I. **Call to Order:** By Matt Harper at 7:02 pm, and immediately turned over for Marty Zuniga to conduct meeting.

II. **Attendance:**

*Officers:*

- [P] Matt Harper
- [P] Marty Zuniga
- [P] Christa Cunningham
- [P] Jason Johnson

*Directors:*

- [P] Todd Alan
- [P] Jordan Braxton
- [P] Jesse Doggendorf
- [P] Dennis Gorg
- [P] Jolene Gosha
- [P] Morgan Morris
- [P] Brandon Reid
- [P] Sebastian Westfall

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-/- **Present** -/- **Simple Majority** -/- **Super Majority**

**Guest(s):**

*None*

III. **Motion & Vote:**

- Motion made by Matt Harper, to formalize the informal actions made in requesting to have police officers not march in uniform in the PrideFest Parade via a roll-call vote. Motion seconded by Jason Johnson.

**Roll-Call Vote:**

Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain

12 Board Members - all present

Yes=10, No=0, Abstain=2

Motion passes to prohibit police from marching uniform

IV. Discussion:

A) Matt: Read the personal text message from Major of City of St. Louis.

B) Todd: We had one higher level local partner who while not pulling sponsorship chose to no longer participate specifically due to the police issue. We had one major sponsor inquire about the situation where our contact was unaware of the situation but it was brought to her attention and asked for the details. My concern was and is going forward how those Sponsors might reconsider future partnerships.

C) Jesse:

- Discussion with Sayer at MTUG regarding the current issues we are facing by not having police march in uniform.
- Discussion with our lawyer about the legality and possibility of permits being pulled by City of St. Louis if there were any legal implications.
- How the board felt that the City of St. Louis would / likely would pull our permits (though a lower-level city official) if we did not switch course.
- How we feel as if our community did this to itself (i.e. how we have dropped the ball at points, how the most privileged members of our community did not think about the least privileged, etc.).
- We had not had any problems with Sponsors up to that point, but some were asking questions.

D) Jolene mentioned her safety and threats she had been receiving. Dennis added the large number of threats on Facebook.

E) Brandon added that he has seen an overwhelming about of negative response to not allowing the uniforms and the lack of support within our own community.

F) Dennis: Regarding our permits, added that it is important to be forward looking and we must consider the current course and the community pressure
and how it is leading to no support, combined with the increased security and safety issues for us, MTUG, and the community that could very well be the “reason” any City might choose not to allow a street permit to go forward.

G) Dennis: In our phone call with Sayer at MTUG, he echoed their safety concerns for their continued participation in the parade, he did make it clear that they are 100% against reversing the decision, however understood the situation we were in. We made a commitment at the time to provide all resources for safety and security to MTUG under any decision.

V. Motion & Vote:
- Motion made by Dennis Gorg, to be inclusive in allowing our LGBTQIA+ police officers and their allies to march in uniform for the parade only to be voted by a roll-call vote. Motion was seconded by Brandon Reid.

Roll-Call Vote:

Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain


Yes=7, No=2, Abstain=3

Motion APPROVED to be have LGBTQIA+ police officers and allies to march in uniform in the parade only.

VI. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business - none
VII. Adjournment: Motion & Vote
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:58 p.m.
- Motion by: Jordan Braxton, Second by: Sebastian Westfall

MINUTES approved on July 8, 2019 Board Meeting