

The Convention meeting on July 16, 2003 was called to order following our regular meeting. George Gasser & Walt Bydairk gave a summary of the presentation that was given to the County Board of Supervisors of Saratoga. The 6 min. video was very well received & was a major help in presenting our appeal for money to the County. We asked the County to donate \$15,000 for the Convention.

George Gasser told Al Singleman that he needs to write a letter to the mayor to get on the agenda for the Aug. City Council meeting. John Cook would be presenting our appeal to them for help with the Convention.

George said that we need to try to have the video played at the banquet in Reno.

Letters need to be written for support from GE, the race track & veterans organizations for their help.

George also came up with a suggestion that we have the Navy Band put on a free concert at SPAC & play in the Parade on Sat. during the Convention. We need to send letters to SPAC & the Navy Band to see if they are available.

We need to request 2 vendor tables at Reno; 1 for the Base & 1 for the Convention Bureau.

Paul Hartnagel discussed selling ads for our Convention Program. He also suggested that we try to get on the "I Love NY" web site & have a link there for the 2004 Convention.

National Representatives will be visiting here on Sept. 24-25 to tour the Prime & other places that we will be using for the Convention. Al Singleman needs to call Sandy at the Prime to make sure rooms are available for them during this time. Due to their visit, we will have our regular monthly meeting on Wed., Sept. 24th, 6:30 PM, at the American Legion Post on Grooms Rd.

Submitted by:
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