

The Lodge Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

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

Prior meeting minutes from August 2023 approved. All Aye's.

Treasurer's Report – Total cash in all Santander accounts as of 8/31/23 (including petty cash) is \$6,499.44. Payroll is outstanding. Vicki will write the check to reimburse the office for July Payroll, but August is still outstanding. The lodge showed a loss in August in the amount of (\$2,837.26) and the YTD P&L is (\$4,995.03) as of 8/31/23. Total Cash as of 9/27/23 is \$7,725.41. The equipment line item on the P&L for August for \$995.12 was for the Clover system for the bar. Vicki evaluated the fees for the Clover system vs last year. There is a small savings, possibly up to about \$400 or so annually. Overall, the lodge is happy with Clover because it offers so many additional benefits and features.

It is always the committee's goal to keep the lodge profitable. The majority of the expenses are payroll, food and liquor. There was more discussion on adding Sysco as a vendor. They offer lower minimums for delivery, and Deb prepared a comparison on their prices for the most recent lodge order. There are a few places we may be able to save money, and this wasn't a 100% comparison, as it was only for 1 order. The bottom line was the savings is nominal, and there are several items Frank would have difficulty working with. We are very pleased with the quality and offerings of US Foods, and as a result have decided against making a change at this time. John Root mentioned he has extensive experience with vendors of this type, prides himself on their relationships, and is also in agreement not make any changes at this time. He is eager to grow those relationships with our vendor(s) and hopefully can arrange for some accommodations on our behalf. The result of the discussion is no change at this time.

Kitchen Report – Staffing – Taylor will help in the kitchen when the staff is short there. She will be paid \$15/hour. The menu will be re-done before the end of the October with possible price increases. When it is complete, the pretzels will be added. Marsha will be the lead in command with any communication needed to the committee from the servers.

Bar Report – The new bar prices will be in effect on September 28th for trivia. All were in favor of the updated prices (proposed last meeting), and Vicki updated everything in the clover system. Kathy Wilthout has requested the lodge carry a non-alcoholic wine. We are always willing to accommodate our patrons needs and this is no exception. Brenda suggested Fre' which is available at the grocery store. John Verno and John Root will coordinate purchasing a NA wine through the LOOP system as required.

There will be a transition period while John Root is stepping up and John Verno is stepping down. During this time, John Verno will continue on as production manager until John Root is able to obtain his certifications (he needs a class to be available). Once John Verno physically leaves, John Root will become a voting member of the committee. John Root brought his resume for all of us to review. He has extensive skill and experience with a private club such as ours, and we are all eager to help with whatever is needed. It is always our intentions to keep the lodge running smoothly for the community.

A new Tap System has been on the POA budget and approved for 3 years in a row. John reminded us to keep this on the list when we are asked by the board for a list of capital expenditures for the next year.

The high stool/chairs which have been moved to the lobby will be repaired. John Verno and Frank have a plan to repair them.

Lodge Events – Lodge is closed on October 14th for a Civic Event at the Grove. Frank will make sandwiches outside for them. They are also having a movie night at the grove on October 27th, but the lodge will remain open.

Paint and Sip was successful and the lodge would like to offer it again for the holiday. Deb will coordinate with Andrea Perno on a date and what will be offered.

Murder mystery dinner will be the Halloween event – probably October 28th. Frank will make pasta, chicken, meatballs, and an alfredo and red sauce will be offered. Salad and bread. Self serve. It will be a reservation only event, and we discussed possibly figuring out Venmo for the lodge to accept money with the reservations. Deb to look into it.

Trivia Date – October 19th. John Root will check his calendar to see his availability.

Eagles Games.

October 8th – Double Header – Steelers at 1:00 Eagles at 4:05.

November 5th - Eagles at 4:25.

December 3 – Double Header – Steelers at 1:00 Eagles at 4:25.

December 17th – Eagles at 4:25.

Bar opens at 12:30 on Double Headers and at 3:00 for the later games.

A list of all the lodge rentals was provided to the committee. Aside from the Eagles games, there are a few other Sunday rentals for private parties. Nothing to interfere with business as usual.

Karaoke – Probably not an option with touch tunes. We are still looking into other options. No dates set as of now.

John Verno brought up a volunteer appreciation – Christmas party. Last year everyone received money because the scheduling was too hard. It may end up being that way again this year. No decision made.

Other Lodge Business

Leaky Roof – it didn't leak again with our recent rains, so hopefully it is no longer an issue.

The rugs will be cleaned. There is a possibility of replacing the carpeting in the future, but meanwhile they will be cleaned.

The Fryer Pilot went out. Frank suggested the fan in the kitchen blew it out. It will be monitored to make sure it doesn't become an issue.

It was noted that new T-shirts are needed for staff.

John Root talked about Bingo. Apparently, he is familiar with the PLCB requirements and small games of chance. Deb offered to help with books if a separate accounting is needed. More info to come, but it may be something we can do in the future.

Next meeting Tuesday October 24th at 5:00 pm

Motion to close the meeting by John, Deb seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM