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Before meeting [7:09pm] Tim places on conference table a sample of metal business cards for the Board to inspect.

Meeting called to order @7:12pm

General Board Meeting

Board members in attendance: counter-clockwise; Will, Luke, Drake, Andrea, Adam, Stu, Shaun (management), Avery (management), Kim, Kymberlee, Tim & Rip (remotely)

Absent Board Members: Neil Silver

Members in attendance: Scott Stein

[7:15pm] Motion by Adam, seconded by Stuart

[7:17pm] Motion by Luke, seconded by Tim: update all Director terms on paper.

[7:20pm] Amendment to minutes voted on.

Officer reports:

Will is a stickler for Robert's Rules. No erroneous discussion; if it's not germane, it may be had outside of this room.

Agenda items must be submitted beforehand.

Board must be ruled by committee; Will wants us to act as liaisons to various committees, we don't necessarily need to join. He may not make a motion at those committees.

Bottom line, up front: what are the facts, what do we need, what's the solution, etc.

Anybody within the general membership may be on a committee.

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Background: Will has been on the board for 5 years. Was on the board last year during our legal battle. He is a national guardsman, and participated in the largest ballooning competition in the world.

[7:25pm] Tim Torres: second year on the board, assisting Kymberlee taking over the secretary role. Want to make the minutes more accessible both to the board and general members. Hopes to take on a role fostering the aforementioned committees so that they feel empowered to make decisions on their own without the approval of the board. People are bringing issues to the board with insufficient time to be considered. Promises to foster better communication amongst the groups.

[7:27pm] Will: Special committees are an appointment of this board, for a reason.

[7:31pm] Motion by Kymberlee to update the SOP's by-laws SECRETARY line item 2-m stating "Maintain adequate supplies of membership application forms, membership renewal forms, and Whittlesey House History sheets in the appropriate location," and formally allocate that responsibility to the staff who has been filling that role.

[7:32pm] Seconded by Luke and Stu. Stu has been working with Shaun to update the SOP's.

[7:34pm] Will states floating header on webpage "must die."

[7:36pm] Rip states the operations manual does not need to be edited by the board.

[7:37pm] Adam motions to table conversation until manual is fully revised.

[7:38pm] We must file with the secretary of state for a corporation, all officers must be listed, complete an affidavit, and be qualified to hold a liquor license.

[7:41pm] Will appoints Rip Webmaster.

[7:42pm] Will appoints Kim Newsletter Editor.

[7:43pm] Shaun takes the floor; "The calendar that is on the website is my calendar on my [personal] cell phone."

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[7:44pm] Drake: “good news: last month, we paid all our bills, and we made money... Tips owed haven’t been **added**. Total in our bank rn: \$294, 000. Profit this month is \$15,188. Giving Whittlesey house \$759.”

[7:48pm] Rip suggests that, at least quarterly, a balance sheet be provided.

[7:49pm] Will asks if anyone would like to volunteer to head the Audit Committee; Stu requests Adam and Kim join as additional members. Quarterly they will work with the Treasurer, though they are their own independent committee.

[7:51pm] Will states that both the board and general membership have the right to know the financial standing of the APC.

[7:52pm] Shaun’s goals for 2023: reinvesting in the business; in progress- moving to direct deposits for the staff; structural upgrade, including a total bar remodel; “it’s pathetic...comprised of someone’s furniture”; re-pricing things, keeping lights on, and making enough money to keep the lights on; new porch furniture before it starts getting warm; there are a lot of rooms and dead space with which cool things can be done; never have we made so much money at this club in recorded history; for the first time we have enough money to spearhead a cocktail program, usher us into a more modern age of being cocktail bar, with QR codes, active beers, etc., ties in with what Rip’s trying to do, revamp membership system, where you come in like you do at Costco and scan in—this is why Tim placed the cards on the table, because this could be potentially be a solution. Shaun will be working with Kim to develop new merchandise. A lot to do and a full plate but will be one of our better years.

[7:56pm] A member was having a bunch of impromptu [“improv”] birthdays where they were inviting people who brought outside alcohol and vandalized our new pool table. Came again last week after receiving a notice to throw another bday party. They were no longer members in good standing, a fact which they debated. Their guests were the same group of young people who had caused damage to the pool table. Shaun checked if they were signed in and they had illegibly written names. They were upset and threw money over the bar top. Georgette, Jim and Susan are fine; however they keep bringing and undesirable clientele.

[7:58pm] **Stu motions to revoke membership.** Seconded by Kymberlee and Luke.

[7:59pm] Drake states that these people are not in fact members, because their membership was never approved; motion amended by Adam to ban them entirely, 86’d on the basis that they can still come as guests. Seconded by Stu.

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[8:00pm] If protocol has been followed, then the next step is, naturally, to remove them, per Rip. Kim states that, as of now, their memberships are technically suspended.

[8:01pm] Tim closes Zoom meeting and reloads so Rip can stay logged in (free member plan).

[8:03pm] Rip rejoins meeting.

[8:04pm] Will and Rip caution the board against banning someone who could potentially come in on someone else's reputation; Stu clarifies that this person (not in good standing) did in fact sign in under another member's name with their guests, thereby breaking state law. Georgette and Susan (spousal members) signed in under Erica. They were very rude, and caused \$500 worth of damage to club property.

[8:09pm] Drake reads the letter that was sent to the member(s) not in good standing.

[8:11pm] Adam says, for clarification, no damage was caused during the visit in which they signed in under Erica's name.

[8:12pm] To be sure, Georgette and Susan signed in the individuals who caused the damage and brought them back the day that they signed in under Erica's name. Therefore, it's not about them; it is about their guests.

