

## **Oakwood Club Board Meeting Minutes - FINAL**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 6:00 PM (Central Time)**

Attending: President Darwin B, Vice-President Dan M, Treasurer Brian M,  
Dave L, Todd R, Troy M; Absent: Bill K, Secretary Andrea M (excused-out of the country)

Committee Chairs: Cherie Q, Ellie P, Mark C, Amy R, Celeste T, Ed G

Club members: Elizabeth K, Barb M (Kevin), Jerry F, Matt, Danielle

### **Preliminary Discussion**

1. Call to Order President Darwin B called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Central Time. Four board members were present; a quorum was achieved. Dan M logged in at 6:03.
2. Agenda additions? Ted S is requesting a single membership this coming season, since he and Nancy are legally separated and she lives in MI now. No discussion or motion required – according to the bylaws, separation/divorce allows for automatic single membership.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Todd moved/Brian seconded to approve the February minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

1. **Audit – Janice A.**  
Not present. Sandy reported that Janice has contacted her to get all the receipts and will meet with her audit team to get it done by the end of the month.
2. **Membership Relations – John M.**  
Not present, no report.
3. **Food – Amy R./Celeste T.**  
Amy and Celeste present, no report. Darwin will send them the Activities worksheet so they can coordinate meals.
4. **Planning – N/A**  
Dave L has agreed to take over this committee again.  
-He and Ed are working on projects for this season. He's working on a capital budget, will discuss with Brian.  
-Projects on the schedule are pickleball nets, landscaping around the courts, pool ramp, tenting area improvements, wash station off the bath house for campers, welcome center (moving a shed to the front for visitor check-in).  
-It will be important to get people to help on specific projects so Property isn't working every weekend and has a chance to relax too.
5. **Communications – Mark C.**  
Mark-Fixed a glitch on the website.  
-Darwin-Deb contacted him, said she had trouble getting into the members area. Mark-Logging into the member section can be funny sometimes. If you try again it usually works. If anyone has a problem, they

can contact him.

-He'll be upgrading our web hosting soon. We're on a low-tier, cheap plan that shares resources with many other sites. The new level will give us better upload speeds, real-time support, etc.

-Kids club email address is set up.

-Darwin-Kevin and Beth run Kids' Club and have discussed having their own page on the website. Mark will talk to them about it.

-He will set up the info@ email address requested by Membership Recruitment.

6. **Property – Ed G**

Ed-Through Carl we can get paint to do the full court and lines ourselves. Originally, we were going to have an outside contractor do lines only and wait on court paint for another season. Doing it all ourselves will be cheaper but he needs approval for more money in this season's budget to do it all now. Dave-Since it's a capital project that has already been approved, just need to take it out of the capital budget.

-Ed-We bought a cement mixer for not much more than it would cost to rent it. Cherie-asked about bids on concrete edging. Ed-Doing it ourselves one side at a time is cheaper.

-Jerry F-What about using temporary nets? It would be cheaper, they can be rolled away to allow for other uses of the courts, but they can blow over. Ed-Since we don't intend to set up the courts as multi-purpose, that's not needed. In the long run, permanent nets will be better.

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

Not present, no report.

8. **Constitution & Bylaws – Cherie Q**

Cherie-She and Tina had a meeting with the attorney since last board meeting. Has asked for a hard copy of his work to date to review.

-They're trying to schedule another meeting for next week. She needs to make sure he stays within the scope of what we've requested.

9. **Finance – Brian M.**

Brian-Invoices went out via email only, no paper copies by mail this year. Went out March 1.

-UPS Box is closed now. Everyone should send dues to the new address, which was specified in the invoice email.

-He is working on formatting the budget in a way that is easily read by members.

-Dave-asked if Brian had moved any funds to the equity accounts. Brian-No. Dave-We collected almost \$9,000 in capital funds last year. That's not reflected anywhere. He and Brian will have an offline discussion about equity accounts.

-Sandy-We've shut off the two Frontier broad band phone lines, kept the land line as required for emergencies.

