

**Capital Metropolitan Rainbow Alliance, Inc. (CMRA)
General Meeting
Minutes
May 14, 2005**

Call to Order

The President called to order the CMRA General Meeting at 1:33 PM at the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, DC located at 474 Ridge Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

Present

Matt Brown, Richard Drake (CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Vice Chairperson), Aaron Fudenske (President), Vilas Johnson (Treasurer), Billy Kekua, James Kisiday (Membership Coordinator), Ralph Lesley (Vice President), Ed Martin, Billy J. Mayhew, Curtis E. Reid (Secretary), Alex D. Richey, Jr. (Cultural Affairs), Bill Terrell (CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Chairperson), Kenneth B. Tiktin, Stephen Vathally

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda is read as without objections.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 13, 2004 was approved as read.

The Minutes of March 12, 2005 had the following corrections:

- o Near the bottom of page 1, under the Vice President, move "in August 2005" to before the "after the RAD 2005...".
- o At the top of page 2 in the last sentence, correct the spelling of Fenway to Foundry.
- o On page 2, under the Secretary's report, correct the spelling of "Keueke" to "Kekua".
- o On page 4, under Adjournment, correct the date from May 9 to May 14.
- o On page 4, under Adjournment, correct the street number from 474 to 475.

The minutes was approved as corrected.

Officer's Reports

President

The President reported that the Executive Board had a very good meeting on April 23, 2005 at his residence. CMRA members may have already noticed that the CMRA website has been updated with approved minutes and a photo gallery. Mr. Fudenske reminded the Membership that General Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports are public records under the IRS 501(c)(3) organization. The IRS 990-EZ form was completed by Secretary, Mr. Curtis E. Reid. The form will be signed and mailed out by May 16. The President wished to recognize the Secretary for his sacrifice in time and effort in preparing the form and saving CMRA hundred of dollars! Mr. Fudenske regretted to inform the membership that Mr. David Anderson has resigned as the Miss CMRA for personal reasons. He has written three versions of the letter for the RAD 2005 Conference Program Book. The President has served

on the CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Committee since early 2004 and he reported that the committee has worked very diligently in raising funds and working on securing grants and sponsorships. He applauded the CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Chairperson, Mr. Bill Terrell, and CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Vice Chairperson, Mr. Ricky Drake, and the members of the CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Committee for their efforts!

Vice President

The Vice President extended his heartfelt thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. Stephen Vathally, and Mr. Chris McManus (CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Committee Business Manager/Webmaster) for their effort and dedication in completing the IRS 990-EZ. At the last General Meeting in March 2005, Mr. Lesley stated that any members wishing to serve on the ByLaws Committee should contact him today. There are several items that the ByLaws need to be updated, for example, the Membership Coordinator and the terminology GBLTIQ.

Secretary

The Secretary was pleased to report that Mr. Billy Kekua has provided us with the November 13, 2004 General Meeting Minutes. He thanked Mr. Kekua for his efforts as the past Secretary.

Treasurer

The Treasurer also extended his thanks to the Secretary for completing the IRS 990-EZ. He stated that he is not familiar with the IRS 990-EZ form but he would be willing to take over the filing of next year's IRS 990-EZ. Mr. Johnson distributed the financial reports of March and April 2005. A question arose regarding the names of the membership dues paid. He put the names down to reduce confusion over who has paid or not. Another question arose regarding the payment of storage rental. It is correct that CMRA do pay for the storage rental on a monthly basis. Pending an approval from the Executive Board, Mr. Vargas will be paid out of the DYR (Deaf Youth Rainbow) fund.

Director of Cultural Affairs

The Director of Cultural Affairs reported that Spring Dingo was held on April 9, 2005. The turnout was small but they had a great time. He asked Mr. Drake who coordinated this event to make a quick report. Mr. Drake reported that he left his report at home but he is doing it from memory. He stated that the total profit from the dingo and food sales was \$114.50 and no expenses were made. The Director of Cultural Affairs resumed and reported that next CMRA events are the Eye Party (October 22) and Holiday Party (December 10). Coordinators for the Eye Party and Holiday Party are needed so please contact him. Mr. Richey developed a draft on Guidelines to Organize All CMRA Parties and distributed copies to the membership. Suggestions are appreciated.

CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference Chairperson

Mr. Terrell provided a status of the CMRA/RAD 2005 Host Conference. He needs volunteers; if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Mr. Vilas Johnson. Souvenirs were ordered and are stored at various residences until the conference begin. The Chairperson was happy to report that CMRA has received a tax-exempt status from the hotel. There are over 180 registrants and over \$50,000 in the account. He would like to thank Mr. Mayhew

and Mr. Lesley for contributing expenses for food sales. No food expenses were taken out of CMRA/RAD 2005 fund. Also, Mr. Terrell would like to thank Mr. Tom Tarantino who coordinated the Italian Dinner/Dingo event. There will be fundraising events at the Green Lantern on Thursdays and Fridays. More information about the conference will be posted on the CMRA website under RAD 2005 so please check it out soon. The Chairperson reminded the membership and registrants that any transfers of the RAD 2005 tickets must be notarized by the transfer and transferee. Non-notarized ticket transfers cannot be accepted.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Diversity, Recruitment & Retention

Mr. Johnson is currently the chairperson of the ad-hoc committee on diversity and membership recruitment and retention which was set up at the November 2004's General Meeting. He stated that it was not easy to find members but he now has Mr. Garrett Bose, Mr. Alex Leffers, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Johnson will call the meeting after the RAD 2005 conference is over.

Unfinished Business

The motions from November 2004 were reviewed:

- Motion A is deferred to the ByLaws committee
- Motion B is completed.
- Motion C is in progress and will be completed at the conclusion of this meeting.
- Motion D is on-going.
- Motion E is on-going.

From the FY2005 Motions List of uncompleted motions:

- GM2005-01 is on-going.
- GM2005-03 is on-going.
- GM2005-05 is on-going.
- GM2005-06 is on-going; funds will disburse at the completion of RAD 2005 conference.

Intermission

Intermission started at 2:43 PM for 20 minutes. Meeting resumed at 3:12 PM.

New Business

Motion #1 (GM2005-07): I, Ricky Drake, move that CMRA give Bill Terrell combo ticket of \$250 and 5 nights (\$100 each night). Seconded: Mr. Lesley. AYE: 10 NAY: 2. **Motion Passed.**

Motion #2 (GM2005-08): I, Billy Kekua, move that CMRA appoint Billy Kekua to represent CMRA as Miss CMRA for RAD 2005 Pagaent. Seconded: Mr. Ed Martin. Unanimous consent. **Motion Passed.**

Motion #3 (GM2005-09): I, Stephen Vathally, move that CMRA includes the website address on all publications, flyers, and other sources to promote the website. Seconded: Mr. Matt Brown. Unanimous consent. **Motion Passed.**

Informational

Announcements

- Mr. Terrell needed your help with the fundraising next Thursday night at the Green Lantern from 9 PM to Midnight
- Mr. Tiktin mentioned that he has seen fundraising in front of the Lambda Rising and suggest CMRA look into this.

Necrology

- Sara Lynne Brennan, Mr. Reid's Aunt
- 3 deaths during a fire at the Westbriar Condo
- Kenneth Myers of Nebraska

Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:41 PM. The next meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on July 9, 2005 at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by: Curtis E. Reid

June 15, 2005

Approved: CMRA General Meeting

September 17, 2005