

LGBT CLUB OF SCW

June 1, 2021

BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present:

President: Suzanne Arnopolin
Vice-President: Patty Book
Treasurer: Rob Upton
Secretary: Betsy George
Communications: Tracy Anderson
Members at Large: Pat Nelson, Susan Krabbe
Safety Chair: Judith Frank

Board Members Absent:

Membership Chair: Ann Johnson
Member at Large: Cindy Hanson

The meeting took place via Zoom and started at 6:00pm.

May Minutes:

Approved as written

Officers Reports:

President (Suzanne):

- Suzanne contacted James Riley regarding storage at the club house. James assured her that they are looking into the issue and trying to make equitable accommodation by looking at club participation and membership. James offered no timeline for a resolution to the question.

Vice President (Patty Book):

- Patty and Rob attended the required rec center meeting about the non-profit rules and club status. The resolution to tax questions is being decided, but our club appears to be in the clear of any issues.

Treasurer (Rob Upton):

- \$3,601.23 in the bank
- Breakdown of income:
 - \$ 109 – 50/50 raffles
 - \$ 36 – guest fees
 - \$ 210 – member dues
 - \$ 110 – picnic
 - \$ 201 – raffle

Secretary/Web Master (Betsy George):

- Although the board decided to make decisions about club house meetings per month, the July meeting was left on the website event calendar, and as a result was announced to the members in the newsletter. Based on June participation and the announcement, the board decided to hold the club house meeting on June 27th.

Membership (Ann Johnson):

- Not present.

Communications Director (Tracy Anderson):

- Wants to discuss guest policies with old business. Nothing new to report. Suzanne and the board thanked Tracy for her excellent work on the club newsletters.

Members at Large:

Judith:

- Gil and Chris are new members that Judith called and welcomed to the club. Chris is involved in work with at-risk teens. This may align with the club's interest and past work with the 1-in-10 organization.

Susan:

- A member's name was misspelled on their badge. The board voted that the club will pay for a replacement. **Susan will handle re-ordering the badge**

Cindy:

- Not present

OLD BUSINESS:

- The May 24th meeting at the clubhouse had a great turnout, a great raffle, and enthusiastic camaraderie.
- **The next clubhouse meeting will be on June 27th. Susan will be there. Betsy thinks she will be there, but if not will hand the key off to Tracy.**
- A decision about the July clubhouse meeting will be made based on turnout on June 27th. Betsy will likely be traveling and will not be able to attend the July meeting.
- Book club – 8 people attended the meeting and there were varying opinions about the selected book. The next selection will be Giovanni's Room.
- Day trip group – will revisit this in the fall. **Suzanne will reach out to Pat.**
- Betty's Rooste – we need to check people in and have a count to report to the rec center. **Tracy and Susan will go early.** Betty's Rooste is no longer requiring or wearing masks. The club is still discouraging people from going early and saving tables.
- We will add a bi-monthly lunch date on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting on July 20th.
- Because the rec center monitors club participation, it is good for the club if we get turnout at the monthly clubhouse meetings.
- Bylaws review and suggested changes:
 - Remove GTC chair position
 - Add Communications Director position
 - Appoint rather than elect a Safety Chair
 - Suzanne is preparing notes to revisit at the next meeting
 - **Dory Miller advised Suzanne to send her the red-lined copy prior to the board reviewing it**
 - Once the board discusses the changes, the red-lined copy needs to go to the membership for a vote
- There is a question about the guest policy posted in July 2019. It contradicts the guest policy stated in the bylaws and does not appear to have been voted on by members. The board can adopt new policies, but bylaws changes require member approval. **Suzanne will call Dory to see if the stated changes were in response to policy changes by the Rec center.**
- **Patty has agreed to study the bylaws and existing club policies for consistency and will send a report to the board**

- It has been difficult to enforce rules and decisions in regards to the Betty's Rooste breakfast. Despite the fact that the deadlines and guest policies have been clearly stated, members either respond to evites late or bring guests after being asked not to. The request not to bring guests was put in place to allow the maximum number of club members to attend the breakfast since Betty's Rooste was strictly observing COVID protocols and wanted accurate head counts.
- Regarding guest policies/deadlines at breakfasts:
 - Rob - has taken guests previously and feels that it is a wonderful way to introduce new people to the club
 - Judith – has brought guests and feels is a welcoming way to introduce new members to the club and that the club benefits from allowing guests.
 - Betsy – okay with guests going to breakfasts but feels that if the board is going to make policies, then we need to enforce them, and particularly we need to discourage the late responses to evites. Tracy ends up continually calling Betty's Rooste to update headcounts, which costs her and them a lot of time.
 - Susan – agrees that we must enforce our guest policies
 - Suzanne – feels that Tracy is not getting enough support and **she will help enforce our decisions and policies. Suzanne suggested that we send out a clear communication of our guest policy in an email.**
- How to prevent late responses to Evites. **Can we close an event after the deadline? Tracy will investigate this.**
- The board decided to allow guests at the July Betty's Rooste breakfast in accordance with our bylaws.
- In accordance with the bylaws, the club will charge a fee for non-rec center guests at club events.
- If we are at an offsite event, should we charge a guest fee? Do we take on liability? Rob suggested that we track guests at offsite events but don't charge them for attending.
- Tracy – proposed that we align with the Rec Center and raise our guest fee to \$5 per event. The board voted to approve the guest fee increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Do we want to cancel July/August board meetings? The board voted to meet via Zoom in July and August to keep continuity.
- We will meet on Tuesday, July 6th, but will resume Monday board meetings starting on Monday, August 2nd
- Sunshine volunteer – we would like to have someone who will convey condolences to spouses/partners of members who pass away. Judith volunteered for the role
- Pat suggested that we start each board meeting with a check in to see how everyone is doing

Betsy George
Secretary, LGBT Club of Sun City West