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Date April 29, 2021 @7:00pm

Special meeting- Called to order @7:03pm

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Dunagan President, Justin Cumley Vice President, Lynn Embick Secretary, Maynard Cowan Treasurer, David Hayden, Adam Gates, Rip Williams, William Fitzpatrick, Steve Williams

Absent Board Members: Sarah Blanton

Also in Attendance:

Special Meeting called due to the county going "Green" status for reopening tomorrow.

- Motion made by Will to open the Club this weekend. Discussion ensued around whether a Board decision or a decision made by Laura acting as Chief Executive Officer/Operations defacto. Motion died on the floor.

- Rip made a motion to reopen at Turquoise. Will seconded. Discussion ensued.
 - Will offered an amendment to the motion to open at Green.
 - Rip accepted the friendly amendment to open at Green responsibly and with consideration for the recommendations of the Reopening Committee in mind.
 - Discussion ensued around Constitution and language regarding the Board's duties and Operations staffing.
 - David made a motion to table the current motion and go back to the staffing issue. Rip rejected.
 - Adam made a motion to vote on the motion on the floor.
 - Will called for a vote by member.
 - For the amended motion put forward by Rip to read, A motion to reopen the Club at Green responsibly and with consideration for the recommendations of the Reopening Committee in mind: Justin-Y, Maynard-Y, Lynn-Y, Adam-Y, Steve-Y, Rip-Y, Will-abstain, David-abstain. Motion to amend carries.
 - For the vote to enact the motion put forward by Rip, A motion to reopen the Club at Green responsibly and with consideration for the recommendations of the Reopening Committee in mind: Justin-Y, Maynard-Y, Lynn-Y, Adam-Y, Steve-Y, Rip-abstain, Will-Y, David-Y

5 min break called by Laura. Back at 8:09pm.

Session back in order @8:10pm.

- Adam made a motion to rehire Shaun Gay as GM immediately. Steve seconded.

- Discussion ensued around hiring GM back vs Maynard volunteering as support for Shaun temporarily in the position of Assistant Manager.
- Adam amended his motion to read: A motion to rehire Shaun Gay back as Assistant Manager with mentorship from Maynard until Turquoise, at which point S.G. will move back into the GM position. Rip seconded. Discussion ensued.
- Rip offered a friendly amendment that the original amendment not be tied to Turquoise but to discussion between S.G. and Board to determine S.G.'s readiness to return to the GM position. Adam accepted the amendment.
- Vote by number to amend the original motion to read: A motion to rehire Shaun Gay back as Assistant Manager with mentorship from Maynard until a discussion is had between S.G. and Board that determines S.G. is ready to return to GM, at which point S.G. will move back into the GM position. Justin-Y, Maynard-abstain, Lynn-Y, Adam-abstain, Steve-Y, David-Y, Will-Y, Rip-Y.
- Vote by number to enact the motion put forward by Adam, A motion to rehire Shaun Gay back as Assistant Manager with mentorship from Maynard until a discussion is had between S.G. and Board that determines S.G. is ready to return to GM, at which point S.G. will move back into the GM position. Justin-Y, Maynard-abstain, Lynn-Y, Adam-abstain, Steve-Y, David-Y, Will-Y, Rip-Y.
- Maynard made a motion to revisit and hold discussion about Shaun's readiness to return to GM position on May 10, the next Board meeting. Justin seconded.
 - Rip asked for an amendment to read next board meeting instead of specifically May 10 in case of unforeseen circumstances. Amendment accepted. All were in favor. Motion carries.
- It was requested that Steve deliver the Reopening Committee's recommendations. Steve suggested he would like to reconvene with Rip, Maynard and Shaun to revise the current task list that may include a day to day plan.
 - Justin's motorcycle club volunteered to conduct a deep clean of the inside of the Club during the time we are in Green.
 - David relayed that the Club is officially COVID-Safe Certified and registered with the State.
 - Laura reminded the board that the latest checklist is on the Google Drive.
- Rip made a motion to accept Maynard as interim GM until the position is filled. Adam seconded. Discussion ensued. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstained, and 1 nay. Motion carries.
- Discussion ensued around tasks around the club that need attending to before reopening.
 - Maynard will contact Shaun after meeting to officially re-hire.
 - Laura to stuff envelopes for membership renewals. Adam to assist.
 - David to assist with bathrooms.
 - Justin, w/assistance, will replace walk-in cooler.
 - Garden Club to meet on Sunday for weed pulling, etc.
 - Lynn to put out social media posts for volunteers.
 - Rip offered to pay for COVID poster printing.

Motion to adjourn made by Justin at 9:13pm. David seconded.