

WEST POINT INN ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEMBERS' MEETING

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 11:00 AM

West Point Inn

Members' Lounge

100 Old Railroad Grade Fire Rd

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:12 am by President Don Keeley

Board Attendees: Nancy Fox, Michael Jefferies, Alyssa Jorgensen, Peter Karlen, Mark Northcross, Patti Schmidt

Board Members Absent: Talia Friedman

Others present: Joss Hanna - Secretary

Introductions of Board Members

Introductions of New Members

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - Don Keeley

1. Covid Impact and WPI Board priorities – Responsibility of board was to remain financially solvent. Roughly \$120k in donations from Members and Non - Members (50/50). Alyssa and Nancy led efforts to re-open during covid and restart revenue.
2. MMWD Lease Expiration and Pending Negotiation – Expiring lease is from 1997. Initial discussions went well. Given MMWD prioritizes public access, opening statements were to re-iterate public benefit WPI is due to efforts of WPIA. Priority is to mitigate costs (ie insurance) and obtain a long term lease to enable capital required improvements. MMWD is concerned about costs as they are chartered to deliver water to ratepayers.

* Suggestion to include volunteer hours as part of the capital improvements to MMWD (ie 200 hours @ \$20 per hour, 11 times a year.)

3. ARG Capital Study – Comprehensive capital study to allow WPIA to plan and raise money to pay for required capital improvements which will sustain the Inn.
4. Website has been updated
5. WPI bucks have been increased from \$25 to \$35. Will expire 2 yrs from issue and all expired issuances will be honored until 1/2023
6. Whole Inn Bookings for Members reduced from \$1,400 to \$1,000 Mid Week (Tues, Wed, Thur) as of 10/1/2022
 - * Suggestion to update checkout signage regarding timing.
7. Board and Committee Positions are open...please inquire

TREASURER'S REPORT, Mark Northcross

1. Early 2021 concerned that WPIA would run out of cash.
2. Received SBA loans of \$40k which were forgiven
3. 2020-21 Members and non-members donated \$120k
4. Today WPIA has roughly \$270k unencumbered - most ever, however several open concerns and observations going forward
 - i. Deferred maintenance
 - ii. Overnite fees are up
 - iii. Fire insurance is roughly \$20k yr w/ \$3M limit
 - iv. Climate Change will impact WPI going forward

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds: Open (Michael Jefferies)

Fiscally responsible improvements from a woodworking perspective.

- Sample Projects:
- Toby Cabin Floor repair required leveling and stabilizing of footings
- Emig Cabin Window waterproofing
- Kitchen Stove Replacement
- Chicken Coop Door
- Multiple lock replacements

Communications/Website Committee: Jan Gauthier

Development Committee: Open

Election Committee: Chris Marcuse & Lin Johanson

Numerous opportunities to participate and help WPI

- Encouraged all present to become involved and or reach out to those who have interest.

Event Committee: Nancy Fox and Patti Schmidt

Events starting to resume:

- Heritage Night
- Pancake Breakfast
- Crab Feed
- Cookie Party
- Stay tuned and check out the website for more information.

* Discussion around a club to club hike....

Heritage/History Committee/ Historian: Fred Runner

Special aspect but dwindling opportunity of Heritage position at WPI is the oral history:

- Barbara Hoisen (sp?) recently passed away but lived at WPI 1939-43
- She shared great memories of living at WPI with Fred prior to her passing.
- Attended public school (Park Elementary in Mill Valley)
- Remembered the days before and during the military presence at Tam where officers would socialize and play games in the Inn. She recalled nighttime scouting for aircraft and try notify authorities prior to other stations (Headlands?).
- Barbara was the 10 yr old girl in the photo where they are at the WPI sign.
- Introduction on the efforts of Engine #9
- Restoration of 101 year old steam engine
- Please visit www.friendsofno9.org

**Would be great to get Fred's notes for greater detail and to share with others

Housekeeping: Fran Rondeau & Bonnie Jones

Have been trying to be fiscally responsible given the pandemic's impact to revenues.

Several new tasks:

- New Bedding which was much needed
- Several box spring mattresses have been repaired but many are due for replacement.
- New Desk donated in the members lounge.

Water Tank/System: Bonnie Jones

Membership: Talia Friedman (Alyssa)

Responsibilities of Membership Committee have increased due to pandemic but hope that will settle down as we return to a somewhat more normal operation.

- Current Membership is 598. Total allowed is 600.
- 2 applications are in process and or ready for approval.
- Waitlist is 0.
- Please encourage others to join as now is a good time to get in and help support the inn.
- Goal is to end 2022 with waitlist of 15-20 ppl
- Application is on site. Not online.
- Members contact information is by request only and not widely shared due to privacy concerns.

Mount Tam Organization Liaison: Bob Newcomer

Not much to report given pandemic. Reminded the audience of MMWD priorities at last meeting.

- ADA access
- Youth Education

Newsletter: Alison Bricker

Old Timer's Liaison: Marilyn Skaff

Excited to be resuming activities at WPI.

- Old Timers Event is the first weekend in June (see calendar on website).
- Open to all members (not just old timers)
- Come listen to the music and stories

Pancake Breakfasts: Lin Johanson

Pancake Breakfasts are BACK! Lots of applause.

- Excited to be resuming the signature event with such great support.
- May is full but please sign up for June clean up event

Personnel: Lin Johanson

Policy & Procedures: Wayne Koide

Formal request to members for succession or replacement.

- Will be traveling for a year in a years time (Mid 2023). Would like time to train replacement. Please inquire.

Reservations: Jennifer Greene

Technology: Nate Lee

Work Parties: Joanne Devereaux

Improvements have been made to the sign up sheet making it easier.

Cooks are needed.

Please come help out as we have a lot of fun and get a lot of good work done.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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