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Monday, February 13, 2023

Meeting called to order @7:10pm

General Board Meeting

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

Absent Board Members: N/A

Members in attendance: N/A

[7:13] Motion to review minutes

[7:18] Motion by Will to approve minutes as amended; motion carries.

[7:19] Drake: \$295,368.94 in the bank as of the end of January. Today it's more.

[7:22] Boiler repair was a success; the pipe that was broken was in the middle of the patio, so it ended up costing closer to \$11,000. Also fixed the regulators on the boiler. Our gas bill last month was \$1,300, which is insanely high, so this should ultimately help that number come down (investing for the future). During the two-day closure, we did a deep clean and renovated the dark room by leveling the floor and filled in the hole where the radiator exploded in the early 2000s, repaired the wall, changed a couple of light fixtures. Kim's bf does welding, so Shaun wants to have him add hand railings due to normal wear and tear on the steps that lead into the dart room. This would likely cost the club upwards of \$5,000.

[7:26] Audible: raging storm ensues outside.

[7:27] Adam motions to approve the proposed expenditure: \$5,000 for brick stairs and accompanying door.

[7:28] A question was raised as to whether we need the WHPF to approve these changes, to which Rip responded that he and Will are in agreement: the area we're referring to was added in the 1950s.

[7:29] Andrea asks if we should be going out for bid, so that there isn't talk of favoritism regarding our choice to hire a member to complete the repairs.

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[7:30] Adam reminds us that this is a safety concern.

[7:34] Will calls motion to vote; motion carries.

[7:35] Shaun also wants to install cordless blinds in the boardroom: \$1,250 for all three windows with a lifetime warrantee. A member named Jacob Park proposed the idea.

[7:37] Stu motions to approve the proposed expenditure; seconded by Andrea, Adam, and Neil. Call to vote; motion carries.

[7:43] Shaun states that Avery is currently on her way out; therefore, we need a new Membership Committee chair. **Kymerlee self-nominates. Will appoints Kymerlee as the new chair effective immediately.**

[7:45] A longstanding member "R" made some unwanted sexual advances on two separate women, one of whom he bit (committing battery).

[7:47] Will asks if anyone would like to head up a disciplinary committee; Adam volunteers, Andrea, Stu, and Shaun will help. Charges were not pressed; therefore, they must follow club protocol, focused on fact-finding. The facts will then be reported to this board, at which time this Board will take action.

[7:50] Will states, regardless of personal opinion, there is due process set forth by the Club Constitution and by-laws.

[7:52] 5-minute recess called.

[8:01] Will calls meeting back to order.

[8:02] Shaun says a membership applicant called Garrett Ottney seemed nice enough at first; he later offered Shaun cocaine or "other drugs" ... Another member then told Shaun that he's trying to sell her cocaine and was overcharging her. Shaun then escorted the man out. He also defaced property to shill his Instagram.

[8:04] Rip motions to reject membership; Drake seconds; motion carries. A letter and a fee refund will need to be issued.

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[8:07] Motion by Drake to approve remaining membership applicants; seconded by Stu; motion carries.

[8:09] Will states, in new business, every month we will have expenditures/budget.

[8:15] Adam motions to raise manager's discretionary fund from \$1,500 to \$2,000; seconded by Stu; discussion ensues.

[8:18] Shaun's understanding of these funds is that they're per project.

[8:19] Adam amends motion to \$2,000 monthly.

[8:21] Adam withdraws original motion; however, it has already been seconded and amended; therefore, it must still be voted upon.

[8:23] Adam motion to table subject indefinitely; seconded by Drake, Rip, Will.

[8:25] Motion carries.

[8:29] Neil motions to rename Newsletter Committee to Communications Committee, seconded by Drake; discussion ensues.

[8:32] Affidavits are due February 23rd, per Will; Tim will coordinate with us to bring a man to the club to fingerprint those who don't want to do it on their own time.

[8:36] Neil asks to be excused; Will excuses him.

[8:39] Stu motions to do quarterly audit reports as opposed to monthly; seconded by Will; motion carries.

[8:40] Stu motions to grant a flat rate of \$200 to bartenders who miss their shifts in the event of an emergency, such as maintenance; seconded by Andrea; discussion ensues.

[8:45] Call to vote; motion carries.

[8:46] Motion to allocate an additional \$2,000 (roughly 7-10% of total bartender payroll) to pay out the bartenders who didn't have taxes withheld from their paychecks for roughly three months (August-November) in 2021

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due to a clerical error, and therefore, now owe a lot of money in personal income taxes; seconded by Adam; discussion ensues.

[8:58] Rip states that he recalls Shaun coming to the board the previous year and stating that he was in a pickle, could not do payroll correctly, and as a result, the board voted to cut them checks in the relative amount of what they're owed—to which Shaun responded that these particular employees did not know that they were supposed to set aside not 7%, but 15% to allocate toward taxes. Rip emphasizes the importance of having available minutes in instances such as this. For whatever reason, we do not have minutes from any meetings between November-December 2022.

[9:02] Will does not understand how it's possible that not a single one of these employees didn't know they should have set some of the money aside the months that they were overpaid.

[9:05] Drake recognizes that we may have “fucked up,” and that the employees may have as well. **Proposes an amendment to the motion, to split the difference, and only give \$1,000 toward their taxes. Adam seconded. Rip proposes a counter motion** that they should owe us that amount, in addition to what they owe the IRS, since we overpaid them and have already paid employment taxes on their behalf. **Not seconded.**

[9:10] Amendment brought to vote; does not carry. Motion brought to vote; does not carry.

[9:11] Stu motions to adjourn; Will seconds.

Adjourned at 9:12pm.