

March 9, 2015

PCBA Special Board Meeting

Puyallup Public Library

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Order was called at 6:00 p.m. Present were board members Franclyn Heinecke, Alisa Shorey, Michael DeAngelo, Scott Larson, Jeff Jones, Renzy Davenport, Larry Golden, Marge Pearson and Bob Pietila. Also in attendance were two PCBA club members.

### **Review of Situation**

President Franclyn Heinecke provided a review of the events and context leading up to this special board meeting regarding Past President Louis Matej. Franclyn highlighted:

- The prerogative of the current President to choose committee chair persons.
- Changes that were made to the board when Franclyn was elected as president, including reducing the number of voting members.
- Franclyn noted that at the end of the summer Louis Matej indicated that he no longer wanted to teach, but later changed his mind and wanted to teach the Apprentice class one last time.

The President then made several personal comments including:

- She tried to negotiate with Louis to bring everyone onboard. Louis's list of conditions continued to grow.
- Louis then decided not to turn over the prospective membership list that was collected at the Fair and wanted to use the list to start his own club.
- Franclyn indicated that it was not appropriate for club assets to be used for purposes other than PCBA activities.
- The President decided that it was best to bring these issues before the board for consideration on what should be done and called a Special Board Meeting.

### **Voting Member Comments**

**Bob Pietila** noted that no one has done more for PCBA than Louis and finds the actions that the Board is taking ridiculous. Bob did not believe that Louis's actions warranted removal from the club. Bob indicated that members in the past had had far more destructive actions and much less severe consequences.

**Michael DeAngelo** noted that he often disagreed with Louis previously but that their disagreements were nothing that could not be overcome. Michael did not like that Louis was withholding the names collected at the fair with the knowledge of how important new members are to the survival of the club. Withholding the list of names puts the Club in financial risk; doing so to further Louis's own good is unethical and Michael does not want to be seen as someone that condones bad behavior. Michael later indicated that his problem with Louis was not that he wanted to start a new club, rather, it was that he wanted PCBA to pay for his new club to get started. Michael also indicated that he sees the job of the board as one to protect the club and direct it for the next several years.

**Larry Golden** indicated that he was very disappointed in Louis for his actions. Larry also acknowledged the pressure Louis was under as the Club was going through changes.

**Marge Pearson** believes that the new President was put in a tough position from the strong minded “old guard” and thinks that the changes that were in the works were difficult for Louis to accept.

**Jeff Jones** indicated that he does not like what is happening to Louis and noted that Louis was still president until December 31, 2014 and still had the right to keep the list of names until the end of his term. Jeff also finds it ridiculous that no one on the list has been contacted. Further, Jeff thinks that the whole situation could have been handled differently.

**Alisa Shorey** noted that it is the President’s prerogative on how to run the club and who to appoint as chairs. Alisa believes that Louis has contributed much to the club and doesn’t think that removal from the club is the best course of action.

**Renzy Davenport** commented that he does not think previous good actions makes up for current abuse. Renzy thinks that Louis knows what the responsibility of the President is, and should abide by the rules. Renzy also noted that he believed that Louis had a bad way of carrying out business.

#### **Other Comments**

**Jim** noted that he was under the impression that the “separate” club was more of a satellite location instead of a new club.

**Keith** said that he didn’t think banishment would help, but that Louis’s behavior is unacceptable. Keith went on to say that it is important to consider what the general membership will think of banishment and to consider the negative impact it will have on the club.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Motion**

Scott Larson made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion with Michael DeAngelo being the 2<sup>nd</sup>; the motion was:

Motion to remove Louis Matej as a voting Board Member as Past President. Louis Matej will be on probation for two years from this date. Any further destructive behavior that is contrary to the mission of PCBA will result in a further review of Louis’s membership.

Voting In Favor of the 1<sup>st</sup> motion were Michael DeAngelo, Scott Larson, Bob Pietila and Franclyn Heinecke.

Voting Against the 1<sup>st</sup> motion were Renzy Davenport, Larry Golden, Jeff Jones, Marge Pearson and Alisa Shorey.

There were no abstainers, and the motion did not carry.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Motion - Approved**

Scott Larson made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion with Bob Pietila being the 2<sup>nd</sup>; the motion was:

Motion to remove Louis Matej as a voting Board Member as Past President. Louis Matej will be on probation for one year from this date. Any further destructive behavior that is contrary to the mission of PCBA will result in a further review of Louis’s membership.

Voting In Favor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion were Michael DeAngelo, Jeff Jones, Scott Larson, Bob Pietila, Alisa Shorey, and Franclyn Heinecke.

Voting Against the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion were Renzy Davenport, Larry Golden, and Marge Pearson.

There were no abstainers, and the motion carried.