

BALED IT! NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

February 25, 2024

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm (CST) on February 25, 2024

II. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Director of Gardens – Jeremy Browning

- i. ~~Budgeting Bales Spreadsheet~~

- 1. Remove from agenda

- ii. ~~Mental Health Initiative~~

- 1. Remove from agenda

- iii. ~~Eat South Workshop~~

- 1. Remove from agenda

- b. Director of Fitness – Brett Davis

- i. AUM Bale Garden

- 1. No update

- ii. Outdoor fitness

- 1. Pub Run Fundraiser:

- a. Brett and Jeremy contacted the manager at Pine Bar to create a pub run

- b. Likely hosted in May, hosting once a month

- c. May include comedians, massage therapy, scavenger hunt; humane society can bring dogs

- c. Director of Arts and Media

- i. Hilltop Art Festival

- 1. May be scheduled for Saturday April 20, 2024

- a. But may change

- 2. Could print flyers to hand out: include Baled It! info and Help a Brother Out Foundation info

- a. Jesse: make a flier 4x6, 4 on a page

- 3. Design idea: shopping cart

- ii. Social Media

- 1. No update

- iii. Other Media

- 1. No update

- d. Director of Records and Finance

- i. Form 1023 for the IRS LegalZoom will file the paperwork for \$99 plus filing fees (\$600 + \$99 = \$699).

- 1. Once Form 1023 is submitted and approved, I will register as a nonprofit with the Attorney General's office (\$25 fee):

- <https://www.alabamaag.gov/consumerlicense>.

- 2. Once we raise enough money, we can go ahead and pay for the paperwork

- ii. Fiscal Sponsorship, Help a Brother Out Foundation

1. The form has been created but we will need to discuss it in New Business.
2. After we sign the agreement, we will be under the financial sponsorship of Help a Brother Out Foundation
 - a. However, we can sign a partnership or Memorandum of Understanding with them once we get approved for Non-Profit status
- iii. Donation receipts
 1. If we decide to form the fiscal sponsorship with Help a Brother Out Foundation, I will update the receipt to say:
 - a. *Baled It! is currently under the fiscal sponsorship of Help a Brother Out Foundation, a non-profit organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Your donation to Baled It! may qualify for an income tax deduction in accordance with Federal and/or State income tax laws. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine whether your donation is tax deductible in whole or in part. Nothing in this communication is intended to constitute legal or tax advice. EIN: 93-2040121*
- iv. Bank account with US Bank
 1. Will open a bank account once we start receiving donations
 2. If we approve the fiscal sponsorship, Sam Yu will need to be provided access to the account.
- v. Mailbox
 1. No mail has been received, other than junk mail

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Long-term and short-term goals
 - i. David's Community Garden (aka Help a Brother Out Foundation)
 1. Currently sitting empty while we prepare for the growing season
 - ii. Fundraisers: Scavenger Hunts & 5K Run
 1. Pine Bar Pub Run - See Director of Fitness report
 - iii. Recruiting new board members
 1. Use Art Festival and Pub Runs as an opportunity to recruit new members.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fiscal Sponsorship with Help a Brother Out Foundation
 - i. Open the floor for discussion—see form
 - ii. Vote: Unanimously approved
- b. Any other New Business?
 - i. No other new business

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm (CST) on February 25, 2024