

SSIA Conference Call

June 18, 2013

Meeting called to order: 8:00 EST

Attendance: Ira Freedman, Don Rinaldi, Paul Angelus , Blasé Knabl, Bob Berman, Mitch Lebovic, Mike Morrelli, Harry Lowenburg. Sandra is moving but gave her vote for repairer to Ira.

Old business:

SSIA Show

Rooms- Everything is fine for the hotel. The hotel is offering extra rooms for \$219. Mitch made arrangements for extra space for Blasé' machines. There are only a few spaces left for the brunch.

Breakfast on Sunday.- Lucy wants to sponsor the breakfast on Sunday. Mitch will make arrangements with the hotel.

Memorial list- Don suggests that we come up with a list of people who died this year.

Door prizes - Blasé' suggests SSIA cash prize for members, must be present to win. Blasé suggests \$1500 but the others on the board think that \$250 is more than enough. Blasé' then suggested \$500, \$250, and \$100. Everyone is comfortable with that as a members only door prize. Harry has suggested that for the next newsletter that we make the announcement in the newsletter with pictures. This will promote the incentive to be a member.

T-shirts and pennets – Don said are in to the screen printer and will be done next week.

Silver Cup- The people that didn't win an award we are Publicizing all the entrants for the shops and where they are located. Sandra has a display case for the top 9 entrants. Blasé has certificate for all the entrants.

There is a number of folks that are angry both wholesale and retail, that the winner is a European winner and the purpose is to promote membership in the United States. There will be no newspaper coverage for anyone in the United States. We will talk in San Diego about the cup and entrants and how to fix it.

Lyons and Volpe has not submitted their membership fee yet.

New business:

Wyny Brazil application we don't have a copy of the application. We never voted on accepting them. He wants to be at the show this year. He is a shoe repairer in NY and is also the U.S. distributor for Wyny Brazil. Don will contact him tomorrow about his application.

Don suggests that we put the application on the Website to see if anyone objects. Harry suggests that they list the wholesalers and suppliers for reference and those can be confirmed to see if there is a problem. Harry states that we need to fine tune our procedures on what we do to those that sell direct only vs those that sell direct and to suppliers.

Paul suggests that we pick a timeline cut off for the show. Harry suggests that we appoint someone or committee to call about an application. Mitch will take care of sending an email first and then calling to see if there is anyone that objects.

Latex Central Americano- the companies reference is Acor which is not a member. All they want to do is get in front of the repairers to sell direct. Ira brought up the motion to vote on them. There is not a proper application to even vote on. Mitch will send them a note saying we will reconsider their applications

Wholesaler position that is open: Gene Burton and Steve Sachs are both running. Harry has abstained. Both have said that they will serve but both has stated that. 5 votes for Steve and 3 votes for Gene and Harry abstained.

Shoe Repairer nominees: Pat Harper, Marcello , Jim McFarland Mike and Ira like Marcello and recommend him. Blasé recommends Harper and is opening a repair school. 5 for Marcello, 1 for Pat.