

REACT International, Inc.
Minutes of the Board Meeting
July 25, 2001
Trinidad

Board Members Present:

Frank Jennings, Chairman & Region 6
Dick Cooper, Region 2
Jack Murrell, Region 4
Lee Besing, Region 7
Ron Faulkner, Region 9
Charles Thompson, President

Board Members Absent:

George Holmes, Region 3
Fred Lanshe, Region 1
Larry Fry, Region 5
Jesse Mauk, Region 8

Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Jennings at 11:20am.

1. Mr. Besing announced that Director Jesse Mauk (Region 8) submitted his resignation prior to this meeting, thus setting the minimum number for quorum at 5. Present were Frank Jennings, Region 6 & Chairman, Dick Cooper, Region 2, Jack Murrell, Region 4, Lee Besing, Region 7, Ron Faulkner, Region 9, President Charles Thompson.
2. Discussion held about situation in Trinidad and Tobago (TT) with Council providing records for the board to review. At the February 2000 Board meeting, the Board voted to require the TT Council to provide proof the council was indeed representing all teams by providing copies of meeting minutes and treasurer reports, and other proof that each local team is indeed operating as independent teams and the council is acting like a council. The board asked Phillip Gardner, President of TT Team #4928, to address the board on this subject. Mr. Gardner stated his team had been mailing copies of their monthly minutes to the RI HQ for over a year after the February 2000 meeting. Nobody on the board has seen these minutes. Mr. Thompson to ask Dora about why these were not forwarded to him or another board member. Mr. Thompson asked for the Board to ask the TT Council for a copy of their current council bylaws for review by the RI Board. **Motion made** by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that we refrain from making a final decision on the issue of the Trinidad and Tobago REACT Council until further investigation has been completed regarding their bylaws. **Motion passed.**
3. **Motion made** by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Besing, to approve the charter application for the new team in Tobago. **Motion passed.**
4. Mr. Jennings read a report from RI's Accountants (Singleton and Bardowski, LLC) who tabulated the votes from the regional elections of directors. A total of 23 votes were received, with Larry Fry (Region 5) with 14 votes, and Dick Cooper (Region 2) with 9 votes. No other votes were received. No nominations were received for Region 8, leaving the Board to appoint someone to fill that vacancy. **Motion made** by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the results of the election. **Motion passed.**
5. The board identified three potential candidates for the Region 8 Director position. Discussion held by the board on the pros and cons offered by various candidates. It was pointed out that Item #27 on the agenda was to determine a candidate for this position. This issue was tabled until later in the meeting.

6. Discussion held about absent Director George Holmes, Region 3. Section 5.5(b) of the RI Bylaws state that a director will be deemed to have resigned if he/she misses two consecutive (non-electronic) board meetings unless declined by the board. Mr. Jennings read a letter from Mr. Holmes explaining what he has been doing as Director to promote REACT in his region and asking the board to accept his absence. **Motion made** by Mr. Faulkner, no second, to decline to accept the automatic resignation of Mr. Holmes caused by his missing two consecutive regular board meetings. **Motion failed** due to lack of second. It was the consensus of the board that the language of the bylaws expressed the importance of having directors who can participate by attending regularly scheduled board meetings.
7. Review of Convention Schedule: Discussion held on the order of business at Thursday's General Session. Mr. Thompson to chair. Open with credentials report, followed with three committee reports (Life Member, Membership Development, Publications Review), Region reports by each director, Officer Reports, Meeting with Team Presidents and Councils. Decision to hold a short memorial service on Friday at 3pm to coincide with the actual funeral service for Pete Kreer in the Chicago area. Mr. Gerald Reese (former executive director of RI) to attend the service and represent REACT International. Mr. Reese will have a floral wreath constructed with the old 1970 version of the REACT HQ Visor sign and presented in the name of REACT International.
8. Mr. Cooper read excerpts from Mr. Tom Currie's report on Membership Development Committee, Mr. Stuart DeLuca's Publicity Review & REACTer report, Mr. Richard Gamble's Life Member report, and Mrs. Linda Faulkner's Junior REACT report. Mr. Besing reported that the Computer Services Committee had added an auto responder email address for the Emergency Communicators Course, enabling REACT members to be directed to a hidden web page where they could download the course in a compressed ZIP file. (Files are in PDF format.) Mr. Lanshe reported by phone on Rapid Response and Public Relations and the first award of the Radio Hero Award being presented on June 1, 2001. Awards and Recognition report was read with a list of this year's recipients.
9. Review of existing committee structure: **Motion made** by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Murrell, to reinstate the Communications Committee and to assign new, more specific, duties and areas of responsibility for this committee. **Motion passed.** Mr. Murrell stated that the board should task this committee to promote cross-service training and operation of multiple radio services. Discussion held on the concept of Committee Chairs selecting committee members to deal with specific areas under their concern, areas that might be temporary or permanent of nature. Discussion held on ideas of merging committees where feasible or creating new committees where a need can be identified which does not fit into an existing committee.

