SCWDC

Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2021

Present: Guests:

Bill Johnston, President Gary Rubens

Leo Boelhouwer, Vice President Bev Ashcraft

Carole Howe, Secretary Charlie Lorenzetti

Donna Harris Pete Campbell

Mary-Jo Swinimer Madeline Metcalfe

Mary Kaye Hrivnak

Ruth D’Alessandro

Rita Togni

Rene Thierry

David Toms

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Johnston, President, at 7:10pm. Bill presented opening remarks. This is the last meeting of the BOD that was elected in April 2020 to serve until the next election, April 9, 2021. Under SCWDC rules, the next administration takes office immediately upon the election.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Mary Kaye & seconded by Mary Jo. Unanimous approval.

**March 8th 2021 Minutes:** Motion to approve March 8th board meeting minutes made by Mary Jo, second by Ruth, passed unanimously.

**Sandpiper Bay:** The Sandpiper Bay trip is sold out on contract terms although additional spaces are available due to the “free” spots that Club Med has authorized dealing from promotional terms.

**Club Med Playa Esmeralda:** Gary proposed expanding the number of slots for this trip to beyond 40 possibly to 50. Motion to appoint Trixie as trip leader made by David second by Ruth passed unanimously. Trixie is receiving a half comp for leading this trip. Discussion to appoint an assistant if the trip goes beyond 40 participants. At this time, no assistant is voted.

**Volunteer and Anniversary Party:** Discussion to combine 85th and Volunteer party into one celebration and hold the party the last weekend in September. Motion to hold and get a quote from the American Legion Hall in Springfield made by Rene second by David.

FYI: Madeline Metcalfe spoke to the BOD about the possibilities in this way. She was a key participant in the 75th Anniversary celebration for all social events. Her plan is to first check in with the American Legion Springfield. It has a professional commercial kitchen and staff; it has a large ballroom with space for social distancing & large number of table and chairs; it has first class video and audio equipment that would permit both music for background and dancing and video presentations. She knows a professional DJ that plays at both the American Legion and Elks Club, who might be engaged for entertainment, vice hiring a band, thus keeping costs lower.

**Flights:** There is a proposal to include credit card fees at 2.9% and $0.30 per transaction in FY 22 ski trip prices, plus adding the an assessment factor. The current assessment factor is 4.5% but this is regarded as too high. Motion was made to move the 2.9% credit card fee into the expense of the trip and reducing the assessment fee to 2.6% , such that a total of 5.5% would be applied to trip costs in lieu of 4.5 assessment factor Motion made by Mary Jo, 2nd by Rene, passed unanimously. This becomes the basis for the FY 22 budget estimates.

However, the next BOD can change this arrangement based on recommendations from the Budget and Finance chair or Gary Rubens, who is our credit card advisor concerning Wild Apricot’s processing of credit card fees.

**Next Meeting:** TBD by the next President. ***Stated after this meeting, this meeting will likely be April 19.***

**Summer Picnic:** Discussion concerning bringing food ourselves vs catering in order to keep costs down. The 2020 picnic cost per person was $35 with a catered BBQ arrangement, and a price of $10 for participants, thus the subsidy was $25pp. Supplies and beverages were provided by Volunteers.

***FYI, Bill adds this comment after the meeting for information:*** He points out that the key volunteers for prior (2017-2019) picnics who talked to him about the whole picnic experience, advised against asking volunteers to bring the food again Those volunteers who were responsible for buying and cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, plus other food choices, felt that the burden was too great for a small group of volunteers to be responsible for the amount of work it took to provide for between 125-150 attending members and guests. There is also a risk of food spoilage and serving uncooked food. How the 2021 picnic will be run is up to the next BOD. Before the BOD votes, the key picnic volunteers should be asked to provide their advice.  **The minutes do not have to adopted with this extra comment but the next BOD should take this into account.**

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss a Motion to Adjourn at 8:36pm was made by Rene second by Donna passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Howe

Secretary