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## Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting Sun City West LGBT Club

Day & Date: Monday, May 1, 2023  
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Location: Agave Room, Beardsley

1. Established quorum and called meeting to order by Patty Book at 5:31 p.m.  
Board members present:  
Patty Book, President  
Molly Mandel, Vice-President  
Peggy Skoglund, Treasurer  
Laurel Macpherson, Membership (by phone connection)  
Pat Nelson, Member-at-Large  
Susan Krabbe, Member-at-Large  
David Schneider, Member-at-Large  
Other Members present: Joann Tannenbaum, Alex Childs (later arrival)
2. GUEST: Andy Jordan, Sun City LGBT Club  
Andy was invited to the meeting to share information on how Sun City LGBTIA+ club creates their large social events regarding how they do the financial, logistical, entertainment, food, advertisement and sign up for those attending. They raise money for larger events at smaller social activities through silent auctions, 50/50 raffles, and other raffles as well as selling tickets to the larger event. They gather volunteers who are enthusiastic to create the large event and they meet to plan the event in detail, assigning specific tasks to each member. They also use other sun city clubs to provide some of the services, for example, the photography club members take pictures of event participants. They use a DJ for entertainment and several DJs give discounts to the LGBT community, but they have to be approved by RCSC. They also have used the AZ Rangers for security. They have a detailed form for participants to fill out as they sign up for the event through a RSVP page on their website, and tickets are paid for online in advance.  
Andy also talked about wanting to create a Quad Alliance of LGBT groups throughout the local retirement communities of already existing LGBT clubs with outreach to LGBT allies and spiritual organizations friendly to the LGBT community.



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3. Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes held 4/6/23 (Patty) This was postponed till end of meeting when a review of the changes Patty made to the original draft were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes as edited, seconded and approved by the Board.
4. Treasurer's Report (Peggy): The clubs current bank balance is \$3922.94, with credits of \$2425, debits of \$2084 for net proceeds of \$3402. Our General meeting of April 16th generated income of \$827 from the silent auction as a credit, and expenses for food, catering, and decorations of \$1218.38 for a cost to the club of \$391.38. Peggy also has redesigned the form for check reimbursements for multiple vendors. She suggested we give a thank you in our newsletter to all our members who donated items to the silent auction. Peggy also said we had an anonymous donor who gifted the club several new small kitchen appliances that we can use for give aways or raffles at our social events.
5. Membership Report (Laurel): We have currently 104 registered members. We have 17 new members and 15 members say they want to volunteer with the club.  
We had total attendance at our April General meeting of 49 people, including 43 members, 4 guests and 2 potential members who did not sign up for the event in advance. We also had 7 no-shows-4 members and 3 guests. It was suggested that we discuss in the future if the members who had signed up guests that did not show up should be charged a fee for the lack of payment for the guest meals since we ordered food based on how many people would attend.  
We had a discussion on how to bring back members who have dropped out since 2022, and Patty volunteered to draft a letter to send to these people telling them that we miss them, what is happening with the club now, and inviting them to renew their membership.
6. Old Business
  - a. Review of 4/16 General Meeting and luncheon
    - i. Review draft minutes. Jim sent us the draft minutes for the meeting and they are available for comment.
    - ii. Discuss feedback from members  
Shout-out ideas: Our membership liked the idea of restarting our Sun City West LGBT Facebook site to create a "shout-out" forum generated by members of the club, and to keep people informed about club activities. Patty said she would contact Barb Cooney the previous FB site administrator to try and get it up and running again.
    - iii. Review set up/location/catering/music: Over all everything worked very well, the food catering from Olive Garden was generous, the decorations livened up the venue, and



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the auction items set up successful. Pat reported that Jim suggested we use round tables because he felt the room seemed claustrophobic. Also, a suggestion was made to have simple decorations that are not work intensive to set up. Music at future events might add to the festivities.

