

Minutes from the February Meeting – Called to Order by Mr. Big Clown ~ Terry “Stinky” Knutson at the golden hour of 7:02 PM with a gavel larger than masked marvel comic avenger MR. AMERICA. We had 27 clowns at our February meeting and wonderful Lasagna meal made by our own Florence. THANKS!

Immediately and intentionally turned the meeting over to Tim “Bubbles” Bachman to give the minutes from the last meeting.....”Bubbles” motioned to go as in newsletter...2 nays by Tim “Buddy” Harsh and Steve “Bibs” Rayburn. Mr. Big Clown put the hammer down and over turned the nays and said, “Let’s move on!” (Point well taken since I was sitting so close and everyone seemed to agree at this point!!!)

We again called on “Bubbles” to give the Treasurers Report.....laboriously we wound our way through exodus of numbers and accounts and before I was really finished Motion was given by Steve “Willie G. Wizz” Hansen (who by the way brought his son, Nick “Goofy” Hansen for traveling company) and seconded by everyone...I don’t see the big deal about me getting up to talk.....

Mr. Big Clown again called on “Bubbles” for correspondence....by this time frustration was beginning to show on the newly elected Secretary/Treasure, but we moved forward...

We had a petition filled out to join our unit for a Mr. Durwin Hoff. There were several great comments about Durwin. Motioned by “Willie G. Wizz” and seconded by “Bibs” approved by unit. Dick “Buttons” Schlechter then called Durwin who was sitting at the ..... Top Hat..I think.... waiting for the call. He was introduced to the unit as a new apprentice. (Steve “Ollie” Tripp and Todd “Bongo” Long made a good point that Durwin was already in the directory.....all I can say is that I took the gamble and won!!!!.)

Just when I thought the pressure was off “Bubbles” came Old Business and the onslot of complaints about how screwed up the clown directory was this year...well at Least Roy “LeDuke” Nyberg was younger...I think...

On a serious note....”Bubbles” asked everyone to stand and have a moment of silence in memory for our Past Big Clown Peder “Pede” Ecker who rode the Black Camel to meet the great Architect of the Universe.... ..”Bubbles” then motioned that we give as a unit to the 100 Million-dollar club in his memory...seconded by everyone! Mr. Big Clown then showed us the framed certificate we had for Don “Stumpy Grow Well” Olsen.

Mr. Big Clown then asked for a report from our events coordinator Reed “Twinkle” Boysen. He wowed us with such eloquence in his task and with events too numerous to mention..Hubbard Feeds dealing..Johnny Holm Dance and some others way out there in months to come. BIG REMINDER ~ March 16, 2002 One Day All The Way for the Blue Lodge. Would like to see you present and helping if possible. Also, Big discussion of the Circus Skits and needed practice session and taping of this to send to George Carden for approval...March 30, 2002 Masonic family Easter Egg Hunt at Shrine.... April 7, 2002 Roger “Robo” Hansen talked about Gourmet for Guys Making HOBO STEW needs 3-4 clowns....May 18, 2002, Spring Ceremonial in Yankton with a grand parade...would really like to have a showing of clowns...Don “Andy” Jensen suggested we get 1-2 hotel rooms for makeup and cleanup and we all agreed that that was a very good suggestion..... Roy “LeDuke” Nyberg would like us to attend an event in Custer, SD as a unit next summer. He has lots of room to park campers and pitch tents at his cabin and there are nearby motels to stay at. He hopes we can all come out to his summer home and parade in the celebration there in conjunction with NAJA Shrine. ....”Twinkle” completed his report and we waited for the Mr. Big Clown and waited and waited....(Just a side note at this point Mr. Big Clown could not find an events sheet and got lost by the bar.....boy are we in for a heck of a year!!!)

Then on to New Business...this is where the meeting began getting fuzzy, I think Dan “Yikes” McDonnell spiked my drink but I’m not sure...Larry “Lars” Swenson made a suggestion about utilizing e-mail to send some of this information...since not everyone has e-mail he was politely told to shut up and sit down...Joe “Spanky” Young brought with him a keychain with his clown picture in it...very cool...the price was six keychains for \$10.00 talk to

Joe if your interested.....Mr. Big Clown asked our own Dave "Deebo" Spittler, President of the Midwest Shrine Clown Association if he had any comments about MSA 2002 Sioux Falls and You...."NO COMMENT I WILL GIVE YOU MORE DATES AND THINGS TO DO IN MAY" we all bowed our heads and said "yes sir".....

Health report: Ellie Iverson is making good progress toward recovery and doing very well.  
Don Anderson has a speech impediment and says nothing quite right!  
Rosa Young is doing well after her back surgery.  
Tim "Buddy" Harsh says he still has hemorrhoids.

Equipment report by Smokey, Our teeter-totter has been assembled and works... hopefully it will be one of the props used in the circus performance. Needs paint... will need to have a work session before circus and before parade time. We will need some help!!! New compressor on cannon works great!!!

Membership report was dutifully given by Tim "Buddy" Harsh as he addressed the Unit with flare on the Membership issues. Clowns at Circus are a good membership tool..babble.babble.babble.get people involved...babble.babble.babble.discussion of a Rush party with other units..babble.babble. babble...sale of some pins of some type.. Then he went into some fire and brimstone evangelistic membership mumbo jumbo that we all just prayed he would finish.

After that display of mental uncertainty by "Buddy"....Mr. Big Clown asked if there was anything good for the order..and with none Took motions to close the meeting which was motioned and seconded by everyone at 7:55 PM.

**Those who haven't paid dues for 2002.....i.e. those not at the Clown Christmas party....please remit A.S.A.P.**  
**Clown Unit Dues - \$30.00**  
**I.S.C.A. Dues - \$16.00 (this must be sent to ISCA by March 1, 2002 so don't delay!!!)**  
**Total \$46.00 to El Riad Shrine Clowns.**

*Remember! You all would look great in makeup someday!*  
*Sec/Tres. Tim "Bubbles" Bachman*

## Clown Meeting ~ Thursday, March 7, 2002

Come at 5-5:30 PM and play Pitch  
and Socialize.....

Come at 6 PM....

Eat the wonderful digs Florence will be bringing!!!! And at  
7 PM

Let's have another great meeting  
lead by our own

MR. BIG CLOWN

Terry "Stinky by the Bar" Knutson!!!

SEE YOU THERE!!!!