



Board Meeting Minutes September 28, 2023

Present: Roger Amborn, Susan Halvorson, Cindy Hnatek, Mary Jackson, Rick Liljegren, Al Makynen, Cindy Richey, Julia Rulla

Absent: Eric Kaiser, Skip Van Kessel

- August 2023 minutes approved; motion by Susan, second by Roger, and approval from all members.
- Treasurer report (Al)
 - As of September 19, cash balance in the checking account is \$8,841.34, excluding a \$10,000 CD.
 - YTD Income Statement as of September 19 shows revenues of \$13,521 and expenses of \$13,613, for a loss of \$92. With expenses coming from Roger, the estimated full-year loss is approximately \$200.
 - Motion by Rick to accept the treasurer report as of September 19, second by Cindy R., and approval from all members.
- Sponsorships:
 - Roger to review letter drafted by Julia to send to facilities that have taken trips but have not contributed, and to ask Julia to incorporate a message asking that the facilities consider including support for SLRE in their 2024 budgets.
 - When the informational brochure is updated, Julia is to incorporate contribution information and a contribution form.
 - An email to 2023 volunteers, thanking them, asking for their ideas for next year, and making them aware of SLRE finances (and the opportunity to financially support the organization) was discussed. Susan and Rick agreed to take the lead on the letter.
- 2023 season final report (Susan):
 - Eighty-eight trips were scheduled, with 20 cancellations: 11 cancelled by facilities due to bus problem, uncertain weather, not enough riders or facility/staff problem; and 9 cancelled by SLRE (6-wind, 3-rain).
 - The full list of 2023 trips is attached.
- Pontoon (Roger):
 - The pontoon has been removed from the water and cleaned; a thank you note is to be sent to Superior Truck Wash, owned by Halvor Lines, for the excellent wash job. The pontoon has already been winterized at no cost by Jeff's Marine. The "door" curtain zippers have been repaired, and the curtains need to be installed at the time the pontoon goes into storage at Proctor fairgrounds on October 14.

- The pontoon will come out of storage on April 20, 2024.
- Volunteers (Rick):
 - Rick reaffirmed that he will be responsible for the master list of volunteers.
 - Susan reported that 51 people, out of 60 RSVPs, attended the volunteer thank you event held on the Sundew; all but one of the no shows let us know they would not be coming.
 - There was a positive spirit during the event as people mingled prior to the dinner buffet, which was excellent. Tours of the boat were also offered. The Sundew crew handled setup and cleanup, and was very accommodating. Unfortunately, Jeff Foster was not able to attend due to an injury. A first for SLRE – a women-only crew – was recognized: Kaye Bakke, captain, and mates Mary Liljegren and Susan Halvorson.
 - Jeff Foster has offered the Sundew for next year’s volunteer thank you event; the goal would be to time the event so the Sundew could sail for the evening.
- Misc.:
 - Julia to provide SignUp Genius and Google calendar training for Susan and Rick prior to the 2024 season.
 - Carol Holm, an active 2023 volunteer, was nominated by Roger to serve on the board; the motion was seconded by Mary and all approved. Further discussion focused on having another board member to represent facilities – Rick and Cindy R. to pursue possible board members from facilities.
 - Discussion around the volunteer fundraising opportunity at the DECC included concerns about SLRE insurance coverage and liability (AI to explore) and the need for volunteers to sign an SLRE waiver form.
 - Discussion around handling of completed boarding passes resulted in the recommended process of leaving the completed form in the folder on the boat at the end of each trip; this procedure is to be included on the captain’s check list.
 - The board confirmed that they would like to meet next year at Edgewood, in the Emerald Room; Julia to make these arrangements.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2023 (a week later than originally scheduled) – 5 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time – Edgewood.

Remaining 2023 meetings

November 16, 2023 (tentative)

December 21, 2023 (tentative)

Submitted by Mary Jackson, Secretary