

The Lodge Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

In attendance: John Verno, Deb Brewer, Frank Miller, Judy Weichel, Brenda Ries and Vicki Burk

Prior meeting minutes from July 25, 2022 approved.

First Order of Business – Welcome the new Treasurer Vicki Burk. She is replacing Deb Brewer as Treasurer effective immediately.

Update of the by-laws – John has proposed submitting an amendment to our by-laws. Changes will include the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to be 3 year terms, with a subsequent term of 3 years. The committee members recommending to be a 2 year term followed by a subsequent 3 year term. Currently Frank is not a voting member, as he is our Board Liason and we now have 5 other voting members. John is requesting we have additional liasons from the board to assist when Frank is not available. All were in favor of these updates.

Treasurer's Report – Total cash as of 7/31 is \$10,212.94. Currently, total cash in the combined Santander accounts as of 8/22/22 is \$ 7,633.46 The deposit for the past weekend of ~\$975 and the Saturday batch on the credit card of ~\$702 were not included. This brings the total to nearly \$9,300.00. July yielded a loss of \$548.59 largely due to the expected increase in payroll expenses and the fact that the lodge was closed for the July 4th holiday, and for 2 other events. YTD profit of \$424.61 through July 2022. One concern mentioned was how the bar purchases were so close to the sales for the month. There is usually a greater profit. John attributed it to the variables being what is needed to be ordered, and the fact that so much tap beer is moving. It's hot and summer, so the cheaper beer is more popular. Not as much of a profit built in.

Kitchen Report – New menu has been proposed. This includes the wraps, and will also offer half portions on the steak sandwiches. In an effort to be simple, and transparent, the new half sandwich price will be half, and will have a smaller portion of French fries to go along with it. There was discussion on offering a special in the fall each month; on a Saturday, to help drive business. Suggestions were for meatball subs, pulled pork sandwiches and shepherd's pie. Possibly set at the second Saturday of the month. Will ultimately be up to Frank to roll it out.

The issue discussed last month regarding the confusion on orders getting to the correct tables has improved. Part of the improvement has been attributed to the fact that the tables are more clearly marked.

Bar Report –John stated Jaime is back 1x each month again. Also, the Ice machine needs to be serviced.

Dining Room Report – Taylor is settling into her position nicely. She exhibits pride with her new responsibilities. Rachel is working out ok, and another new server is being trained this upcoming weekend. Going forward, with Jonah now being 16, he will host on Friday nights, until Loki leaves, then head into the kitchen. Volunteers will help fill in the gaps for the hostess needs. No need to advertise for any positions just yet.

New POS system- This is still held up at the bank. There is a little confusion as to if the system can be tied to an existing account, or if a new account needs to be opened. Vicki will ask at the bank where it stands this week when she does the deposit. Deb will follow up at the end of the week. No training scheduled until these back office details are worked out.

Lodge Events for September and October -
Eagles Sunday is September 11. Trivia is September 15.

Lodge closed on September 9 for the Uptown Band at the Grove Frank has been requested to make cheesesteaks outside since there is no food truck. It will be cash only, and the lodge takes all proceeds. The committee is available to assist him in handling this.

Lodge will remain open on Saturday, September 24 for Throttle 5 at the Grove. The lodge has signed off to sponsor the Sept. 24. All were in favor.

Discussion for a Halloween event on October 22nd. Deb has been in contact with the gentleman who does this. Haunted Anthracite Tales. He is very well credentialed including having all clearances up to date. He wears a costume and he likes to tailor the event specifically to the area he is performing in. He offers kids stories (run time of approximately 45 minutes) as well as adult themed tales which run for an hour +. The committee discussed planning for 2 seatings – first to be between 5 and 7 pm, and the second to run from 7:30 to close. Limited menu, perhaps offer a pasta night as a special in addition to a few specific items on the menu. The fee for the event is \$75 per performance. Committee also is considering coupling it with a costume contest for the LW Members. Committee voted on this, all were in favor.

Miscellaneous – Alex, John and Marty (Alex's mom) had a brief meeting regarding what is expected of Alex. Frank will write up a detailed list for Alex to have as a guideline. He was warned that continued issues could be cause for termination.

Deb will post to the members that there is a pool table available upstairs for anyone who wants it. The upstairs also needs a bit of cleaning and organization.

The office is aware of the fact that the lights flicker in the bar and this is somehow connected to the Pool pump. John Weichel is willing to help troubleshoot the issue with maintenance and see if they can figure out the issue. He will get in touch with Randy in maintenance through the office.

A member privately approached John Verno regarding using the lodge to host a 'meet and greet' for candidates for the upcoming election. There was a brief discussion and all committee members were against the idea.

Other business – Deb is planning to work up an expense report to reflect how hard the lodge committee works and to help explain some of the challenges we have faced. This will also include a line item for the inventory losses we have had due to equipment failures. All of these hurdles factor into our bottom line. The result will be the lodge asking the board for some financial assistance to help our bottom line through the remainder of 2022.

Next meeting on September 14th at 6:00 pm
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM