

WILD OAK SADDLE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE WOSC ANNUAL MEETING
January 16, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Wild Oak Saddle Club was called to order at 6:00 pm by President John Meislahn.

Attendance

The meeting was well attended by club directors and club members.

President's Remarks

President John Meislahn welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. He thanked the Board for their contributions, Karen Schraga for taking minutes this year, Corinne Byrd for Hoof Beats, and Chef Joe Farinacci and General Manager Lori for Darling for a great year. John stated that he did spend any money last year as projects were moved into 2024.

Committee Reports

Financial Report – Kathy Leader

John introduced Kathy Leader, the club's accountant to present the financial report. Kathy noted that this will be her 10th year with the club and received a hearty applause.

Per Kathy, the club had a very good year. We came in at \$241,000 for the year, 170,000 positive to our budget. Part of the reason for the good year can be attributed to Derby day results (\$47,000 higher than budgeted) and a larger turnover of members last year (\$41,000 member initiation fees). Cost containment by Lori and staff, came in positive to budget on operational costs by \$108,000 The cash balance at the end of the year was \$641,000.

The board has designated a cash reserve of \$375,000 which will keep the club operational if there are unforeseen catastrophes. While we have a large amount of money, there will be some large upcoming expenditures this year. Scott Bartley will identify some of these needed expenses.

In-House Activities Liaison – Kari Briner

John next introduced Kari Briner who has taken over a new role for the club as activities liaison. Kari shared that it has been over a year since she became Activities Liaison, but that she is really our camp counselor. In any given week, there can be 12 additional activities going on which shows we have a very active membership. Kari has developed a listing of all the activities that take place at the club and it can be found on the website. They also implemented a space/court reservation system.

Some of last year's highlights included the revival of the Lunch and Learn program, Pickleball instruction, and the club's golf outing. For this year Kari hopes to tap into our membership to present one time information workshops. (For more detailed information, please see the attached committee reports.)

Long Range Planning/Grounds – Scott Bartley

After being introduced by President Meislahn, Scott shared that less money was spent last year on the large projects due to scheduling issues. So this year the carpeting and kitchen floor will be done, as well as the tennis courts. In addition, the swimming pool will need to be resurfaced this summer. Thankfully we have the cash to complete this projects. We have an old building that will always need a lot of work. (For more detailed information, please see the attached committee reports.)

Arts and Entertainment Committee – Bob Briner

John introduced Bob Briner, chair of the Arts and Entertainment committee. Bob thanked the board and everyone for being allow to continue in his role. He also thanked the club members for being understanding of the performers that come to the club and shared that performers love to come to the club. He thanked Lori for her role in making the performers feel welcome.

Per Bob our calendar for 2024 is now fully booked. Performances begin with Bill Noteman and continue through the last Friday of every month into October. Some of the performers include Billy Valentine and Tim Hockenberry on May 31, Russian River Rambles on July 19, and several others. (For more in-depth information see attached committee report.)

Membership Committee – Marnie Goldschlag

Social Committee – Herbert Inestroza

(See attached report for the above committee reports not presented during the meeting:) President Meislahn thanked Marnie and Herbert for their work in chairing these committees.

Announcement of Voting Results

After being introduced by President Meislahn, Scott Bartley discussed the ballot tabulation process and voting results. He said it was an exhaustive process undertaken by Dan McMahon (not in attendance) and Scott Bartley. Scott noted that there has been a minor grammatical error on ballot for some years and that will be corrected.

In all 96 members returned their ballots. The three candidates on the ballot all won. Scott presented the election results of newly elected board members. Carol Nast is returning for a second term, Marnie Goldschlag is returning for a second term, and Barbara Katona, is a newly elected board member.

Outgoing President's Remarks

President John Meislahn thanked all the members, with special thanks to General Manager Lori Darling. John shared that it had been a great year for him and that the club was very busy during the year. General Manager Lori Darling shared it was a wonderful year and that she couldn't do her job with her wonderful team.

John gave special thanks to his team on the board. He then thanked Corrine Byrd for all her efforts with Hoof Beats and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Corrine thanked John and shared that she has been preparing Hoof Beats for 15 years.

Incoming President's Remarks

Outgoing President Meislahn introduced incoming President Keith Hilen. Keith shared that he is an engineer, solving issues with an engineering mind. He has been a member for a very long time, earlier as a family member. He was able to attend the 25th anniversary of the club with his parents.

President Hilen then thanked outgoing President Meislahn and presented him with a soon to be gift. Keith stated that he is following a long line of very capable presidents and others who help make the club so wonderful and in such good shape, financially. He offered thanks to many of people who have contributed to this.

Per Keith, the primary role of the board is to make sure that Lori and her staff get the help and support they need to do their jobs. What they do is magical. The club is an amazing place and special place.

President Hilen asked the question “what does this club represent?”, “what is our core”? Keith noted that the club has many prominent business owners, community leaders, professionals, and other persons who give generously of their time to make the community a better place. Keith listed a number of service and nonprofit organizations that club members help support. But, as Keith stated, “the real core of this club is the camaraderie, the warmth, the friendship, that sets us apart from almost any other club. The purpose of our club should be to appreciate that and preserve it.”

Per President Hilen, “the club is such good shape”, and his mandate is to keep it going as it has.”

President Hilen adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Canar

(for Karen Schraga, Recording Secretary)