

AEC Conference Call February 17, 2013

Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Jackie Callender	Richard Messenger	Sherry Quack
Marlene Atwood	Pam Fales	Gina Miller	Steve Vaitones
Willie Banks	Val Foss	Herb Nichols	Ruth White
Pam Betz	Mike Hinz	Patty Petesch	
Linda Bommicino	Jim McKee	Pat Pretty	

Conference call began at 8:03 pm ET.

Welcome to Pam Betz, the new Southeast Region Rep taking Marlene's previous position.

As of January 1st, we now accept both MasterCard and Discover, along with Visa, since the contract with Visa has expired.

On-line Sanctions – Sherry stated that the on-line application is the same as the paper process. Pam Fales felt that there was a lack of communication as the notice was sent to all Associations at the same time, but should have only gone to the early testers. Gina Miller told us that they sent specific instructions to 4 or 5 people who had expressed interest. However, since we don't have the facilities to run parallel systems, it was either on or off for everyone, so other people could find it. The paper process is still acceptable at this time. The plan is to make the second module for event directors live so the process is more complete and easy to use. There are bugs that still need to be fixed and Pam Fales is compiling a list of issues. Gina believes a lot of the questions are due to the difference between the two modules and the fact that the path is not obvious.

Officials Insurance – previously we would get the list from the Officials database and then we would compare to the Membership database. This year we had a new process due to Andy's departure, and there were some errors. A new list was sent to all Associations, along with a check and a letter to explain what happened. Karen said there will be much more information coming on this program, as there will be discussions on the entire subject of Officials Insurance.

On-line Club Membership – some clubs are reluctant to pay online since clubs generally do not have credit cards and a lot of people are not comfortable using the electronic check. Steve asked that we get a better report detailing the specifics of the club memberships, as well as the sanctions. Gina said they have reprogrammed specific reports that will tie in to the report that comes with the check.

Association Grants – new submission deadline is now August 1st. Hopefully this will help Associations to apply for the grants correctly so that we do not lose the remaining money available to us for grants. Karen asked Willie to also tell us the reasons why some grants are rejected, so we can help avoid these situations in the future. Sherry told us that she also contacts the Associations and asks for further information when necessary to clarify the request. Also, checks are not sent out until the signed contract is received back from the Association. The mid-year and final reports must also be sent back to Sherry; otherwise you may not get the grant.

Effective March 1st, we will have a replacement for Andy Martin.

Communications – Jim has an idea of putting a picture up for all the Region reps.

The bid application has been distributed to all the Region Reps for the Regional Open Championship.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting is Sunday, Apr. 28, 2013.

Submitted by
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