Mr. Cooper presented his first draft recommendation dated June 20, 2001. Discussion held. Minor changes were suggested. The annual convention host committee shall be under the direct oversight of the Convention and Site Selection Committee. Discussion on changing Government Agencies and Volunteer Agencies committees into a "Liaison" position because those are usually comprised of a single member. The Board tasked Mr. Cooper to develop new, more specific duties for each committee. Mr. Cooper to revise and present new version electronically to the board. Discussion held on how much authority a liaison / representative should have when attending annual or periodic conferences / board meetings of voluntary agencies which RI has agreements or working relationships with. Share the duties of the Highway Safety Committee with the Public Relations Committee and Government Relations Liaison Officer's responsibilities. Discussion held on duties of Life Membership Committee, how the committee actually consists of all active Life members with the committee annually electing their chairperson at the annual membership meeting (annual convention).

Meeting recessed at 11:15pm until the evening of July 26, 2001

General Session started at 8:30am on July 26, 2001, chaired by President Thompson. (Next 12 sections)

1. Mr. Thompson (President) and Mr. Besing (Secretary) represented the RI Officers for the General Session. Mr. Thompson explained that today's meeting would be in the form of various reports and presentations by the officers at the head table, followed by any concerns or questions from the delegates or the floor afterward. Following this session the board would meet with the Council Presidents.
2. Credentials Report by Wahid Ali (Team #6009): There are 23 delegates present, representing 16 teams and 7 councils. There are 71 attendees. The USA represented 21%, Canada 4% and Trinidad 75%. This convention had the highest number of "first timers" attending.
3. Mr. Thompson stated that the board had received three written reports and numerous verbal reports from committees.
4. He summarized the changes proposed by the Publicity Review Committee to change the publication schedule of the REACTer by moving it up two weeks so members would get it sooner, and to reduce advertising rates to try and attract more advertisers. The new team charter format is available for free, if your team received its charter since January 2000, you will receive a replacement at no cost. If you want a new version charter for an older team, the cost will be \$5.00. More items will be made available for download for free from the RI Website. The website address is www.reactintl.org. There is a link to that from the Trinidad Council's website to the RI website also.
5. The Membership Development Committee is in the process of reviewing policies, procedures and other issues of RI that affects our attracting, retaining and recovering members and teams. The Office staff has been working to contact former teams and members to find out why they did not renew, and have recovered over 25 teams this year who did not renew by the normal deadline. Teams, who renew after a lapse, are no longer being required to pay extra fees before being reinstated or being forced to apply for a new charter. The committee is looking for ideas to help "re-invent" REACT. Tom Currie, the chairperson, was involved with the new ARRL emergency communicator training course last year. He developed a parallel version called "REACT Emergency Communicators Course" and it is available free of charge via the RI Website. Send email message to <iwantecomm@reactintl.org> and you automatically receive a reply message explaining how to download this course in a compressed ZIP file. All documents in the ZIP file are in Adobe PDF format. There are two levels of certification, the first level is to take an open book test (completion test) that you take on your own, grade it and return it to the committee with a 90% pass level. The second level of certification is to take a closed book test with a 95% pass level under supervision and with additional documentation of actual experience during a real disaster or disaster drill by a state or local government emergency official or other agency (such as Red Cross). Mr. Thompson stated that this course is the best new offering by REACT International in a long, long time. He mentioned Texas State REACT Council would be sponsoring a test session during their March 2002 meeting, but the actual studying, if done in a classroom format, could easily take 16-20 hours of classroom time.
6. Mr. Thompson provided statistics about the number of members in REACT (3672), teams (290), compared with last year's numbers.
7. The Life Membership Committee reported that we have 34 less "active" Life Members, and 30 more "unattached" members. 1 was dropped for unspecified reasons. There were no deceased Life Members during the past year. Mr. Gamble indicated that he was willing to accept another term as chairperson if so desired by the Life Members attending the convention. It was pointed out that this "chairperson" is really selected each year by the Life Members who attend the Life Membership Luncheon during the annual convention and is not appointed by the board directly.

8. Regional Reports:
 - A. Region 1: Fred Lanshe ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI, NY, PA, not present.
 - B. Region 2: Dick Cooper NJ, DE, MD, WV, VA, KY, DC, has been corresponding with existing teams via email, mail, phone, fax and personal visits. He has been making occasional trips down to REACT HQ in Suitland, Maryland.
 - C. Region 3: George Holmes TN, NC, SC, MS, AL, GA, FL, not present.
 - D. Region 4: Jack Murrell MI, IN, OH, was not present for this session.
 - E. Region 5: Larry Fry ND, SD, NE, MN, IA, WI, IL, not present. Larry has been working with the 2002 Convention host to check out the site and to be sure plans stay on track.
 - F. Region 6: Frank Jennings, HI, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY. Last meeting was in Boise, ID with an outstanding training course and gained a couple of new members for the nearby team, and now in the process of forming a new team with 14 members.
 - G. Region 7: Lee Besing, AR, LA, NM, CO, KS, MO, OK, and TX. 100% renewal teams in his region, the only region to reach this goal. Mr. Besing has been focusing on trying to form new teams in the area, working with a local (San Antonio based) American Red Cross (ARC) to form new teams or get existing teams to cover some key ARC chapters in South Central Texas where he was installing new radio equipment to facilitate emergency communications between chapter offices. Mr. Bealer has 5 locations he wants to equip and staff. Operators must be licensed Amateurs to use most of the equipment being installed. Mr. Besing stated that he and his wife had been traveling to area ham fests and setting up displays to advertise REACT and have been attracting new members or interest in starting new teams. Pat Knight (Mr. Besing's wife) reported she had helped set up a display at a ham fest for Travis County REACT and that team picked up two new members. She encouraged others to set up displays at similar type events.
 - H. Region 8: vacant after resignation of Jesse Mauk prior to convention. CA, NV, UT, AZ
 - I. Region 9: Ron Faulkner, Canada, Puerto Rico, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Germany. He reported that Mr. Cooper had visited Puerto Rico on the way to the convention. He stated there were 2 teams in Puerto Rico, 16 teams in Canada, 1 team in UK, 1 (un-decided) team in Germany, plus 8 teams in Trinidad and Tobago (plus 1 undecided). 79% of attendees at this year's convention are from Region 9. Mr. Faulkner reported that the undecided team in Trinidad has now renewed, bringing them up to 100% plus the new team.
9. Amateur Responses posted on www.QRZ.com: Mr. Thompson reported that there has been much talk on www.qrz.com about REACT and it shows that Amateurs are well aware of REACT activities and general reputation. When a few posts attacked REACT, other non-REACT amateurs posted replies defending REACT, citing examples from their local area or experience.
10. Officer Reports:
 - A. Dick Cooper, Executive Vice President: He has been providing oversight for established committees. He has been communicating via email with 15 committees and finding that most of them have not been very active during the year except at convention. The board tasked him to develop descriptions and guidelines for each committee and to communicate this to the chairpersons to make them aware of their responsibilities as chair of each committee. The responsibilities will be updated and changed as needed.
 - B. Fred Lanshe, VP and Treasurer: Unable to attend due to job restrictions (unable to get vacation time scheduled to fit convention schedule).
 - C. Lee Besing, Secretary: He has been keeping the minutes, distributing them via email and the website, plus other duties due to his position as director and other REACT positions. Mr. Besing

has copies of the new Emergency Communicator Course available if you bring him a floppy diskette during the convention.

- D. Chuck Thompson, President: Talked about how we use email to communicate while keeping costs down. Working with our office staff, 1 paid secretary and 1 part time Executive Director to improve membership relations. He asked attendees to be active in discussions on the REACT-L email server to keep current in what is happening.

Session recessed at 10:50am for short break until 11:00am.

General Session reconvened at 11:00am

11. Board to meet with Council Presidents. Mr. Thompson announced that the host had requested the Life Member luncheon attendees go to lunch early due to an expected crowd at 1:30pm and the meeting with Council Presidents would have to be delayed due to the programs and special field trip planned for the afternoon.

Meeting recessed until 8:15pm

Board meeting reconvened at 8:15pm.

No change in quorum.

One observer present: Paul Oby of Ramsey County REACT

10. Discussion held about process of “Unanimous Consent” method to use email and requirement of all board members to respond and approve/reject the proposal. Mr. Thompson explained that all directors and officers MUST respond in order for this method to be legal and effective.
11. Discussion held about needing to use “RTF” (Rich Text Format) when sending documents to other members of the board. Most word editors will import or export this type of files. A quick survey of those present revealed all had some version of Word and/or Word Perfect, capable of reading this type of file.
12. Discussion held about standing committees and difference between those committees of the board, and those committees of the corporation. The bylaws call for three committees of the board, and all others are appointed or dissolved upon need by the board. There has been a core of standing committees of the corporation for many years. References to Section 7.6 of the RI Bylaws and the need for committee chairs to communicate with their acknowledged committee members and to submit formal reports to the board at each of the two annual board meetings (February and July). Mr. Cooper recommended that he include some of this material in his next few communications sent to committees.
13. **Motion made** by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Faulkner to remove Mr. Tom Currie as chairperson for the Membership Development and appointment as chair to the Training and Development Committees. **Motion passed.**
14. Discussion about modifying the bylaws to add the newly created position of “Executive Vice President” held by Mr. Cooper. The bylaws call for four required positions, being President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It allows the board to appoint other officer positions as needed. Mr. Thompson stated that there was no need to modify the bylaws to make this position permanent. This keeps the management structure flexible and should personnel change, the position could be eliminated if no longer needed. Mr. Cooper to develop a proposed policy for consideration by the board regarding this position and process of officers keeping in touch with the board.
15. **Motion made** by Mr. Faulkner, second by Mr. Besing, to discontinue the practice of assigning a Board member as liaison officer to each committee, and to assign the Executive Vice President to handle this function. **Motion passed.**

16. Review of Policy & Procedures: Mr. Johnny Stowers submitted recommendations on all policies to Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson will forward the exact proposed wording to the board for consideration for adoption by the 15th of September.
17. Discussion on who should be designated to officially represent RI at various functions, such as the upcoming NVOAD conference being held this fall in OK. **Motion made** by Mr. Faulkner, second by Mr. Besing, to delegate this decision to the President to officially represent the organization, or appoint someone to appear in his stead. Motion passed.
18. **Motion made** by Mr. Cooper, second by Mr. Faulkner to accept the recommendation by the President to present the President's Award to Mr. Tom Currie. Motion passed.
19. No financial reports were made available due to the unavailability of Mr. Lanshe to attend this meeting and some difficulties in getting the reports sent down here in time for the board meeting. Discussion held on proper office bookkeeping methods and budgeting. Discussion on alternate sources for liability and bonding insurance.

