

The Lodge Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM

In attendance: Judy Weichel, Debbie Brewer, John Root,
Marsha Walmer Absent – Brenda Ries, Vicki Burk and Frank Miller

Debbie motioned to approve prior meeting minutes from December 2023. Judy seconded. All in favor. Prior minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Total cash in all Santander accounts as of 12/31/23 (including petty cash) is \$6,286.82. As of 1/9/24 the total cash is \$6,896.12. The lodge showed a profit in December in the amount of \$1,092.03 and the YTD P&L is (\$5,733.72) as of 12/31/23. The restaurant side was closed for the holidays as done in previous years, but the bar side was open for business. Also, there were several additional dates for football for the bar. A question was brought up about the struggle to meet the payroll needs of the lodge, and it was discussed that the other salaries are all paid for by the POA, such as at the marina and the pool lifeguards. This is one of the lodge's greatest expenses, expected to increase as the lodge strives to be open more often. It was also noted at this time the lodge would show a profit of ~\$15,000 for 2023 if it didn't cover its own payroll. No decision was made to make any changes to the current process. We are very grateful for the support of the board and will head into 2024 with the same enthusiasm to keep and improve the lodge as a real asset for everyone in the community.

Kitchen Report – Staffing – Marsha and Judy will continue to work together on the schedule. The collaboration is helpful.

Sherry Cavadini came to meet us all about 30 mins into the meeting. She previously used to work at the lodge, lives in the community, and currently works as a chef. John's idea is to hire her to prepare specials on Saturday nights. The lodge has gone through many versions of itself, and the community overwhelmingly responded to keep offering bar food. However, we've noticed that Friday night is much busier than Saturday, and the thought process is if we offer something different on a Saturday, it might drive some more business. Sherry is very familiar with Sysco's offerings, and will think on it and be in touch with her ideas. We are hoping to be able to offer specials beginning February. Sherry has a daughter Courtney who is looking for work. Since she is only 16, she can't wait tables, but can help with hosting, bussing tables and running food. It was mentioned they should both stop in at the office for an application.

Salaries were discussed, and decided on. Sherry will start at \$15, and Courtney \$9. Judy will let Liz know to watch for them and what their salary points are.

It was noted that we missed a 'cleaning opportunity' when the restaurant was closed for two weeks. Apparently, in previous years this was the chance for a deep cleaning. There was some discussion on a schedule being created that every 3 weeks, the kitchen staff comes in and does a hard cleaning. John also wondered about hiring professionals, perhaps piggy-back on the cleaning that already happens in the lodge. He plans to discuss procedure with the office. No final decision made at this time.

John questioned the best way to communicate with everyone, and it was determined texting is it.

Bain Marie was cleaned and reassembled by Marsha. It was noted that if all the compartments don't have their lids on, it will overheat.

Debbie had the new menu ready but John wants to work on the bar menu a bit more, so we decided both would be rolled out for Feb 1. Everyone wants wings back on the menu, but they are still problematic as far as cooking them. Deb will bring wing-zingers to football this weekend for tasting, and they might be a good solution.

Bar Report – Jaz will continue to schedule the bartenders. The bar will be open every Sunday until Super Bowl, and even on Monday – January 15th. John is really keen on having more contests to encourage the community to get involved. First one is being rolled out for Monday nights game.

New Office - John will be able to get details on the start date for the new office at the BOD meeting on 1/11.

Other Improvements – John is ready to purchase the 2 tvs for the lodge. Just wanted the committee final approval. All aye's. He will price them and send details on what he is looking at. It was suggested that the office might be interested in 1 of the tvs we are replacing for the community room. John to find out.

It also came up that the touch tunes and the phone lines were both down. Seems as though the touch tune machine gets powered from the phone lines. Someone is scheduled to repair them on Wednesday, January 10.

Civic Dates – John wanted to review everything but didn't have all the details with him. Judy and Deb will go through the stack on Thursday. We will then let him know what he should sign off on, and where there is potential conflict.

General Lodge improvements – John is interested in making a patio with a couple of fire pits outside, as well as painting, and redecorating the interior. He is working on an extended premise license and the bingo license. He feels these updates and improvements will make an immediate difference. John also wants to include the community by putting together an email for distribution for a painting party. We discussed ideas and color schemes. This discussion will be ongoing until a decision is made.

Lodge Events

Trivia – January 18th – Trivia continues to be popular, but the taco/nacho offering is getting old. This month we are offering roast beef sandwiches with fries. Deb suggested we can prepare rolls with cheese, and wrapped, just to be filled with beef. Same price point of \$9

February Trivia will be scheduled for 2/8 and 2/22. Senior dinner is scheduled for 2/15.

Karaoke is still in progress. We will be looking for a professional to handle it, at least initially, and will look to schedule on Saturdays, after the dinner service. Details TBD

Murder mystery is scheduled for 2/17.

Football schedule is every Sunday in January and also Monday, Jan 15th.
Sports schedules for February TBD

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 5:00 open to public at 6:00

Motion to close the meeting by Debbie, Judy seconded it.
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM