Wild Oak Saddle Club Board of Director's Meeting December 20, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Wild Oak Saddle Club was called to order at 5pm by President Jolene Cortright.

DIRECTORS ATTENDED:

Jolene Cortright, John Meislahn, Keith Hilen, Scott Bartley, Carol Nast, Linda Canar, Dale Miller, Dan McMahon, Marnie Goldschlag, David Buse, Pat Biagi

DIRECTORS NOT ATTENDED:

Jennifer Ammons, John Whiting, Herbert Inestroza, Doug Pavese.

GUESTS:

Blane Henley (Board Secretary), Bob Briner, Sean Cortright, Dr. Berger, Kari Briner

President Jolene Cortright called the meeting to order at 4:59pm.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Jolene introduced and welcomed all guests.

The November Board Minutes were approved and seconded. Scott Bartley would like a clarification on different wording regarding the deck renovation costs.

This clarification will be changed by Karen Schraga, Recording Secretary.

Jolene made a reminder that gratuities are still being accepted for the staff.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Lori Darling reported that there has been a lot of sickness with club members.

62 cancellations took place for the club's holiday party, but it was still a successful event.

New Year's Eve looks very solid for attendance and Lori is enthusiastic about it being a lot of fun for all.

Independent Christmas parties at the club have been very strong. Lori wanted to thank everyone for being so kind to the staff.

She is considering moving next year's holiday party to take place in the afternoon and have it listed more as an Open House.

Dan McMahon brought up questions he has regarding financials and would like to know exactly what is his role as a Director, in relation to this.

A discussion followed.

It was suggested that as it is The Board who sets the budget, future questions should be posed to The Board and not Kathie, the club's accountant.

David Buse brought up that the club should not depend on Derby Day to bring in all the revenue, especially with the cost of inflation, etc. The club is a 50137, not a 5013C. (not for profit)

David suggested that there should be other outside events to help with raising money.

He feels that if we don't have another highly successful Derby Day, with a lot of revenue, it could impact our cash reserves.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

David Buse reported that the budget has been managed very well. The club is very healthy financially, but again, it does speak to the success of Derby Day.

Jolene Cortright for a motion to approve the 2023 Budget that Board Members were given two weeks ago. A discussion followed. It was moved and seconded and the 2023 Budget was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LONG RANGE PLANNING/GROUNDS

Scott Bartley reported on the ovens and flooring and heaters. He will have more information regarding costs with his report for the February Board Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Marnie Goldschlag gave an update on new member badges, with the possibility of ribbons being attached to them. A discussion followed on how best to welcome new members. Currently, there are 6 people on the wait list, meaning 6 households. Proprietary membership was discussed and Marnie said that it takes approximately 2-3 years to become a proprietary member.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Bob Briner reported that he has booked C & J Carter for May, and is still negotiating for July.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Karen Schraga filled in for Herbert Inestroza and gave Herbert's report.

Past and upcoming social activities were reviewed. Membership is currently at 17 members.

ACTIVITIES LIASON REPORT:

Kari Briner mentioned that we now have a coffee pot and a hot and cold water set up in the bunk house.

This will be a benefit for various clubs who will meet there.

There will be a pickleball demonstration in the spring. Lunch and Learn is now being added back to the club. People continue to respond positively to Kari being a liaison for club members.

WOSC WEBSITE:

Keith Hilen thanked Kari Briner for helping to get new information regarding members activities up on the website.

They are reviewing scheduling solutions for bocci, tennis and pickleball.

Keith put out a candidate video of all the candidates and said that it was very actively viewed.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

Jennifer Ammons was not present but said that Covid, flu, and RSV, is rising.

If you have symptoms, please stay away from others until healthy again.

SPORTS:

Doug Pavese was not present to report, but there will be a pickleball lesson coming up in the new year.

OTHER BUSINESS TOPICS:

Jolene Cortright asked for other comments. Everyone raised their glasses to toast Jolene as our President, and for her service and leadership, over this past year!

CANDIDATES COMMITTEE:

The team includes: Blane Henley, David Buse, Dan McMahon, and Kathie Leader.

A discussion followed concerning ballot secrecy and "write-in" your candidate of choice.

With a new procedure, the committee will not be able to see who the members are voting for.

As to "write-ins," it is legal to write in your candidate of choice.

The third discussion was whether to disclose how many votes each candidate receive.

With the common goal of being transparent, and also to being sensitive to not hurt any of the candidate's feelings on January 17th, Linda Canar suggested a compromise of announcing winners on January 17th, at the general meeting, but not announcing the number of votes for each candidate until a later date, via the club's website.

President Jolene Cortright adjourned the meeting at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Schraga Recording Secretary

Blane Henley discussed ballots and ballot secrecy.