



Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2024

Present: Roger Amborn, Susan Halvorson, Cindy Hnatek, Carol Holm, Mary Jackson, Skip Van Kessel, Rick Liljgren, Al Makynen, Cindy Richey, Julia Rulla

Absent: Eric Kaiser

- June 2024 minutes approved; motion by Carol, second by Roger, and approval from all members.
- Treasurer report (Al)
 - YTD expenses are \$6,199.23 and income is \$12,390, for net income of \$6,190.77. Further donations of \$500 from Superior Water, Light & Power and \$250 from Sinceri are expected. Roger mentioned the need for a sponsor to cover the winterizing of the motors, which is expected to cost about \$400.
 - The current cash balance is \$14,556.72 in the checking account, plus \$5 in savings. In addition, there is a \$10,000 CD plus accrued interest that is due in October.
- Boat (Roger):
 - All the windows were left closed one evening and the extreme humidity set off a life jacket; Roger had a replacement CO₂ cartridge so there was no cost.
 - A new volunteer arrived late and in the confusion of leaving the dock, a rear rope was not secured and subsequently got wrapped around the propeller. The Coast Guard was called and freed the rope. Julia will send a note to the Coast Guard thanking them for their assistance. The need for more extensive training for new volunteers was discussed, such as a buddy/shadowing effort and a laminated duty checklist made easily accessible on the boat. Board members also were asked to go down to the pontoon and coach/help if they have time.
 - A new red gas can has been installed on the back of the boat for the kicker motor, which started right up from the new fuel source.
 - Roger will remind captains that the pontoon should be 75 yards or more from large cargo ships that are tied up and 150 yards from those that are underway.
 - He said there is damage to the prop on the large motor, but it is not impacting how it runs.
 - Cindy R. brought in some CDs to add to the music choices on the boat – thanks to Cindy for her donation.
- Volunteers:
 - The board agreed that we should pay the additional monthly cost of \$14 to remove popup ads from SignUpGenius, which are interrupting volunteer sign-up efforts.
- 2024 season:
 - Susan reported that 85 trips have been scheduled to date, with one open trip on August 30, the last day of the 2024 season. Seven trips have been cancelled due to weather. She noted that scheduling has gone extremely well this season.
 - The board decided that it would be helpful to seek feedback from facilities (via email) and volunteers

(via a form at the recognition event).

- Volunteer and sponsor recognition event:
 - Roger has yet to hear back from Jeff Foster regarding a mid-August on-the-water event on the Sundew.
 - In the event the Sundew is not available, Skip is going to check with the Pike Lake conference center regarding late September/early October availability for a thank you dinner for 60 to 90 people.
- Marketing:
 - Following Eric's and Skip's appearance on WDIO's The Lift, the program indicated it would like to go out on the pontoon for additional coverage. Eric and Susan will coordinate for a facility trip with a maximum of 10 guests.
 - New logo signage for Pillars, Essentia, Irving Community Club, Beehive and Bayshore were added to the boat, and the Rotary to the website. Julia drafted and Roger sent out "second request" letters to past sponsors that have not donated yet this year; hearing back from none of them, Roger will attempt to physically remove signs on the boat for Ecumen, Keystone Bluffs and St. Luke's.
- Misc:
 - Roger suggested that we might take apparel orders over the winter, and that orders from any volunteers who work at a DECC event would not be charged for the item(s).
 - Since we lost the new board member who could not attend meetings due to work conflicts, the board agreed that we need to recruit another member. Kathy Anderson, a former board member now volunteering at a facility, was suggested as a potential board member.
 - Motion by Skip and second by Roger to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2024 – 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time – Edgewood Emerald Room or pontoon (TBD)

2024 meetings

August 15, 2024
September 19, 2024
October 17, 2024

November 21, 2024 (tentative)
December 19, 2024 (tentative)

Submitted by Mary Jackson, Secretary