

**KBUT Board of Directors Meeting  
September 22, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Andris Zobs, Dan Baynes, Johnna Bernholtz, Kirsten Atkins, Dave Colucci, David Arciniegas, Tyson Rogers & Kyle Ryan

**Also present:** Jackson Petito, KT, Tyler Lucas and Chris Biddle

**Called to order:** by Andris at 5:32 pm

**Review and Approval of previous minutes:** Review and approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting. After discussion the following modification was made:

2018 Taxes were prepared we know they were filed and were within the extension period, the extension which was not granted.

**Motion to approve with the modification:** Moved by Tyson seconded by David A. **All in favor:** passes unanimously.

**Financials & Treasurers report:** David said the general state of affairs hasn't changed since the last meeting and until we hear from the IRS it is status quo. Andris pointed out that line 4112 unrestricted \$112,000 was scheduled and not likely to come in this fiscal year. There are questions on the budget and possible errors so Jackson will go back to Jen to get some clarification. Tyler was not sure about the -\$27,000 deficit on line 4122 was for.

Tyler informed us that the underwriting is behind but part of it is Vail Resorts will not be underwriting us this year. It is pandemic related. He has a more current number but he feels that we will be at 90% for the year in underwriting. He's trying to target the business that are doing well like real estate and building. He feels next year will be better as we have a better idea of the business that are doing well during the pandemic vs. those struggling.

Any details anyone wants please ask Jackson at any time.

**Motion to approve the Financials:** Dave A. made a motion to approve the financials as submitted, provisionally and when we find out about our 501.3C status is reinstated. Seconded by Andris.

**All in favor :** passes.

**ED Report:** We will keep moving on as we are, in relation to the budget for the new fiscal year. We had talked about creating two budgets, one as a 5013.C and the other as if we had to pay taxes.

**5013.C Status:** Tax attorney suggested we call the Non-profit section on the 15<sup>th</sup>, called the 16<sup>th</sup> to be sure they got the information. Non-profit division hadn't made any changes to the account yet but they have until Oct. 6 (60 days) to review. Jackson still doesn't think there will be a problem, could be more than 60 because of COVID. He is confident but proceeding cautiously.

Tyler let our grant funders know the situation and thinks everything will be taken care of once our status is resolved, however we did miss out on some grant opportunities while we have been waiting for the fix. He wanted guidance on how to discuss this with underwriters as well.

Clarification on the status and reinstatement vs. reapplying and how that affects us was discussed and it comes down to we would be liable for any taxes during the lapse of our status if we have to reapply. Reinstatement would be retroactive.

We discussed the importance of us having talking points for the community if we are asked about the loss of our non-profit status & here it is:

\*There was an administration error at the IRS, we are working to get it resolved and we don't anticipate any issues with that happening. They are slow and even slower now due to COVID.

- Ratification of the letter for funders and donors.

**Events Committee:** KT gave update on the meeting last week regarding the renaming and Covid restrictions for our events. Halloween parade is cancelled but looking for other options with arts/crafts and decorating opportunities with the Center and library. Bingos are cancelled so we are looking to an online auction in November. Looking for donations – if anyone has ideas please pass on to KT or Tyler. She is also looking forward, towards dealing with a pandemic for couple years and being creative with the events and ideas moving forward.

Renaming the 'soul train' event and how was best to move forward with that was discussed. Are we putting out to the community or letting the committee decide. She was wanting guidance on how to move forward as never before has a board decided the names and she would rather make a decision as a committee and be able to do that quickly. She wants to keep the energy we are in with BLM movement and try to stay active and relevant with that and be able to announce the change. Disco is the main idea, everyone likes the music and it's multi-cultural. Do we want to solicit the public when it's just a name change or use energy more towards education in other ways? Want to have it announced in the next couple of weeks.

Kirsten wants to have feedback of the DJs and shouldn't be a long drawn out process. We took some of our educational pieces out of our letter in the paper so maybe putting those items into the educational opportunities on the radio.

Chris joined and asked that no matter how we make the changes we don't announce in the paper but come on air and do an interview on the air.

Andris wants to be sure we distinguish between the party and the conversation of race. Both will go on but both need to be discussed. We need to utilize our own media for educational programming around the movement and the event isn't being talked about canceling but changing.

Tyler and Johnna both stated that we should get some leaders in the BLM movement from the community to be sure to include a person of color on the discussion and possibly on the event planning committee.

The board wants to give permission to have whatever educational programming the director feels is appropriate around the issues of equality. We also gave KT & the events committee the go ahead to make the decision towards a name change.

Chris from a reporting side of things is so excited to be able to start researching and coming up with stories regarding race.

Benchmarks for events – mid October events committee should come up with benchmarks for upcoming events & budget due to changes due to COVID and ideas on how to move through COVID restrictions. KT didn't realize there was an events committee and wanted to be sure what we were looking for.

KT feels events during COVID have served our community as much if not more during this time. We have stayed true to our mission.

Want to bridge the gap with events and programming more. Great ideas come about during the committee meetings and having more voices is great for ideas. Having a mix of different voices can be a great thing.

**News department updates:** Chris O'Rourke from Gunnison Country times is putting together a guide to help direct our news departments into the future. It will be a 'living' document that can change but will direct the news department. She has lots of experience and has been a reporter and mentor for Chris B.

**CB South signal update:** Bill our broadcast engineer says using Met Rec tower will serve our CBS purpose and would save us lots of money. Question is what about the donation of funds that we got from a donor that were directed specifically to bettering the CBS signal. We are all trying to remember the restrictions on the funds that were set aside for this and we have to improve the signal as we are out of compliance for the signal anyway. Initial cost will go through the donation and a bit more.

Jackson suggested to make a motion to support the use of donor advised funds to approve

Supporting the use of CBS funds to replace the 94.9 translator.

Tyler wrote the grant and the Engle's foundation grant was for \$59,500.00 for the CBS translator project. He feels this is fulfilling the intent of the grant.

**Motion:** Andris moved that the board approves the staffs proposal to modify the means to improve the CBS signal with the use of the Engle's foundation fund. Seconded by Dave C. **Passes:** all in favor.

Discussion of the translator id will it be the same? What are the excess costs? We don't know and we want to move forward and get it done as quickly as possible as we have been trying to get this done for years. Study is being done and we will have more information on timing after that.

**Re vote:** A re-vote was taken after further discussion of the above motion and all remained in favor.

COVID – Thanks for the good policies – it's kept us healthy.

Scheduling – does any committee want to schedule a meeting time?

Personnel committee: Andris will email to schedule a meeting.

Next board meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, Jackson will send an invite out.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by Kirsten and seconded by Johnna at 7:33pm.

Meeting adjourned.