

WEST POINT INN ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2015 7:00 PM

220 Nellen Ave

Marin Municipal Water District

Board Room

Corte Madera, CA 94925

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Fran Rondeau

Board Attendees: Joel Blackwell, Ward Flad, Jan Gauthier, Pete Martin, Brenda Roberts, Fran Rondeau, Olene Sparks

Board Members Absent: Bob Newcomer, Fred Runner

Others: Ward Flad – Parliamentarian, Mark Northcross - Treasurer , Gordy MacDermott, - Membership, Wayne Koide-Policy and Procedures, Mia Morrill – member, Mike Swezy – MMWD, and Sharon Farrell, Golden Gate National Park Conservancy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of – August 10, 2015

Ward Flad made a motion to approve which was seconded, unanimously approved.

Presentation: Mike Swezy reported that five agencies signed a memorandum of understanding (Marin Municipal Water District, California State Parks, Marin County Golden Gate National Park Conservancy and National Park Service) with the main goal to engage the public and volunteer workers. This presentation ended at 7:45 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Election - Ballots going out to membership. Only three candidates have offered to run for board. Discussion about how to recruit more people to run for board and participate in leadership.

Donation - Board offered to accept a donation of several boxes Hoo Koo E bars from member Sjaun Malligan. Board agreed to accept free bars and offer for sale as a test.

ADA Cabin - Fran received phone call from Colin Klaxon saying he would support the ADA cabin up to \$200,000. Colin will attend next board meeting to get up to date on cabin progress.

Board Member Succession - Discussion about board succession - see end of last months notes. Brief discussion ensued regarding dissatisfaction with our election process and selection/voting new board members.

Members' Meeting - Ward must talk about his proposal and \$\$ request.

Discussions:

Gordie proposed change in posting names of new applicants (change by laws) so that prospects would be submitted directly to board and voted on at the earliest board meeting in order they are submitted. No action taken.

Decision to consult Wayne regarding when best to make by law changes.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer's Report: Mark Northcross - The Inn is at an all time high for overnight use and income.

Building & Grounds: Brenda Roberts – concern that the many changes required to comply with demands of Marin County Planning Department are in conflict with the historic cabin that is at the level of our national historic monument status.

Communications/Website Committee: Jan Gautier - The website is up to date.

Development Committee: Ward Flad - Development Committee Report 9/14/2015 submitted in writing:

We did another raffle at the pancake breakfast on Sunday. I don't have the exact numbers but it was a success. I was joined by Patricia Schmidt who took over after I got the ball rolling and did a magnificent job. The winner has been notified, with an explanation of how to reserve his night, and Rose has also been notified. Again, I encountered no members participating in the raffle, so the participants represent the general public who have an implied / expressed affinity for the Inn, which is exactly the intent of the raffle: outreach to non-members familiar with the Inn.

More importantly, perhaps, this was a sentinel event that I want to point out. As you all know, I have joined the Development Committee with the express purpose of exploring whether or not it's feasible to create an endowment for the Inn. I'm quite convinced that this is a very important endeavor that can help to insure that the Inn has a safe future. The sentinel moment came when we discovered that not one but two different Kaiser Permanente facilities we're doing their own Physician Wellness events, without communicating with each other, by coming to the Inn for the pancake breakfast. As the director of the Kaiser Richmond Physician Wellness organization for some 20 years, I am quite familiar with how this works. Very briefly, each Kaiser hospital has a separate and distinct Physician Wellness function, whose purpose is to foster and promote networking and camaraderie among physicians and nursing staff by creating fun healthy family events.

At some point, if we proceed with the major league fundraising needed to create an endowment; we will need to discuss at the board level what kind of partnerships we want to engage for the Inn. I believe that an example of an excellent partnership could be with Kaiser Permanente and their wellness functions. As you know from looking at their ads, they are heavily promoting their theme word which is "Thrive" along with healthy living. So when the time comes, I will introduced a resolution for discussion about how far we want to go with outreach into the corporate world for support for the Inn.

Fire & Safety: Pete Martin/Joel Blackwell – Building basically well protected but need to harden to protect from ember storm, need to review evacuation plan.

Garden Committee: Kathleen Kopp – no report

Heritage/History Committee: Fred Runner/Linda Hulley + Carl Nolte Marilyn Skaff Nancy Skinner Olene Sparks – no report

Historian: Fred Runner – no report

Housekeeping: Fran Rondeau/Bonnie Jones - The reupholstered Stickelt chair cushions arrived and will be installed at the work party.

Membership: Gordie & Lynn Mac Dermott -

A motion was seconded and approved to accept the following new members:

Mitch and Sarah Brown of Mill Valley - sponsored by:
Jan Gauthier and Joel Blackwell

Susan Baker of Oakland – sponsored by:
Jan Gauthier and Joel Blackwell

Wade Hufford of Oakland – sponsored by:
Jan Gauthier and Fran Rondeau

Mountain Organization Liaison: Olene Sparks – no report

Newsletter: Alison Bricker – no report

Old Timer's Liaison: Marilyn Skaff – - lodging mostly full sending out email inviting others.

Pancake Breakfasts: Chris Marcuse/Lin Johanson – Joel reported the pancakebreakfast served over 500 people.

Personnel: Lin Johanson – no report

Policy & Procedures: Wayne Koide – no report

Reservations: Rose Sullivan – no report

Work Parties: Jennifer Barclay – no report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Donations: \$100.00 Manuela Kogon

Brenda Roberts moved to adjourn which was seconded and unanimous approved.

Meeting was adjourned 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Blackwell (acting secretary)

Tally of Donations of mid-week overnight accommodation - 2015	
Month voted	Organization
January	Kiddo (schools in MV)