

BASH Executive Board Special Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2023

Meeting Attendees: Shawn Allen, Calvin Brown, Gloria Butler, Perlie Davis, Deetra Poindexter

AI Generated Summary (edited)

- The BASH Executive Board had a meeting to discuss the logistics for two family reunion contests - one for the theme and the other for the t-shirt design or logo. They also talked about issues related to accepting payments online. - [PLAY @0:01](#)
- The Board discussed the possibility of implementing online registration with credit card payments for the organization. They also explored the option of using an EIN number to open a separate bank account for the organization's funds. - [PLAY @2:30](#)
- In the discussion, they explored the possibility of applying for nonprofit organization status with tax-exempt status and obtaining an EIN for banking purposes. They also discussed the need for a central bank account, recommended Bank of America, and decided that Perlie would submit the EIN application as the secretary if the board decides to go that route. - [PLAY @9:00](#)
- Further discussion illuminated the need for more research to determine if the organization should be established as a non-profit, and if so, what are the requirements for establishing the legal name in Georgia and/or Florida. Topics included registering the organization, filing fees, annual statements, and clarifying the purpose for obtaining an EIN. - [PLAY @17:21](#)
- The group acknowledged the different levels of complexity involved in setting up a non-profit organization. They also acknowledged the need for research, eliminating any quick decisions being made in the near future. - [PLAY @26:00](#)
- Gloria discussed the location of the board's operation, considering different states with different laws. They needed to decide on a location where a mailbox could be set up for receiving mail, while also ensuring that Jane could easily access the funds for immediate use. - [PLAY @30:44](#)
- The board continued to discuss the need to establish a bank account for handling reunion funds. They also considered the possibility of accepting credit card payments online and explored options for community accounts for non-profit organizations. - [PLAY @31:29](#)
- Gloria suggested scheduling a meeting with a branch manager from Bank of America who happens to be someone she knows. She could discuss available options for establishing a bank account which could assist the board with determining the best route for the organization. The board agreed to have Gloria invite the branch manager to the next executive board meeting scheduled for September 17th. - [PLAY @34:31](#)
- The Board shifted the conversation to discuss the logistics of the contests, including the publication of entries on various platforms, the selection process for winners, and the criteria for evaluation. They also considered the possibility of showcasing a close second entry on the Facebook page to inspire future participation. Perlie will forward the list to the board members. Should additional thoughts surface, board members should reply to the whole group with suggestions. Perlie will follow up with Jane with the final report. - [PLAY @38:14](#)
- The Board also discussed various topics including website visibility, registration packages, and decision-making. Calvin also emphasized the importance of keeping loved ones in their prayers. - [PLAY @44:17](#)
- The Board had a productive and enlightening discussion during their Zoom meeting. They expressed gratitude, love, and concluded the meeting with a prayer. - [PLAY @47:50](#)