[8:13pm] All in favor: Stuart, Adam, Andrea, Kim, Drake, Luke; All opposed: Tim, Kymerlee, Shaun; Abstained: Rip.

Membership committee; manned by Avery. Disciplinary committees are ad hock to the incidents in which it happens.

[8:16pm] Erica's guest signed illegibly which poses some legal ramifications, and some of her guest may not have signed in.

[8:17pm] Will orders five-minute recess.

[8:29pm] Will calls meeting back to order.

[8:31pm] Kymerlee volunteers to help with social media/outreach efforts.

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[8:33pm] Scott Stein volunteers to help with outreach efforts.

[8:34pm] Membership report.

[8:35pm] Stu doesn't think we should give Kelly Rowley a membership for harassing people to pay for his drinks; also vaguely harassed people saying he was going to park his truck in the parking lot to live in; not necessarily worth banning but worth barring membership.

[8:37pm] Shaun says this person has been a member in good standing in the past; he should not be a member right now but doesn't necessarily need to be banned at this time.

[8:38pm] Adam motions to deny Kelly his membership; seconded by Stu.

[8:39pm] Luke points out that, should this person choose to crash in his car, with his keys in the ignition, and there's law enforcement around, it's an automatic DUI for him and an automatic liability for us.

[8:40pm] Rip calls the vote on the grounds that at least 3 board members have spoken out against approving his membership renewal.

[8:41pm] Will proposes an alternative: renewal with 6-month ban on alcohol.

[8:42pm] Rip states that this goes against the constitution.

[8:43pm] Stu states that denying alcohol service is ultimately operations' decision.

[8:44pm] Vote is called; Andrea, Drake, and Tim vote Nay. Everyone else in favor.

[8:46pm] Rip moves that we accept remaining members; Drake seconded. Unanimous, *motion carries.*

[8:49pm] 53 lapsed members, not past 90 days; should go back up.

[8:50pm] Drake motions a March 31st deadline for new membership program, seconded by Shaun.

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[8:51pm] Rip proposes amendment to pre-approve \$2,000 in expenditures; seconded by Adam and Kim; unanimous amendment carries.

[8:54pm] Motion passes, *unanimous*.

[8:55pm] Drake and Luke offer to be on membership committee with Avery; Shaun proposes Tim also; Will appoints the three of them.

[8:57pm] Rip clarifies that this is a committee specifically devoted to improving membership services.

[8:59pm] Kymberlee volunteers to be on Building/Grounds & Maintenance Committee with Shaun.

[9:00pm] Will appoints Adam as Chair of this committee.

[9:03pm] Meg Hein is chair of the Art Committee, appointed previously.

[9:05pm] Should contain, manager's column; social column; committee column; social events; etc.

[9:06pm] Whittlesey House preservation foundation; Will appointed Andrea and Rip; Will is automatically a standing member. Kim rescinded as long as flowers get planted in the front of the building.

[9:08 pm] Adam ascertains that property management is under Building and Grounds mgmt.; reminds Board he was a property manager for 15 years.

[9:09pm] Shaun asks if the Board is still considering splitting it into two separate committees.

[9:14pm] Motion on table (by Adam) to combine committees, seconded by Kymberlee; Will approves.

[9:17pm] Stu motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Adam; Rip says we still have executive items to cover. Motion does not carry.

[9:18pm] Adam – point of order: people with agendas should share them in advance. Tim noted for the record.

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[9:30pm] Meeting adjourns: Agendas for new business need to be submitted one week prior to regular meetings.

[9:32pm] President declares each speaker has one minute max to speak and if it's not germane, they will get cut off.

[9:33pm] Rip rejoins meeting, virtually. Due to "Herculean efforts" by Tim, the board voted to support the insurance company should they choose to settle the suit. A check in the amount of \$1,000,000 was issued this past Friday by the insurance company to the plaintiff assigned to this case. Language was requested to be included that states, APC accepts no responsibility for any further claims made in relation to the events and cannot be held liable.

[9:36pm] Luke clarifies that this means no one can come after any particular individual. They cannot go after the widow either because she is a lifetime member, so she is also a sheltered from litigation.

[9:39pm] Shaun proposes that we have her sign something.

[9:40pm] Kymberlee motions to have Emily put something in writing stating that she does not intend to hold the club accountable; Adam seconds.

[9:45pm] Shaun clarifies that there is a delicate timeline of events, and there's no need to have her do this unless we are unable to get them to include the recommended language.

"Sign an indemnity clause that holds harmless the club."

[9:47pm] Luke motions to table the motion until after the disposition of the settlement is discovered.

[9:51pm] Vote for amendment to postpone until after we see if settlement includes language passes.

[9:52pm] Check was cut the day after the recommended language was drafted and submitted.

[9:53pm] Tim states that the insurance company going over our heads, contractually, opens them up to a lawsuit.

[9:54pm] Amended motion passes *unanimously*.

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[9:55pm] No new or old business. **Luke motions to adjourn. Seconded by Stu.**
Unanimous.

Adjourned at 9:55pm.

Newly Appointed/Renewed Positions:

Webmaster: Rip

Treasurer: Drake

Membership Committee: chaired by Avery, manned by Drake, Luke, Tim

Building/Grounds & Maintenance (newly combined w/ Property Management):
chaired by Adam, manned by Avery, Kymberlee, Shaun

Finance Committee: chaired by Drake

Social (events) Committee: chaired by Neil

Art Committee: chaired by Meg Hein, manned by Kymberlee

Audit Committee: chaired by Stu, manned by Adam, Kim

WHPF Committee: chaired by Will, manned by Andrea, Rip

Newsletter Committee: chaired by Kim (as Editor), manned by Shaun, Kymberlee,
Rip