

**Oakwood Club Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:00 PM (Central Time)**

**Attending: President Darwin B, Vice-President Dan M, Treasurer Brian M, Troy M, Bill K, Dave L, Todd R, Secretary Andrea M**  
**Committee Chairs: Cherie Q, Ed G, Mark C, Ellie P**  
**Club members: Amy R, Kevin K, Barb M, Kent P**

**Preliminary Discussion**

1. Call to Order            President Darwin B called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM Central Time. All six board members were present.
2. Agenda additions? There were no agenda additions. Dave moved, Dan second to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Dave moved, Dan seconded to approve the October minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Dan moved, Bill seconded to approve the November minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Activities – Ellie P.**
  - Has the calendar mostly finalized except for the band for OW Days.
  - Noted that we need to book bands before Jan 1 and pay deposit to hold date.
  - Bill - Need to add \$500 to 2023 budget to use as deposits for bands for 2024.
  - Ellie will have calendar of events written up for next month's meeting.
2. **Audit – Janice A.**

Not present, no report.
3. **Constitution & Bylaws – Cherie Q**
  - For \$3500 lawyer will separate bylaws/policies. Does Board want to move ahead?
  - Darwin-has been an issue for 7-20 years, keeps coming up. Wants to move ahead. Do we know if price includes Policy Manual?
  - Cherie-not sure but we can do that ourselves once he separates them. Need to get policies back in control of the Board for day-to-day running of club. Andrea- Lawyer also strongly recommended this when she first talked to him. Todd-let's get it done.
  - Dan-would we put the expenditure in front of members and move ahead if approved?
  - Bill-No, it's below \$5K so board can decide, then present finished product to members.
  - Brian-do we need to get budget approved by members? Darwin-board approves it in order to present to membership.
  - Bill-it seems like we need to include fee in budget and get it approved by members.
  - Darwin/Cherie- board can take action using discretionary spending so we can move ahead now. Otherwise we have to wait for May approval before lawyer can even start.
  - Cherie-do we have a legal fund? No. Cherie-We used to. Bill-we should create that again.
  - Darwin-it's like when the board approved buying a mower. Ed-we had money in budget for a mowing

service, we spent that on a mower instead.

-Bill moved, Todd seconded to approve spending. Dave, Brian voted no. Bill withdrew motion.

-Bill moved in the spirit of keeping the club active, avoiding lawsuits, approve \$3500 in budget legal fund, to be spent on attorney. No second. Motion died.

-Todd moved, Bill seconded that the board move forward to spend \$3500 now to retain attorney. Aye=4, Opposed=0, Abstentions=Dave, Troy. Motion carried.

-Dave-I'd like to go on record that this motion is illegal. If the budget doesn't get approved in May by the membership, the board has spent money without approval.

4. **Food – Amy R./Celeste T.**

No report.

5. **Membership Relations – John M.**

Not present, no report.

6. **Planning – N/A**

Darwin-Mike S (Lana) is interested in joining committee and maybe chairing it. Dave is working with Ed on projects. No formal report.

7. **Membership Recruitment – Bill K.**

See submitted report. Member Elizabeth requested to bring a MN Naturist guest onto the grounds for a sauna afternoon.

-Bill moved, Dave seconded that OW members can bring AANR member guests onto grounds in winter for sauna events for \$10.

-Dan- concerned about anyone coming on grounds anytime. Not against it, just want to consider all aspects.

-Sandy-how will fees be collected? Bill-cash, cc, honor system. Sandy-Taxes, cc processing fees need to be added. Andrea-we can add fees to square in phone. Suggested we only do electronic payments in the off season so it can be taken over the phone.

-Mark-should charge more. His sauna group charges \$35 for 1.5 hrs.

-Group discussion-make it comparable to volleyball.

-Bill-revised motion to charge \$15. Motion carried unanimously.

-New members Kevin & Heather want to bring guests-two women, MN Naturist/AANR members, but husbands don't want to come. Darwin/Cherie-bylaws don't allow it.

-Dave-interprets bylaw differently. Read from bylaws: "Prospective members" must come as a couple on first visit. For guests of members and members of affiliated organizations, it doesn't specify that requirement.

-Darwin-bylaws allow it, no motion needed. Dan-it's a slippery slope.

-Bill- In order to increase revenue, proposed a season pass for volleyball or pickleball, discounted if someone signs up for both together. Currently MN Naturists pay \$15 to play volleyball on a Saturday.

Cost for the pass would be \$120 for one sport/day, \$200 if they sign up for both. Guest would break even after 8 visits.

