

Subject: thank you, resend
From: kit fay (kit@laurencountycitizenswatch.com)
To: mdunlap@sos.sc.gov;
Date: Thursday, September 6, 2012 4:45 PM

Dear Mr. Renew:

Pursuant to my phone call, I am requesting an investigation into how Hickory Tavern Youth Recreation Association (HTYRA) meets the requirements of a registered public charity. HTYRA owns a private recreational facility for which the County of Laurens pays utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc. HTYRA charges fees for public use of the facility and keeps the fees. I have not found any record HTYRA is operated as a business. In response to my recent Freedom of Information Act request, HTYRA didn't disclose record of charitable beneficiary, donations of any kind, money or other (per personal testimony, individual citizens have donated); business records of any kind, such as meeting minutes, memos, SOPs; financial records of any kind, such as bank statements, except for a spreadsheet generated by the Treasurer. The discrepancies between the financial statement filed with the SCSOS, the spreadsheet I received, and the value of HTYRA assets insured by the County of Laurens, are not usual for an organization that is operated as a non-profit. A summary of my findings is listed below.

Financial discrepancies

	SCSOS statement	FOIA Response
Total Revenue	\$5760	\$8996 per spreadsheet
Total Expenses	\$6205	\$8396 per spreadsheet
Total Assets	\$39,309	None

Assets reported to the County, per County insurance declarations, approximately \$130,000

Personal control and use of company resources

HTYRA Treasurer is the company representative who signed the deed to purchase company property; has personally controlled company revenue in undisclosed bank account since inception over 20 years ago; makes expenditures without approval required under bylaws; uses company sign to announce his political candidacy (see pictures, and my notice to cease using publicly supported resources for personal purpose, on website) and posts notices of events offering free food and other provisions, and requesting donations of canned goods, etc., on the fraternal organization webpage of which he is web coordinator

Violation of company bylaws, business standards, County lease

Bylaws limit officer terms; require minimum number of board members; require votes, approval of expenditures over \$50, etc. HTRYA Officers didn't disclose any record they attempt to comply, such as notices of meetings, requests for volunteer board members, etc.

Complete records, excepting the business and financial records HTYRA failed to disclose, such as FOIA requests, correspondence, property deeds, County insurance policy excerpt listing the value of

HTYRA assets, are available from www.laurenscountycitizenswatch.com/investigations. Please review and help me understand how HTRYA meets the requirements of a public charity. I look forward to your response. Please let me know if I can obtain local documents, clarify the website content, or lend other assistance.

Sincerely,

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