

**Minutes**  
**Oll Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 2023**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Board members attending:** Doug Long, David Myler, David Shallenberger, Phil Schlak, Jacki Gordon, Gail Ament, Peter McCallion, Vivianna Ruiz, John Burch, Marirose Lescher, Mary Phillips

**Board members absent:** Jose Luiz Zárate

**Guests:** Jose Ernesto Bermejo Jimenez, Ralph Gault, Wayne Pease, Enaj Schlak

**Staff:** Adriana Maldonado, Isabel Lopez

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:10

**Discussion via Zoom with Jose Ernesto Bermejo Jimenez, abogado from Ciudad de Mexico, expert in Donataria Autorizada.**

He explained that the OLL is not a business, but an organization with the mission of supporting culture through cultural experiences as well as being a lending library for books and other materials.

We pursue our social objective through:

- educational events
- hikes
- tours
- language exchanges
- memberships for checking out books.

He added that Mexican law changed two years ago and nonprofit organizations like the OLL need to be a Donataria Autorizada if they want to remain a nonprofit.

### **Advantages of being a Donataria Autorizada**

- Income will not be taxed
- Donations from Mexico and/or the US and Canada will not be taxed.

### **Approval - Agenda**

David Shallenberger moved to approve the Agenda; David Myler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval - July Minutes**

David Myler moved to approve the July minutes; David Shallenberger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **President's Report**

The September meeting will be moved to the 28th of September.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Technical problems have delayed the monthly treasurer's report. When those problems have been worked out, Marirose will be sending the treasurer's report.

Visitor Ralph Gault asked for some time to discuss Little Green Light. Members of the Finance Committee have recommended that it be dropped. Ralph asked if there should be more input about this decision. After deciding that there would be enough time to download important information from LGL, David Myler mentioned that both Envia and LpP are not using it and then moved to not renew LGL and download the info in the next 10 days. John Burch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

David Myler moved that the BOD continue to pursue Donataria with the goal of getting a Donataria with Jose Ernesto's help. Included in

the motion was to support and help Isabel, our accountant, in learning what paperwork she would need to do in support of DA. Phil Schlak seconded; motion passed unanimously.

An emergency AGAM meeting will be called in November. Jacki will add information for the October Eblast which will inform the OLL membership about plans for the DA.

#### Educational Events funding request

EEC requested funds for purchasing a 2nd monitor which could be used downstairs and on the terrace when events attract more participants than the terrace is able to hold. The amount needed is around 15,000 pesos. David Myler moved; David Shallenberger seconded that a new monitor be purchased. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Excursions: Hoofing It and Out and About fees and plans

The committee has planned a full compliment of activities for the coming season. The van drivers have upped their prices which means the tours will have higher prices.

#### NGO Fair volunteers needed

Marirose and David Shallenberger volunteered to help Vivianna.

#### Terrace mural

#### Social media

#### Bazaar

The date for the annual bazaar is set for December 23. A request for donations will go out the first of October. Enaj explained that there

will be fewer bag sales and more household goods. Boutique kinds of clothing will be priced separately. There is a need for more volunteers.

## **New Business**

### Emergencies Planning

Tabled for now but will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### DOD Memorial Altar and other activities

### Social Media

### Other

John Burch asked for time on the agenda at the next meeting to talk about what he and Ralph Gault are doing with endowments.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Adjournment**

David Myler moved to adjourn the meeting; David Shallenberger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.