-Do we call it a sport or associate membership to avoid the 15% revenue cap? No need now, but maybe down the road.

-Dave moved, Brian seconded to approve a Saturday volleyball season pass and a Sunday pickleball season pass at the prices proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Property – Ed G**

-Carl is researching net/posts/painting vendors for pickleball court. Acrylic paint needs night temp above 50 degrees so we may do it ourselves as soon as temps allow instead of being on a waitlist with a vendor and maybe not be able to get it done until halfway through the season. Ed is pricing fencing/nets.

9. **Finance – Brian M.**

Brian-sent copies of Year End P&L, balance sheet, check register directly to Board. Andrea requested he send them to the Secretary so they are part of the formal meeting record.

-Darwin-Ellie requested increasing "outside contract services," i.e., band entertainment budget, from \$1800 to \$2050. Bill-since we didn't hire a magician, can we use that \$500 for bands instead? Darwin-yes, \$2050 includes the \$500 originally budgeted for the magician.

-Dan-don't see money in the budget for pickleball or caretaker. Brian-Pickleball is capital expense.

-Ed-if workcamper goes through, Ed has \$1200 placeholder in his budget for caretaker. Bill-it's not in the budget.

-Brian-Last meeting the board decided to form a committee at this meeting to address the caretaker topic. Darwin-we need to put money in as a line item for the caretaker. Ed-can add it in if Board agrees. Board agreed, no motion necessary, it will be approved with the entire budget.

-Dave-no questions, just need to work up a capitol budget.

-Todd, Troy-no questions.

-Bill-add in \$300 to reimburse Ed for pickleball paddles and balls. What about equipment for other sports? Is under Activities/Supplies, for maintaining courts (volleyball and petanque sand, shuffleboard glass, etc.)

-Sandy-volleyball doesn't have its own account in QB, it's under sports activity.

-It was suggested we add \$300 to hold volleyball & pickleball tournaments.

-Dan moved, Todd seconded to accept the budget and present to members at the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

-Checkbook balance as of 1/31/23 - \$2,229.66

10. **Communications – Mark C.**

See submitted report.

-Need to update website hosting. Wondered if he has to wait for members to approve budget in May or can he do it now? Darwin-traditionally we've started projects before May.

-Mark-will improve performance, support, easier to maintain.

-He will be out of the country 2/6-3/7.

**Old Business**

1. Investment of Club funds – Darwin-do we want to take it off? Brian-will focus on that now that budget is done.

2. Safe Deposit Box - Updating in Spring 2023

3. Pickleball Grant Completion – Darwin-Grant submitted. Thanks to Bill/Brian/Ed for all their work. We'll hear in April if we got it.

4. Caretaker: Workcamper report

-Darwin-will continue to finalize job description. Should open it up in-house to see if members want the job.

-Ed-first Board needs to decide what direction to go. Ask member volunteers do it again, or offer a work camper agreement. Dewy will hold the CPO license again. Mowing is handled by members. Main issue is cleaning of campers and bathhouses.

- Darwin-poll at last meeting showed the Board wants a caretaker.
- Todd-what will they do? Darwin-property will come up with list.
- Brian-there was supposed to be a committee formed, he wants to be on it. Darwin-He, Ed, Brian should get together to discuss. Brian-proposed an official committee be formed as set forth in last month's meeting minutes.
- Brian/Ed-it's a slippery slope- these are all things members should be doing. Andrea-there are volunteer apps that make it easy to sign up for duties and track hours, if the Board decides to continue having members do the tasks. Ed & Dave described other club systems to track volunteer hours.
- Darwin-Bill/Dan/Ed/Brian will create a detailed list of duties/a job description, present it via email to board for comment in 10 days. Then present it to members by end of Jan via newsletter. If no member accepts, we'll open it up to outside applicants.
- Dan-include a clause for time off.
- Brian-if we put it out to members, we should pay them, not include a free lot.

5. Cabins/Garage Discussion: Darwin-he and Ed discussed pouring a cement floor under the new garage scheduled to be built. Cabins discussion on hold.
6. Pool Heater: Heater will be serviced, but Ed has a place holder in budget to replace it just in case. Darwin-can we use one heater for pool and hot tub if we install one? Ed-need a separate heater for hot tub because water temps will be different than pool.

#### **New Business**

1. Facebook Visibility: Darwin has been doing FB promotions. How far visible do we want to be?
2. Waitlist: Need to update the single membership waitlist. Who tracks it? Membership recruitment will reach out to Cherie to see how it was done in the past and update/formalize it somehow.

**Next Meeting Date**      Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**                      Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea M  
Oakwood Club Secretary