

## The Lodge Committee

### Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM

In attendance: Judy Weichel, Vicki Burk, Marsha Walmer, Jazmine Snide, Brenda Ries, and Frank Miller. Not present, John Root and Deb Brewer

Vicki motioned to approve prior meeting minutes from March 2024. Brenda seconded. All in favor. Prior minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Total cash in all Santander accounts as of 3/31/24 (including petty cash) is \$9,322.25. As of 4/8/24 the total cash is \$8,768.81. The lodge showed a profit in March in the amount of \$514.62. The checks currently outstanding in the amount of \$5,166.01 represent both Sysco and Payroll. The music and entertainment expense of \$297.99 includes Karaoke and trivia nights (including prizes). The monthly sales tax for \$518.57 will be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Vicki prepared a first quarter comparison from 2023 and 2024 month by month, and then a summary. Each month in 2024 the numbers outpaced the food and bar sales from 2023 for this quarter. The bottom line improved with the exception of March 2023 (which was inflated due to the reimbursement of the extra clover system we were sent). The overall bottom line is very similar; in 2023 we were (\$904.54) and in 2024 we were (\$886.54). This basically shows us that even with the increase of costs, and added payroll, the lodge is continuing to hold its own.

Vicki brought up the time sheets, which she reviews diligently, and verified with both Marsha and Frank that if someone is 'clocking in' earlier than they are scheduled, that they are actually working. Also, Vicki mentioned she has been in touch with Damien (who used to cook for us prior to returning to school). He has completed his schooling, and is looking to pick up hours again with us. He will be paid the same wage as he was paid last year, and he has a sister Lydia who is interested in tending bar. His safe serve is still valid. John and Jaz will coordinate reaching out to Lydia about her interest and availability as a bartender.

Kitchen Report – Staffing – Marsha is still figuring out the best system for a cleaning schedule. Frank will contact Liz to have both the dishwasher and BainMarie repaired. The cards and games on the tables are a huge hit! Thank you Marsha! It was noted no one is complaining about wait times for food when we are busy now that they are occupied at the tables. It was even noted that there are times a card game may ensue at the bar after the restaurant hours are finished. Discussion on a floor sized Jenga (better for outdoors) or other games, and maybe some type of game shelf to be

incorporated. No decision, but it's on everyone's minds as we update and remodel the interior.

Frank let us know he will be away the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Jim Murphy will cover for him.

Bar Report – John wants to implement a different system rather than chips or a slip of paper for when a member is treating another to a drink. All were in favor. Simple small cups to be placed in front of the recipient, and the total added to the tab of the person doing the treating. No cups to leave the establishment. There was discussion of placing an identifying sticker on the inside, or something of the sort to prohibit a member from trying to 'pull a fast one' and getting free drinks.

It was also suggested the bar seats be given a universal identifier – B1, B2, etc. This way when an order comes in, and Marsha is helping to run food, she will know where it goes. Vicki will check with Mike Gallagher, but also indicated she may be able to do this herself in the system.

Jaz is still working on the spreadsheet to be uploaded into the Clover system to simplify the bar check-out process. She questioned if the spreadsheet should be set up to expand vertically or horizontally. Jaz also was interested in setting up an on-line payment system for event pre-sales. We learned Venmo needs a personal account, and if the person is no longer affiliated, the account cannot be transferred. These are all questions for Mike Gallagher.

Office – The office is complete. Once the computer, printer and safe are downstairs and operating, it will be used more regularly.

Outside Capital Improvements – Further discussion on the outside areas. It was discussed with John, Brenda, Vicki and Judy (prior to the meeting) that when the outside is being used, it should be included in the total capacity. For example, if there are 15 seats taken outside, then 15 seats inside should be blocked off for use. At this time, the kitchen doesn't have the capacity to serve more than the 80 or so seats we currently have. It is hopeful that it will be completed by Memorial Day. John has ideas on furnishing, etc. Also, there was discussion about the pool concession stand. John also has ideas on that, and will hopefully be able to pull it all together over the next 6-8 weeks or so.

### Lodge Events

Frank will offer Soup and Sandwiches on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Grilled cheese, or a BLT with a bowl of tomato soup. There is also one package of potato soup to be offered as an alternate for as long as it lasts. Price point of \$10

May specials are May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Jaz will confirm with Sherry that those dates work. The bar will have Kentucky Derby drink specials for the 4<sup>th</sup>, and open at 3:30 for the race which will be at 5. Also, possibly some sort of contest – Derby hats?

May 5 – Cinco de Maya – Marsha will run a Kids Karaoke and the bar will offer drink specials for the parents, and Frank will cook appetizers, and fries for the afternoon. Time 2-6. Drinks to be Margaritas and Tequila Sunrise. Jaz will also render up some fun kid cocktails.

May 12 – Mothers Day Brunch. Same menu as St Pattys day. Times and prices the same. Mimosas and daiquiris will be the drink du jour.

Trivia to be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Lodge closed for Memorial Day Weekend.

Other Business – Frank has an idea for a convenience store and sandwich counter up near the basketball court. He has a quote for about \$90,000 to build this building and it would include storage for the upstairs stuff. When it was brought up at the Board, they suggested he try coffee and donuts at the lodge. He has now done that for 3 or 4 weeks, and it is popular with the membership. His thought was for items like milk, bread and eggs to be available right here, and FSR can run it. It would be open for breakfast and lunch. Hopefully, more to come on this idea.

Frank has another idea to move and re-do the whole kitchen, allow for a banquet or reception area and grow the lodge capability and usage potential. That is a whole other proposal. Maybe someday it won't only be a pipedream, but a reality.

Meanwhile, the upstairs stuff that is in the lodge still needs to be put somewhere so the that area can be turned into a lounge, or some other useful purpose. Once a plan is in place John would like to reach out to the community for volunteers to help organize and repurpose the area.

Next meeting – Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

Frank motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 7:26, Brenda Seconded.