

## The Lodge Committee

### Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:56 PM

In attendance: John Root, Judy Weichel, Vicki Burk, Brenda Ries, Marsha Walmer, Jazmine Snide. Absent were Frank Miller and Deb Brewer. Kayla Wagner sat in on the meeting and Lee Scott joined us during open forum.

Judy reviewed the minutes from June meeting. Brenda motioned to approve prior meeting minutes and John seconded. All in favor. Prior minutes approved. Judy will sign them and deliver to the office.

Treasurer's Report – Total cash in all Santander accounts as of 6/30/24 (including petty cash of \$968) is \$11,004.91. As of 7/9/24 the total cash is \$8,431.63. The lodge netted a gain in June in the amount of \$394.99. Vicki did reach out to Mike Gallagher regarding the increase of fees (as was recommended) and is waiting to hear back. The checks not cleared in the amount of \$2,617.37 represent Sysco and reimbursements to Jaz and John for getting the concessions up and running. The music and entertainment expense was \$279.02 for karaoke and trivia. The special event was kids karaoke for \$120.75. The bar and restaurant still outsold the cost of inventory and generated a nice profit, and the concession will need to be closely evaluated at the end of the season to assess what we learned, and what to improve on. Overall, the second quarter for the lodge shows a profit of \$2,250.64 and YTD is \$1,364.10.

Vicki also brought up about the laptops the board has purchased for both the treasurer and the secretary of the lodge committee. She indicated the program she currently uses cannot be updated since it is a hard disc. Programs now require a subscription, and she found something she thinks will work for what she needs. Bottom line is she doesn't want the office to load anything on to her computer.

Kitchen Report – Staffing – John reached out to Schuylkill County Tech Center in Frackville regarding chef and student help. He had a great conversation with the instructor Chris, (who lives in Orwigsburg and runs a catering business) John is expecting another discussion and is looking to propose Chris cook on a regular schedule at the lodge and bring along sous chefs to gain real life practice. To be continued.

John met Chelsea (the woman who cleans the lodge) and now that they have met, and he has her contact info, he intends to let her know the lodge's needs as far as cleaning goes.

Lodge decided to do a 'meet and greet' for members to come to the lodge for a light lunch and any organization looking for volunteers can set up a table. We think this might emulate the 'back to school' scenario when you can visit various tables and learn about the programs. Scheduled for August 4.

One of the fryers need a lid. John will secure that, and then all 3 fryers will be in good order.

Bar Report – Jaz will work with Deb to get the spreadsheets added to the clover system, so, for example, when a beer is selected, it opens up another window for further selection. More discussion on drink specials and how to set this up in the simplest manner. Time, and trial and error will tell us what works and what needs to be tweaked.

There are more family bingo prizes, Jaz and Marsha have a good handle on that.

Jaz has a friend with shelves available to the lodge. Once the upstairs is cleaned out, we are still hoping it can be a lounge area or game room for members to enjoy.

Cleanup for the upstairs area is underway.

Committee Size – An email is expected to be sent out from the office asking for lodge volunteers. The deadline to respond with an application will be Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>. After that, the blind selection will occur to officially increase the members on the committee.

Concession Stand - BJ's membership has been challenging. Jaz found herself needing to go to BJ's several times. The tips are slow, but the concession stand itself is going well, and the kids are enjoying working it. In view of the slow tips, it was discussed and the committee decided to take \$20 off the top of each days sales, and give the kids \$10 each to be added to whatever tips come in. Evaluation at the end of the season will truly allow us to determine what worked, and where improvement will be.

Outside Capital Improvements – Patio is completed! There will be a total of 46 seats including stools for the smoking area. The 'soft open' was July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, where the lodge has historically been closed. It was a great success, and everyone who helped was a hero! There are still a few rules and details to be determined.

