

Last night's SEC board of trustees meeting was very interesting. Where to start? It started on time around 5:30pm and ended close to 9:00pm. In attendance; the board of trustees, a few board family members, usual SEC staff (minus D. Montoya), T.S. Last from the Chieftain newspaper, and less than a dozen other member-owners.

#### The Recall Petition.

Mr. Epstein had the floor briefly and inquired about the petition to recall (Paul Bustamante, board president). He asked why it wasn't on the agenda and pointed out that the SEC by laws defines the time frame in which this unpleasant business is to be acted on. Mrs. Latasa (the interim office manager) replied that she just finished it yesterday.

No one asked her what she had been doing with it, no one asked what the time frame is, no one asked about Richard Lopez's (interim general manager) comments on this matter which were in the local newspaper (Chieftain). And most importantly no one asked when this petition was going to be presented for action. Later it became clearer.

Before the break to go to executive session, there was a lengthy presentation by trustee Don Wolberg on the re-districting. I should note that this was quite loud. This trustee repeatedly pointed out this is what the members required and now after 8 months, the board was close to making this happen. So the lines have been drawn for redistricting and another vote by members is required for approval. But when to do so? Mr. Wolberg starts with the suggestion of 1/15/11 and it is pointed out that there is no way they can get notification to all members by that time. After some time the lawyer pipes up to point out the by-laws require this to be done at the next annual meeting (Trustee Charlie Wagner's earlier suggestion of this date was shouted down by D. Wolberg).

The next annual meeting date was thrashed about and 4/9/11 was agreed on, Finley gym.

The agenda moved to electing board members for office (president, vp, secretary..). The date was set for 1/11/11 (no motion or vote as I recall). And then P. Bustamante announced that the petition for his recall would be on that meeting agenda also!

C. Wagner asked where this meeting was to be held and got no reply from Paul Bustamante then calls for executive session, gets a motion and second but refuses to answer CW's question on where this important meeting is to be held. The room gets even more loud as CW is trying to get PB to answer his question, M. Ulibarri gets into CW's face and tells him he's out of order repeatedly (everyone should get a chance to look at this video, see the informed cynic).

#### The Diversion.

Defending the boards' president put the majority of the board in a difficult position, should it ever come to the floor for discussion. So it appears several things were agreed on. One that the petition would be delayed and the other was to attack. They couldn't go after the petition itself but went after board trustee, C. Wagner. Starting the assault were trustees M. Ulibarri & Dave Wade, who had copies of a letter from SEC's lawyer to CW concerning his expense account (I'm guessing here, I wasn't cc'd as these guys were). These gentlemen wanted to point out that CW had overdrawn his account to over \$1,200. CW's letter had just

been delivered, it was in his package for this meeting.

The accusations raised were many and public. If these accusations were serious they would of gone to executive session for action. But they were set to cause a distraction to draw attention away from Bustamante's petition for recall. Wade's comment s-t-e-a-l was there, why hadn't this been paid yet? ... I thought it odd that the lawyer had time to prepare a letter of notification on this matter and yet the SEC couldn't get the letter to Wagner until the meeting. This was not done to save on the cost of a stamp but to embarrass Wagner and intimidate other board members who may have not been fully behind el presidente.

The Rewards.

I could be wrong here but... It appears the board was most pleased in the way the Wagner's letter was held until the meeting and no one from the SEC staff pointed out this problem before the meeting. Trustee Prescilla Mauldin's motion to halt travel by SEC employees was soundly defeated. Interim general manager, Richard Lopez, along with 2 other SEC employees will be traveling. Wagner asked how much this might cost but got no answer on this.

There is much more to digest and most of it is unpleasant. I got to take a break. There are errors in the above but I believe I got the jest of it. It got loud and outrageous at times. Best show in town if you have the stomach or time!

Merry Christmas,  
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