

LRPC Meeting October 27, 2009

Stephanie Evers, Bill Sherriff, Nanda Zimmerman, Gabe Cordova, Ilona, Walter K., Bill Hughes, Paul Levine, Diana Mirabella, Charlie Mirabella, Bob Hener, Mike Kellick, Betty Mannocho

Meeting commenced: 7:00 PM

Meeting of last meeting's minutes notes waived

Big discussion about lodge budget. Discussion raised about who funds the lodge operations – users or non-lodge users? A specific example was related to issue of food at lodge – overbuying (& members leaving with large volumes of food at the end of the weekend), not charging enough for breakfast, etc. Discussion continued about allocation of costs that are needed to run the lodge (I.e. Who should pay for the heating, electricity, etc. when no one is there?)

LRPC RECOMMENDATION: People who use the lodge should pay for the costs associated with running the lodge. A subcommittee composed of board and non-board members should be set up to categorize lodge expenses and determine how they are covered (in lodge rates or by club membership). These financial components will be agreed to by the board.

Voted on by LRPC Members – 7 Aye, 1 Nay

Election Process:- Discussion about the nominating committee and the election process. The issues of having more than 1 family member represented on the nominating committee was seen as a conflict of interest by some members. The bylaw was read and it was clear that in the last election, this bylaw was followed. Another conflict of interest issue came up pertaining to the nominating committee being elected by the sitting President. Discussion continued regarding the difficulty of finding people to run, timing issues and making sure all interested parties have enough time to present themselves to the nominating committee.

LRPC RECOMMENDATION: Only 1 spouse in a family can be on the nominating committee and that we change the bylaws so that the responsibility of appointing the nominating committee be done by RHSC Past RHSC Presidents

Vote: 4 Yea, 1 Opposed, 3 Abstention.

Membership:

Discussion of size of membership continued. We currently have about 88 memberships, we should work on getting more memberships to minimize costs and keep up on lodge maintenance. We also have an aging membership with a large percentage of members over the age of 65. Discussion continued about the ways to attract new members.

LRPC RECOMMENDATION: There should be an emphasis on getting new members.

Bill of Health for Lodge : A number of small and large items need attention at the lodge. Some items need updating others need replacement- some need attention now, others can wait. Discussion continued about how to get the money to cover these expenses – revamping the budget (as mentioned above) or assessments.

Financials should be available on the web monthly, quarterly. Discussion continued that once membership approves and expenditure, there must be an expiration date on the project. If the project does not move forward in a timely manner, we don't continue on the project.

Conclusion: We need to look at the most critical maintenance items on the list, get better educated on the finances of what things will cost to fix and set up committees to look into getting these things done.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM