that opportunity and will be the Monday and half of Tuesday the week of the National Convention. The benefit for the chapter is that the airline ticket; hotel for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights and $35 per diem reimbursement for food.

**MOTION 2015-03-#1** “Laurie Pratt be designee to attend CVOP in Pittsburgh 2015.” Vivian Davis moves, Kathy Grow seconds; **motion carries.**

**MOTION 2015-03-#2** “send Sharon Remaly additional attendee to CVOP in Pittsburgh 2015 with her paying for extra hotel nights.” Vivian Davis moves, Lisa Aspy seconds; **motion carries.**

Reimbursement Policy: Section “1a” debating changing 90 days for submission to 30 days to submit for reimbursement. Section “2a” remove “currently 56.7¢ per mile.”

**MOTION 2015-03-#3** “change submission time for reimbursement forms from 90 days to 30 days and to remove the ‘currently 56.7¢ per mile’ clause.” Linda Christie moves, Laurie Pratt seconds; **motion carries.**

Room reservations have been made for the National Convention in Pittsburgh in August. It is double occupancy. Laurie’s reservation needs to be extended to cover her CVOP attendance.

Continuing education ideas for June, Michael Sitzer is a floor Thai massage instructor who is Nationally Certified and has a relationship with a yoga studio in Johns Creek. Judy Delaney’s “Spray & Stretch” is a four hour class and would not be a whole weekend’s class. It might be something to keep in mind for the 2016 convention. Mary Ellen Derwis is available June 27-28 to do a second module for Chi Nei Tsang to capitalize on folks wanting to continue with her series.

**MOTION 2015-03-#4** “bring Mary Ellen Derwis for June 27-28 education presentation of Chi Nei Tsang.” Linda Christie moves, Laurie Pratt seconds; **motion carries.**

Called to Caucus

McKeever’s First Ride is April 18, 2015 at Gwinnett Arena; 10:00am to 2:00pm. If board members know of anyone who wants to volunteer, send them to Ben as a contact. He is still set up with the Outreach email address at the AMTA-GA domain.

Discussion regarding the chapter applying for the legislative grant (LLEAD) to offset some of the lobbyist fees. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

**MOTION 2015-03-#5** “apply for the LLEAD grant from National for government relations.” Vivian Davis moves, Lisa Aspy seconds; **motion carries.**

Survey needs to be sent to membership for inclusion with the application. This needs to be sent pretty soon to meet the application’s deadline. A work group needs to be set up to help with this endeavor.

**New Business**

Lisa requests shelving for the storage unit. $85 to $100 per shelving unit, suggesting three but starting with one to assess needs.

**MOTION 2015-03-#6** “allow Lisa purchasing of shelving up to $125 for the storage unit.” Laurie Pratt moves, Vivian Davis seconds; **motion carries.**

**MOTION 2015-03-#7** “appoint Judy LeFave as Government Relations Chair and C.J. Lowe to continue as Awards Chair.” Cindy Farrar moves, Laurie Pratt seconds; **motion carries.**

**MOTION 2015-03-#8** “ask Stephanie Jackson if she agrees to stay on the Newsletter Committee in the capacity as marketing person; and to ask Toni Roberts to participate as a Government Relations Committee member.” Cindy Farrar moves, Lisa Aspy seconds; **motion carries.**

**Announcements**

Linda sent a letter to Hardie Davis, Jr., mayor of Augusta, requesting a proclamation for National Massage Therapy Awareness Week in October 2015.

**Next meeting will be** April 20, 2015.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Christie, Chapter Secretary