

Wild Oak Saddle Club Board of Director's Meeting
October 18, 2022

The Monthly meeting of the Wild Oak Saddle Club was called to order at 5pm by President Jolene Cortright.

DIRECTORS ATTENDED:

Jolene Cortright, Scott Bartley, Keith Hilen, Jennifer Ammons, Carol Nast, David Buse, John Meislahn, Herbert Inestroza, Linda Canar, Pat Biagi, John Whiting, Dale Miller (via Zoom).

DIRECTORS NOT ATTENDED:

Marnie Goldschlag, Dan McMahon, Doug Pavese

GUESTS:

Blane Henley (Board Secretary), Tom Hinde, Bob Briner, and all signed in visitors.

Jolene Cortright welcomed all guests and had everyone sign a visitor roster and she also took a couple of photos to document the meeting. She mentioned that due to the number of visitors, there would not be any individual comments from the guests.

She explained that there is a new policy in place. The monthly Board Meetings are where company and WOSC business is taken care of, and not a venue for guests to list their complaints.

(Further details regarding the new policy will be discussed later in the meeting.)

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Keith Hilen, 2nd V.P., shared the President's Remarks.

Keith acknowledged the large number of guests that were present and recognized the undercurrents that are going on at the club.

He understands that there are many who are unhappy with how the club is working but does not know what this means.

Keith would like to know what the guests want changed.

He said that the club has gone through a very challenging year and he is concerned about how we approach governance.

Keith stated that 6 years ago the club could have easily closed, but when Lori Darling came "onboard," she turned everything around for the better.

It was a success story.

Keith wants to know what he can do and what the rest of The Board can do to help alleviate the concerns that have arisen.

One of Keith's concerns is if the club "opens up our slates," it could invite a contentious political environment, with politically active discussions over dinner, etc.

Keith feels that the club should be an oasis for all to come to and enjoy. He suggests having a series of meetings to learn more and also having an Ombudsman.

The August Minutes need to show that Dale Miller was not present and that Pat Biagi and Linda Canar's names were misspelled.

With those changes to take place, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the August Minutes.

The September Minutes need to show that Blane Henley was present as Board Secretary.

With that change to take place, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the September Minutes.

(Jolene and Scott will abstain as they were not present.)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Lori Darling stated that the functions have been very well attended and that two recent events stand out: The Car Show with Tommy Thompson, and The Luau. Both were highly successful.

The golf tournament was also successful and brought in high numbers for dinner and high energy.

Chef Joe will be preparing a special Thanksgiving menu and will also offer "food to go" on Thanksgiving.

There is a busy calendar ahead that includes the holiday party on December 11th for the members and also the New Year's Eve dinner party.

Lori reported that staffing is pretty solid.

There continues to be fierce competition with staffing issues.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

David Buse stated that the club is ahead of budget.

There is a current cash balance of 369k as of August 31st.

Keeping a tight lid on expenses.

There was some variant in August and it had to do with competition regarding front line employees.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Scott Bartley reported that the club is wrapping up everything for the deck.

He is looking ahead to next year.

Scott likes to budget 100k a year for improvements. (This does not include the tennis courts.)

During the next two years, the club will need new carpet, the dry rot under the bar area & roof will need to be replaced, the facility needs painting, kitchen floor repair/replacement, etc.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Marni Goldschlag was not present so Jolene Cortright reported that we are still at full capacity with 260 members.

As we have recently lost dear members, there may be openings.

Currently we have 8-10 people on the waitlist.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

John Meislahn, 1st VP, stated that there are 12 nominees that are on the slate for January.

The following nominees will be presented to the membership:

John, Meislahn, Scott Bartley, Herb Inestroza, James Henderson, Fred Merrill, Pam Kersch, Cristie Marcus, Steve Olsen, Doug Pavese, Barbara Katona, Tom Hinde, Mark Randol.

There are 6 slots available.

A candidate's forum will take place possibly at the end of November and each candidate will talk for 3-4 minutes to describe who they are and why they want to be on The Board.

Dale Miller will Chair this event.

Tom Hinde and Lori Darling have offered to provide wine and "small bites."

It was discussed to have the ballots sent out by e-mail and have extra copies available at the club.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:

Bob Briner shared that we are wrapping up the end of the season. October 28th will have Spencer Day, December 2nd will have Renegade, and the entertainment for New Year's Eve will be Bobby Vickers.

Bob said that there is new entertainment coming for 2023.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Herbert Inestroza reviewed past social events, including the very successful Luau, October's Burger Nite, and Tommy Thompson & The Car Show.

Herbert outlined upcoming events:

October 28th with Spencer Day, November 24th Thanksgiving Buffett feast, December 11th Member holiday party, and December 31st New Year's Eve dinner and entertainment.

ACTIVITIES GROUP LIASON:

Kari Briner is now the coordinator and liaison and she will work with the activity groups to bring their concerns to the Board in a controlled way. Kari reported that better communication on the club website is wanted so that more members can join in.

She has received a positive response to helping make things better at the club.

Kari has already received two requests:

1. Members want to know how they can sign up for pickle ball.
2. Members would like to make the bunk house more pleasant And inviting so that more people will use it for their meetings.

CAR SHOW:

Linda Canar updated everyone on the event that she coordinated. Linda shared how she coordinated with the car owners to learn what is special about their cars, and gathered detailed descriptions of each car.

There were approximately 14 cars that were shown.

It was very successful, with people circulating the cars, and enjoying camaraderie.

WOSC WEBSITE:

Keith Hilen reported that the financials are now up and available.

These processes are being set up with the staff.

The directory is working well and 200 photos are up with approx. 60 more photos to fill in.

Some members are still having difficulty with “logging in” and updating their profiles but this is being worked on.

Keith told Kari that the committees that she has been working on can now go up on the website.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

Jennifer Ammons announced that with the holidays coming, she suggested that members get their flu shot and COVID boosters.

She also recommended getting your Shingles shot.

And a reminder that if you are sick, please do not come to the club.

SPORTS COMMITTEE:

Doug Pavese was not present to report, but Kevin Konicek took his place and said that there were 52 people that signed up and that it was highly successful and a lot of fun.

OTHER BUSINESS TOPICS:

Jolene stated that the Board Meeting will not be used as an avenue/venue for visitors to place their complaints as was listened to in August, so please reach out to Kari to voice your complaints and issues.

President Jolene Cortright adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Schraga
Recording Secretary