- iv. Auction: A minimum increase to the bid amounts was suggested for future auctions. Also, we need to give notice in advance of the auction's firm closing time and monitor that it is observed. It was suggested that we approach more businesses for donations on a yearly basis.
- b. Review of Sun City boat Cruise April 18: Everyone enjoyed the event and liked meeting people from other clubs.
- c. Book group's new book (Dave): Dave suggested that the author of gay fiction, Sarah Scott, who is a resident of Sun City could be invited to give a talk at one of our social events. The next book group will be discussing Young Mungo by Douglas Stuart on 5/11.
7. New Business
  - a. Invitation from senior living for June: The Solstice Senior Center has invited us to their pride party. Some of our members attended a similar event last year and were impressed by their hospitality and efforts at inclusion. It was suggested we put this invite into our newsletter for members to attend the event. Some Board members need to represent the Club.
  - b.
    - c. Plans for May 20 Social: We will have an Ice Cream Social on May 15 at 5:30 p.m. with a 50/50 raffle and possibly a progressive raffle. Also, we will ask our members to bring donations of shoes to support the Phoenix Women's Chorus fundraiser, and play left/right/center. A motion was made to allocate \$200 for the Ice Cream social expenses, seconded and approved by the Board.
  - d. Summer Planning Task Force: Joanne Tannenbaum, Susan Krabbe, Peggy Skoglund, Sharon Holmes, Wes George and Laurel Macpherson will meet at Pat and Patty's house on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to begin planning summer activities. Other new volunteers will be added to this group in the future.
  - e. Board appreciation party May 10: Board members and their spouse (guest) will meet from 4:00-5:30 for a BYOB pizza party at Jim and Tom's house for a celebration of the Board Members contributions to the club. Board members will donate money for the pizza and please bring a snack or side dish, and one person please bring a dessert.



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f. Review submitted CR 6 for 2024: It was suggested that a change be made to the start of the monthly social event time of 5:30 to 5:00 p.m. to allow for the event set-up. Patty said she would request this change with RCSCW.

g. Other thoughts and ideas: none were expressed.

A motion was made to end the meeting and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Calendar Year 2023:**

Meeting Type	Date/Time	Location
Club Social Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Beardsley Agave Room
Board Meetings	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday monthly, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.	Beardsley Agave Room/Zoom
Book Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly, 4:30 p.m.	Porcelain Room
Monthly Breakfast	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly, 8:30 a.m.	Betty’s Rooste. Must RSVP
Bi-Monthly Luncheon	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly, 12 noon 01/24; 03/28; 05/23; 07/25; 09/26; 11/28	Betty’s Rooste. Must RSVP
Special Event	Sunday, 04/16/2023 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Agave Room & Courtyard
Special Event	Saturday, 11/04/2023 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Palm Ridge Summit B & Patio

**Calendar for 2024:**

Meeting Type	Date/Time	Location
Club Social Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (No social 4/15 due to 4/13 event)	Beardsley Agave Room
Board Meetings	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday monthly, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. (Jan. 2, 2024 to avoid holiday) (Sept. 9, 2024 to avoid holiday)	Beardsley Agave Room/Zoom
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Special Event	Saturday, 04/13/2024 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Kuentz Breezeway & Courtyard
Special Event	Saturday, 10/26/2024 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Palm Ridge Summit B & Patio



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**Attachment:**

***New Member Welcome Letter as of 06/06/2022***



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WELCOME PROSPECTIVE MEMBER for 2022!

*We are a Chartered Club dedicated to the interests of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community of Sun City West, as well as our Friends and Allies*

Our Club is a diverse group of people who may identify as Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals, Transgender persons, Queer or Questioning or their Friends/Family and Allies. We are single, partnered, “youngish”, elders, athletes, poker players, artists, booklovers, musicians, language lovers, weavers, golfers, pickleballers, hikers, quilters RV’ers, and more. Come and meet us, and let us welcome you to our club and Sun City West.

Even if you are not a “joiner”, and don’t like to attend social events or meetings we ask that you become a member to assure that our Club is here to stay, and a beacon for others who may be in search of Community.

Please check out our entire [website \(www.scwlgbt.scwclubs.com\)](http://www.scwlgbt.scwclubs.com) including our Club History to get a sense of the club. If you have any questions, please contact us at [scwlgbtclub@gmail.com](mailto:scwlgbtclub@gmail.com), and a Board member will be in contact soon.