Meeting recessed until 8:00am tomorrow.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00am July 27, 2001.

Mr. Murrell has returned to the states, dropping the quorum to five directors and officers. We have a quorum.

22. Discussion held about letter to FCC on subject of GMRS grandfathered team licenses and the idea of asking them to reinstate group licenses for 501(c)(3) organizations, but specifically asking on behalf REACT Teams. It would be more effective during emergencies or team operations to operate under a single call sign, compared to having to keep each members call sign. Some members would be willing to operate GMRS for their team, but not be willing to get a personal license if they do not operate for personal reasons. The premise was offered, that a team member operating under the team license for official business purposes only, would be more likely to go apply for their own personal license to allow personal communications.
23. **Motion by** Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to authorize Mr. Thompson to write this letter to Mr. Sugrue of the FCC, expressing our concerns and requests for reinstatement of the group licenses for 501(C)(3) organizations. Motion passed.
24. The Operations of the Board of Directors was reviewed. Discussion held about roles of officers versus directors and the need to reply in a timely manner to mail from other directors and officers. The technique of using a "reply requested email flag" has not been effective in the past. Senders should make clear in their message when they expect a response, and set a time span for responses. (7 days was recommended). If a sender gets no response, they need to verify that others did receive the message since the mail server in the past had problems.
25. Discussion held on the need for directors and officers to clear public release of information with the president to avoid "problems" such as recently occurred with a release on qrz.com regarding the "Ecomm Training" and "Trinidad Convention inviting David Clark to speak" subjects.
26. **Radio Hero Award:** The board originally included "users of FRS, GMRS, CB, Business Band, and Amateur Radio" services as eligible for this award. At some point, the last two services were removed when presented to Cobra as the co-sponsor. Anyone can make a nomination for this award, but Mr. Besing has suggested a form be added to the RI Website to allow submissions of potential candidates. Mr. Faulkner asked why the Awards and Recognition Committee was not consulted, rather than being handled by the PR Committee. The response was that the PR

Committee initiated this award as a public relations vehicle and did not consult with the committee. The board felt that users of all lawful two-way radio communications should be eligible for being nominated for this award. It was noted that some of our member teams are in other countries where GMRS, MURS and FRS are not available. **Motion made** by Mr. Faulkner, second by Mr. Cooper, to amend the criteria for the Radio Hero Award to include “users of all legal two-way radio communications”. **Motion passed.**

27. There is an organization in the Philippines, which is using the REACT name, with the acronym “Regional Emergency Assistance Communications Team”. Discussion held with a decision that the president should open communications with this group to inform them of possible international trademark violation, and ask them to cease and desist using this name unless they become a part of REACT International, Inc.
28. Local Team/Council use of REACT Trademark. Some teams or councils make local items using the REACT logo without seeking approval by the RI Board. The problem arises when a team or council makes items bearing the REACT logo available to others outside their area. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Besing both recalled a requirement that teams/councils developing new items should send a copy of such item (or photo) to RI HQ for approval and acknowledgement. **Decision made** to develop policy to establish a procedure for licensing and approving requests for producing items with the REACT Logo / trademark. This will be referred back to the board for later approval.
29. Re-registration of trademark in Canada. Mr. Faulkner has been working on the expired (in 1995) trademark in Canada in an effort to re-register this for the past 18 months. Mr. Faulkner asked for permission to seek out and engage an agent to help with this process, as he felt this was beyond his expertise. Mr. Faulkner was asked to find out the costs of this process before proceeding. The name “REACT” was trademarked in Canada, but not the logo in the past. There have been problems in Canada with other communications related companies or organizations using “REACT” as part of their names or logos. A question was raised about searching the USA copyright / trademark to see what is covered on an International basis. Mr. Thompson to seek counsel on this subject.
30. REACT Uniform Items. A proposal from the PR committee was read where they proposed to establish a liaison person to research affordable reliable suppliers of various uniform related items. We need to determine what items should be stocked in the office, and which could be feasibly drop-shipped from another supplier under license. **Motion made** by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Faulkner to stock official REACT caps in the office for resale to members. **Motion passed.** Mr. Thompson to follow through with this item.
31. Radio Emergency Communications Course. The President had established a policy of restricting distribution of this course to registered REACT members only, and to allow Tom Currie to handle the administration of this course. The board decided to allow this policy to stand.
32. Mr. Faulkner informed the board that Mr. Jagdeosingh feels there is strong possibility of new teams in neighboring Caribbean nations, and wanted to know if an “assistant or vice director” could be appointed in this situation. Discussion held on allowing directors to have a vice director in areas where the geographical coverage is extensive. No decision made at this time.
33. Committees:

