

Subject: H/W continued
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Paula,

I want to thank you for calling, I apologize that I needed to cut the conversation short to attend to my clients.

I want to summarize MY (no one else's) opinions about the transition from one group, hunting and working to what the next group will look like. This was not an easy decision, but one that needed to be done for the good of the many, not the focus of a few.

FACT's, or the facts as I perceived them, that have made me feel that we needed to act to protect the larger picture of ATCA:

1) We are following the attorney's recommendations to prevent future liability for the ATCA

2) H/W has chosen

to incorporate. While you say that "rescue did the same thing" I say that it was for different reasons, it was not "surprise-surprise" and when asked to come to the board meeting/answer questions Rescue was forthcoming, and still are, with information, not "no one showed up to explain this to the board/we have NO idea what's going on". We have NO idea what else H/W has "planned" under the auspices of ATCA, or what liabilities the club may be responsible for. Does their incorporation absolve ATCA of all liability's both financial and civil? Gosh!! WE DON'T KNOW because H/W won't communicate with us.

You had asked me "why didn't you contact other people on the committee when Dave didn't respond"? Its really difficult to know WHO to contact on a committee of 25. One would assume that the committee chair would take care of those responsibilities.

2) H/W (aka as FOTA) has chosen to physically separate themselves from the club. I'm sure that you were aware that they had their own schedule of events at Montgomery, and had NOTHING on it that blended with the ATCA, or even suggested that people should blend with the parent club. That really shows that they want to work with the parent club now doesn't it?

I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to see that they want out! I don't understand the historical why's/who hates who, nor do I really care about the negative history that has pre-occupied this club for the last 5 years. The board has a GREAT relationship with the other committees and I just don't want to put anymore energy into a relationship that will never be successful.

My job as a board member is to PROTECT and produce a positive environment **FOR THE CLUB**, not be consumed by one faction of the club that appears to do nothing but live to create friction.

I personally think that its GREAT that they incorporated, and I think that as a group they will accomplish great things and I wish them all the best! Do I want to join them? No. The last contact I had with H/W was at WOTA. I had gone there PERSONALLY to support H/W, help build bonds with H/W and the ATCA. While there, I was personally attacked (a member screaming at me) in a public area, did anyone from H/W try to intercept this behavior? No, they looked on with delight. I think allowing this group to go their own way is ABSOLUTELY the best thing that they can do.

We will not "stop having field related venues", we are simply starting out with a new slate. I know that everyone at FOTA will doom us to failure/will collapse the club with all the people that will resign from the club. I don't believe that. If we start from square 1, so be it. At least we can work in a positive environment and not have to focus on who-said-what/did-what 10 years ago.

If FOTA members resign from the club, I wish them well. I can tell you for everyone that will resign from ATCA, there has already been someone else who resigned because they are so fed up with all the negativity. I had encouraged several "new members" of ATCA to go to H/W with me to show them what a GREAT club we have. Unfortunately they were party to the public attack. Were they impressed? Impressed yes, but not in the way I would like to impress new people. They were absolutely flabbergasted that any club would allow their members to conduct themselves in that manner. There only words to me were "you need to address lots of issues before we will join this club".

I think that you have done absolutely WONDERFUL things for the club, and the loss of your input would be very sad, so I would

encourage you to continue on doing what you enjoy, in a positive venue, when we re-group.

Please feel free to call, I didn't want to have you feel that I had dropped the ball after our conversation, but managing clients is my first priority. As always I value your input!!! What we need to remember is that there is an entire club that we need to make the best decisions for.

I know that Virginia will be following up shortly with a letter to the membership. Know that this has the TOP item of our agenda for the 18th. We are going to move on, who comes with will be up to them!!! Hope you are coming!

Karen Copley
ATCA Board Member class of 2008

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