1. John wants to use glass mugs and wine glasses on the patio. On the outside chance something breaks, then we simply clean it up. No plastic.
2. If the patio is opened, the dining area will be closed. No seating in that area because of capacity and what the kitchen can handle.
3. Discussion on talking with a fire marshall to determine if the capacity of the facility itself will change now that the patio is included.

Lodge Events for August

August 3 – Karaoke

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Lake Volunteers 'meet and greet' opportunity luncheon 12 – 2

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Movie night (Civic – outside) business as usual

August 10<sup>th</sup> - DJ dance party at the grove (Civic) Frank and Jim Murphy to cook outside. Soda and water to be sold. Lodge closed.

August 15<sup>th</sup> - Trivia

It was also noted that the taco/nachos are getting tiresome. A suggestion for a different fare was to offer grilled chicken or grilled shrimp salad/ salad bar. No fryer, only grilled and fresh fare offered. Pricing TBD.

August 18<sup>th</sup> – Paint and Sip

August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day Weekend) – If a bartender is available, the bar will be open. No regular menu. John to see if Steve Perno is interested in performing on the patio for Saturday night providing we have a bartender.

September 1<sup>st</sup> – John wants to offer a clam bake/seafood boil for the community. Details to be worked out.

Upstairs Clean up - Clean up started as mentioned earlier. Hopefully something is posted and more people come to help on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. The pool table will be destroyed and removed unless a member in the community is interested.

Miscellaneous - Someone mentioned Kyle Lipp's band Zenith as a possible music hire. We will explore this to see if they are suitable for the lodge.

Lee Scott came in to see if he could possibly use the lodge for a band practice area, and in exchange play for free. John is on board, as is the rest of the committee. Lee will need to get with his other musician, and check the calendar for evenings or afternoons that are available. He will put in event forms at the office.

Further discussion on the uniforms. Judy provided the samples of a shirt we know the vendor for. Also, will check with Deb on her connection, who didn't end up dropping off samples. Kayla asked for a sweatshirt and noted that members ask about the shirts with the Lodge Logo – they are interested in purchasing them. Committee is still working on finalizing what will be ordered and with whom.

Proposal for meeting adjourned at 7:39 by John. Judy seconded.  
Next meeting – August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Minutes Accepted Judith A Weichel 8/13/2024

### **Additional Brief meeting on August 6, 2024**

Purpose – Primarily to discuss how events should work going forward and a few regular business items.

In attendance were John Root, Brenda Ries, Judy Weichel, Frank Miller, Deb Brewer, Vicki Burk, Marsha Walmer, Jazmine Snide and Kayla Wagner.

No formal call to order, or close.

Jaz led a discussion about organizing lodge events. She offered an example of a form used by another committee in the lake and suggests that we plan most of the event 2 – 3 months in advance. If we use this event form, or something similar, it will be kept on hand at the lodge and each event will be planned out to include what is needed, how many hands needed, who is available, and so forth. This also allows us to clear the date with the office, so they have record of it and there is no confusion about double booking the lodge.

Jaz also prepared another spreadsheet with what is already in the works and on the schedule. This will assist with the advertising for the lodge.

Final plan for music on the patio for Labor Day weekend is Lee and Daniel to play on 8/30 and Cody Wiley on 8/31. Stephen Perno is no longer available.

Seafood Boil for September 1 was discussed. Details on what to offer, how to run it, who is available, if the liquor license will extend to the grove for a 1 day event, and if wrist bracelets should be used for those who are paying customers. Everything to be written on an event form which Jaz will complete.

New Dishwasher was ordered and the Ice Machine is being repaired.

DJ Dance Party – August 10<sup>th</sup> There is no rain date. The Civic Committee will try to make it work rain or shine under the pavilion. Frank and Jim will make sandwiches outside for sale along with soda and chips. Deb and Vicki will run the cash box, Either Marsha or Civic has a very large cooler for sodas. Deb will get ice, and Marsha is pricing chips at Costco.

Committee Applications - There are several additional applications, and John will be finalizing the spreadsheet this week and submitting to the board for the lodge committee expansion.

