

Minutes
7/15/21

Attendees: Cathy Cannon, Bob Gillaspay, Tom Platt. Guest: Rex Harder

Began 4:05 pm

Financial Report: 0 out, 0 in.

Bob ? to Rex: Section has 501c3 status, chapters have utilized that. What is the advantage of having our own? Hassle? Can we still go under the section or should we not?

Rex: Would be at discretion of section and be disclosed in the publications, etc. Other than doing the initial application, pretty simple. Under \$50K/year just sending in a postcard each year (essentially). If received a contribution, would have to confirm that it's an allowable contribution and not income.

Tom: What about the fact that we're separate legal entities now?

Rex: That leans toward you should have own Tax ID, filing with state, etc.

Tom: Can you just give us the big picture on what you've been thinking?

Rex: I say go ahead and make the application, register with IRS as non-profit because state doesn't really have any relationship as to whether you are non-profit. If you somehow earn some income, it's not state's decision on federal reporting, etc. Might be legal side on whether you need to carry officers and directors insurance, etc. Do other chapters? Do other chapters have own corporation and 501c3?

Bob: Don't think so. BC maybe, but different country. Oregon has multiple chapters but not sure multiple chapters active. Don't know if they're considering consolidating or anything.

Tom: Do you know if they have any legal entities, the chapters?

Bob: Don't think so.

Rex: Recall the meeting in Vancouver, everything was just PNW SRM.

Bob: Yes, everything's just been run through the section, in terms of meetings, in terms of income, and everything else. Some chapters had some monies, but other chapters might have existed didn't have any accounts, books, etc. All the meeting that the different chapters did for the section, if they needed some money, they asked the section for a loan with no interest based on the proceeds. That was usually granted for starter of funds, then meeting was held, receipts were added, and split with section at end. Back in the day chapters were based geographically and they were as active as the members felt like being active. Over the years the numbers have dwindled. Range con employment has dropped, membership has dropped, chapters have gone out.

Rex: If you have bylaws and articles of incorp and tax ID with the state, then should probably just go ahead and file for non-profit status. File 1023.

Bob: Any charges that were done for registration were based on break even on number of people attending. Any profit was typically split between chapter and section, or whatever agreement or project.

Tom: I agree with Rex. It's fairly inexpensive to file for non-profit. Hadn't thought about officers insurance because state does give some protection to officers of non-profits.

Rex: I'd be willing to help with that a little bit. Need a federal tax ID in order to file the 1023.

Tom will send IRS log-in information to Rex to get help with process. Filing costs about \$250. State charges about \$10/year for filing. Can lose status after 3 years if don't file annually (deemed "inactive").

Tom moved to work with Rex to pursue non-profit status with IRS. Bob 2nd. Approved.

We questioned Rex about forage base in his area. He talked about his operation and the forage, the beef cooperatives he's in and effects of pandemic.

Nominating committee?

Look at list and divvy up and make assignments. Plan on nominees by September and elections in November.

Adjourn.