10. **Activities – Ellie P.**

Ellie-Only addition to what Darwin sent out to board members is that he found a band for Saturday night of Oakwood Days called Tailspin for \$650.

-Brian-was sent contracts for Richie Gunz Band for 6/17 & 9/16 for \$750 each. Sandy-just got the contract for the new band, will send to Brian.

-Tailspin plays at a lot of VFWs, Dave and Sandy know them. There is a concern from them and another member about being "outed." Not sure how to handle that. Maybe we should just have Dave DJ instead? Not fair to have members unable to attend because of this.

-Dan-We need to have a larger conversation about how to address this issue in the future. There's no

way to know if there's a conflict every time we hire a band, can't send out a member survey every time we hire someone.

-Dave-We could have a medical emergency and someone from the fire dept or EMT crew might recognize a member they happen to play poker with. That's just a fact of life.

-Cherie-You can hear the music throughout most of the campground so even if you don't attend the event, you can still enjoy the music. All agreed we should move forward in hiring Tailspin.

-Brian-The contracts require an officer to sign. Does he need approval to sign the contracts? Cherie-It's part of the Activities budget, so it shouldn't be a problem. Darwin-We'll approve the requested budget increase and that will make it official.

-Darwin shared his screen and he and Ellie took the board through the activities calendar.

-Dave-We need to move away from the focus on club revenues. We're a not-for-profit campground. Why this emphasis on earned revenue? Darwin-That will be a separate conversation, maybe at the April meeting.

-Cherie-Mike still wants to do a car show, but we haven't gotten past the security conversation, so that may still happen.

-Dave moved/Troy seconded to approve the Activities schedule and budget increase to allow for hiring Tailspin. Motion carried unanimously.

## Old Business

1. Darwin-No members stepped forward to take on the role of caretaker. How do we want to move ahead?

-Brian-found at least one local cleaning company that would come in weekly and do the trailers, bathrooms and clubhouse. Would cost about \$3500 for the 20 weeks of summer.

-Sandy-hasn't had time to check local stores and other community bulletin boards for local people offering cleaning services.

-Brian-There was a subcommittee to look at this issue. Where are we at with that? He also thought at a previous meeting it was decided not to provide linens anymore.

-Cherie-According to the attorney, because we rent trailers to non-members, we're technically open to the public, which impacts our single/couple/gender quotas.

-Dave-Doesn't the fact that we rent camping sites have the same impact? What's the difference between a trailer and a campsite?

-Dan-asked if a workcamper would be on-site during the week to turn over the campers. Darwin-yes. **Dan moved/Troy seconded to try to secure a workcamper and see how it goes. Two (2) in favor, three (3) against, one (1) board member not present. Motion did not pass.**

-Darwin-How are we going to move ahead then? Are board members going to sign up to do the cleaning?

-Danielle-was going to take the job but her work schedule changed and now it doesn't work for her.

-Brian-What if we don't rent the campers? Cherie asked how much revenue we get from them. Sandy-\$2,000 last year.

-There was discussion about not renting out trailers anymore, except for member's guests, in which case the member would be responsible for cleaning the trailer before and after their guest stayed.

-Sandy-So do we tell anyone who wants to rent a trailer that they can't?

-Darwin-They'd have to bring a tent or a camper.

-Sandy-We shouldn't have this discussion without the Membership Recruitment Chair present, since he'd have to deal with visitors who want to stay over and can't.

-Darwin tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

2. Elizabeth-Thanked board for allowing the sauna event to occur. It was a positive experience for everyone and a great resource to be able to offer it. She'd love to do it again. Jerry F would also be interested in participating.

-Darwin-has found places to advertise it for next winter. Has also advertised Kids' Club on FB, AANR Midwest and family friendly nudist sites.

**New Business**

1. None

**Next Meeting Date** Tuesday, April 11, 6 PM on Zoom. Focus will be on workcamper situation, revenue discussion, AANR Midwest representative, spring meeting.

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea M  
Oakwood Club Secretary