Awards & Recognition	Florence Hedges (IN)
Bylaws, Policies & Procedures	Johnny Stowers (CA)
Communications	vacant
Computer Services	Dale Ellis (OK)
Convention & Site Selection	Selma Dassa (NY)

Five-Year Planning	Executive VP – Dick Cooper (NJ)
Government Relations	now liaison position
Highway Safety	merged with other positions
Junior REACT	Linda Faulkner (Ontario)
Life Membership	Dick Gamble (NV)
Membership Development	vacant
Public Relations	changed to liaison
Publication Review	Stuart DeLuca (TX)
Rapid Response Teams	1) John Knott (FL), 2) Bob Lumpkin (DC), and 3) John Fisken (WA)
Training & Development	Tom Currie (KY)
Voluntary Agencies	converted to liaison
Ways & Means	vacant

FCC Liaison	William Riley (MD)
Government Liaison	vacant
Public Relations Liaison	Ron McCracken (Ontario), Bob Kaster (OK)
Voluntary Agencies Liaison	vacant

Meeting recessed at 1:45pm for 15-minute break, followed by Open Session at 2pm.
Open Session continued from previous day.

34. Trinidad and Tobago Council President Kenny Jagdeosingh made some general statements about the convention status.
35. Pacific Northwest Council: CC “Rob” Roberts asked about allowing teams to make items with REACT logo on them and then offer them for resale to other REACT Teams at a small markup. Mr. Thompson addressed the issue affirming the need to avoid copyright infringement. He stated that the board would be establishing a policy to allow teams/councils to produce such item with the manufacturer licensing the right to use the REACT logo for this purpose.

Open Session Closed.

Open Board Meeting.

Quorum present.

Credentials: 17 teams and 7 councils. Team #6045 was added to original count.

36. 2002 Convention Report: No written report was received from the convention host committee. It will be in Des Moines, IA in a Holiday Inn Complex, next July. The Airport is on the edge of town; the hotel is about 3 miles from downtown Des Moines. The exact dates have not been announced. Shuttle service from the airport to the hotel and Enterprise.
37. Rapid Response Team Committee: Bob Lumpkin presented a report about the status of this project, establishing of 25 member RR Teams in various geographical areas, capable of re-establishing communications in a disaster area for at least 72 hours. He was reviewing reports of possible equipment needed by such a unit, including vehicles, water-tight cases for radios and other equipment, computers, etc. The committee uses email to communicate with members and other agencies. A goal of using the RRT to aid during the next presidential inauguration ceremonies was established. Mr. Lumpkin stated they were overwhelmed this year in trying to support medical and other units needing their communications support.

