

Wild Oak Saddle Club Board of Director's Meeting August 16, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Wild Oak Saddle Club was called to order at 17:02 (5:02pm) by President Jolene Cortright

DIRECTORS ATTENDED:

Jolene Cortright, John Whiting, John Meislahn, Pat Biagi, Scott Bartley, Keith Hilen, Herbert Inestroza, Dan McMahon, David Buse (by Zoom), Linda Canar, Marnie Goldschlag, Carol Nast.

DIRECTOR'S NOT ATTENDED:

Dale Miller, Jennifer Ammons

GUESTS:

Tom Hinde, Bob Briner, Jim Henderson, Lori Darling and all signed in guests, see attachment. *

APPROVAL of MINUTES: JM/Motion, CN/ Second. All voted Yes, July minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Please sign the Visitor Sign In Sheet. Last month we started a discussion regarding Member Event cancellation policy. There needs to be a system that could potentially penalize members for cancelling bookings without proper notice. A fractional or whole cancelation fee? Attendance issues, showing up without a reservation, or not showing up at all cause problems with kitchen and staff and waitlist problems. Discussion ensues. Dan recommends that we create an incentive for people to honor their reservation. John advised that we "telegraph" the approach in the Newsletter prior to initiation so as not to surprise anyone. Code of Conduct and New Member Guidelines implemented last year, New Member Guidelines need an update to keep current.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Lori Darling reported that cancellations for larger, more expensive events (Winemaker Dinners) are more difficult for the club to absorb than smaller, regular types i.e., Tuesdays. The Club is Busy. Lunches have increased. Ala Carte business is almost equal to Banquet business. Polo numbers are high. Winemaker Dinner was a huge success, but 15 out of 55 cancelled. Polo event this year is massively busy, and kitchen must feed 50 Polo Players. Staff effected by Back-to-School changes. We have a new group of young employees that we are training. There is more club activity post COVID, and we are offering more, Vintner Pour, Live Entertainment, Winemaker Dinner. Club feeling post COVID member event "Pile-Up" (Birthdays, Memorials, Anniversary) equates to unprecedented requests for club access. Jolene and Lori addressed the Car Show conflicted date and moved the event to First Friday in October, October 7, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

David Buse reported that we are positive to budget by \$158,000.00 through the end of June. The significant contribution was Derby Day event. The budget was \$84K and it came in at \$144K. June sales were above budget and food costs were on budget. Total cash balance June end - \$310K. Last June we were at \$554K. The decrease is all due to the Capex regarding the new Deck. Complimented Joe and Lori for managing

budget. Year on year Capex is on budget. Scott suggests we "Accept" David's Financial Report. SB/Motion, JM/Second, carried motion to accept the Financial as stated by David.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

John Meislahn will be next year's incoming President. John announced the 2023 Nominating Committee – Tom Hinde, Dale Miller, Jim Henderson, Dan Mc Mahon, Marne Goldschlag, Steve Worthen. We have had our first meeting. Will update next scheduled meeting. Confirm deadline, October 15, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Long Range Planning/Grounds

Scott Bartley, final deck payment is about \$30K (Wright). Monday will finish Punch List. Then touch-up/trim painting will ensue. Still have dry rot in bar. Painting will be done this year. Kitchen Floor needs replacing. Original floor from 1980's. Will impact club operations. Will require 4-5 day shut down. Bunk House is cobbled together. It is Sound but we will need a Major Upgrade. Could be \$300K. Rest Rooms out at the pool need a Re-Do.

b. Membership:

Marnie Goldschlag reported that membership is staying the same at 260 members.

There are 60 provisional members.

There are 16 on the waitlist.

Had a long-time member resign (Columbini's). Has been suggested we move them to a lifetime membership. Honorary membership. Would only be charged when they attend, no dues. Want to recognize their commitment to the club over the years. Only two other Honorary Memberships; Gaye LeBaron, Mrs. Eileen Tirone. Dale concurred. SB/Motion to grant, HI/Second. Discussion ensued, JW considers how we structure future ground rules. JM identifies possible other members; how do we qualify? General guidelines. Jolene read Columbini Letter. Scott believes it should be a rare event on individual basis. Motion carried to make Columbini lifetime members. Should continue the discussion of future policy.

c. Arts & Entertainment:

Bob Briner, we have had a successful Season so far. August 26 will be Dirty Cello. September is a bit of a void due to the Cruise. Tommy Thompson in Early October/Car Show. Then bring in Spencer Day late October That will be the end of the agenda for 2022. Bob requesting budget guidance from the Board to begin booking 2023 Acts.

d. Sports

Doug Pavese: Good News. Golf Outing is October 14, 2022. 12th Year. Sold-Out. Expecting some changes. Will start a reserve list. Contact Doug, phone number on flier.

e. Social Committee:

Herbert announced; July, Sonoma County Museum Benefit Gala and Wilson Wine Dinner were successful events. Had a special dinner July 21 with Tim Hockenberry. Special event July 28 Mobile Clinic and Polo with Jennifer, Aug 4 Burger Night, Aug 26 Dirty Cello, Oct 7 Car Show, Oct 14, Golf Outing, Oct 15 Social Committee 5-9pm. Luau Sept 30 with Faith Acko (singer) to perform. Need audience participation for Hulu. Family Justice event coming Aug 21. Aug 26 Prime Rib, Sept 1 Burger Night. Sept 4 Polo Party, Sept 9 Lobster Bake. Spencer Day Oct 28. Watch in Hoof Beats. Jolene will announce Car Show Guidance.

f. WOSC Website:

Keith reported -Greatly improved functionality, usability and appearance. Thanks to Spencer for his help. Some minor complaints about Directory. Search functionality is funky. The team is working on it. We have a solution and will clean up, will deploy. Goal to out by end of August.

g. Health and Wellness:

Jennifer not in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS

Pam Kirsch – spoke first and voiced her concerns about clubs usage of the Bunk House and main WOSC meeting places

Scott Bartley replied with concerns about accommodating clubs due to staffing

Steve Olson then commented on changes to the club be announced more to membership when it applies to Club meetings and if the Board is aware of past policies put in place

Discussion ensued with guests and Board members on outside events that take place at WOSC and more transparency between the board and members via agendas and financials

President Jolene Cortright adjourned the meeting at 18:15/6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hinde
Interim Recording Secretary

*Appendix A – Visitor Sign In Sheet (see August Board packet sent out by 1st President John Meislahn 9-19-22.