38. Mr. Jennings discussed status of standing committees and some changes that will be occurring. He ran down the list of committees and their present chairperson. He announced the Communications Committee had been re-established, but no chairperson had been assigned.
39. Mr. Cooper addressed the issue of committee activity levels in recent years, and promised all surviving committees will be more active. He explained that he made up a packet of recommendations for each committee, including improvements to the RI website.
40. Mr. Jennings announced that no longer were Board Members being assigned as Liaison for each committee. Instead, the Executive Vice President will act as liaison for all committees. An example was if the PR Liaison wanted to issue a press release, it would be ran past the EVP for approval, and the EVP would pass it up to the President or the full board if necessary. This is intended to expedite the process of gaining approval of good ideas and to protect the corporation from harm. Regional Directors are supposed to be focused on their regions and to promote growth in their areas.
41. Mr. Thompson explained that the vacancies reported, were due to committees which did not perform / deliver in the past year having their current chair removed, but no alternates having been contacted to fill these positions. Discussion was held regarding the old habit of committees who worked only during the conventions and then failed to perform any useful function during the year.
42. Regional Elections Results: Region 2 Dick Cooper was elected unanimously. Region 5 Larry Fry was elected unanimously. There were no nominations for Region 8. Region 3 is now vacant. Region 8 covers CA, NV, UT, and AZ. Region 3 covers TN, NC, SC, MS, AL, GA, and FL.
43. Mr. Thompson announced that Region 3 Director, George Holmes, had resigned because of missing 2 consecutive regular board meetings (non-electronic) according to bylaw requirements Section 5.5(b).
44. Memorial Service: At 3pm, a minute of silence was held in honor of Pete Kreer. Henry Blackstone "Pete" Kreer, 77, died last week on Sunday, June 15, 2001. Funeral services were conducted today simultaneously in Glenview, Illinois. Former Executive Director Gerald Reese represented RI and a floral arrangement with a 1970 REACT HQ visor sign was presented from RI. Mr. Besing read from the Chicago Sun-Times Obituary obtained from their Internet web site.
45. Phillip Garner, 4928, expressed his thanks for RI having lowered the annual dues for Junior members in Trinidad to \$5/year, thus enabling more Juniors to participate.
46. Kenny Jagdeosingh reported on tonight's schedule. Tomorrow's tour will leave at 9AM, and the banquet will begin at 6pm for the cash bar.
47. Mr. Jennings led the attendees in a round of applause for the convention staff. Mrs. Palmer led the attendees in a round of applause for the board. Ms. Hedges led the attendees in a round of applause for the board spouses.
48. Mr. Ron Faulkner thanked everyone for coming and the convention hosts for providing such a good time. He expressed his hopes that new teams on every island in the Caribbean would be possible in the future and stated that Mr. Jagdeosingh had expressed his interest in helping with this issue. He encouraged all members to work toward recruiting more members, forming more teams and forming a team in every country (to give him more work to do?)

Open board meeting recessed until later.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50pm on July 28, 2001. Quorum present.

49. Discussion continued regarding the need to fill two vacant regional director positions, Region 8 and Region 3. Discussion held regarding possible candidates for each region, deploring the fact that there were no nominations from Region 8 in its regular elections this year. Discussion held about separation of duties between Officers and Directors. One candidate for each region was determined and will be contacted by the President. If they accept, the President will notify the board and the Chairman would poll the board via electronic vote to confirm each candidate. Region 3 is for a 1-year term because the current term expires in July 2002. Region 8 is for a 3-year term because the term expires in July 2004. Names of the candidates were withheld from the minutes because they had not accepted at this time.
50. Motion made by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Besing to issue a proclamation to commend the Trinidad and Tobago REACT Council and teams for hosting the 2001 REACT International Convention, and to declare it to be a great success. Motion passed.
51. Region 3 Director, George Holmes' automatic resignation from the Board was accepted and in accordance with the Bylaws section 5.5(b) due to his absence for the second consecutive regular board meeting,
52. **Motion made by** Mr. Faulkner to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm on July 28, 2001.

Minutes submitted by Lee W. Besing, Secretary
