

WEST POINT INN ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEMBERS' MEETING
Sunday, April 19, 2015, 11:00 AM
West Point Inn

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 11:06 am by President Fran Rondeau

Board Attendees: Jan Gauthier, Pete Martin, Bob Newcomer, Brenda Roberts, Fran Rondeau, Olene Sparks

Board Members Absent: Joel Blackwell, Ward Flad, Fred Runner

Others: Bonnie Jones – Secretary, Mark Northcross - Treasurer - Total of 50 members signed in.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of Fall Members' Meeting 2014 were previously approved by the Board of Directors on November 10, 2014, because the Members' meetings typically don't have a quorum. This issue was resolved by approving the minutes at the Board meeting following Members' meeting.

Review of minutes - the minutes will be open for questions prior to adjournment of this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Special welcome to new members - new members introduced & honored.

General comments about the good condition of the Inn - work party yesterday – the Inn looks spectacular.

Concerns for water supply -

MMWD is building us a second water tank - construction will take place in summer of 2015.

The board is discussing making a contingency fund for drought and for fire safety - setting money aside - contingency fund.

New website - working on archiving manuals, history, photos, historical documents in the cloud.

Updated reservations system soon - we have already made many changes.

Mother's Day PCB reminder -

Volunteers for all PKB and cleanup crew please contact the host for that event - list in the newsletter

Fred & Fran will speak at the Marvelous Marin Breakfast Club on April 23.

Heritage Night - end of May - guest speaker Laura Ackley. Still seats available for dinner & program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark Northcross - Profit & Loss 2013 vs. 2014. Overnight use fees largest source of revenue. PCB another big source of revenue. Total revenue \$282K. Biggest expense (\$80K) is for innkeepers & reservationist. Repairs - reduced - expected to increase in 2015. Insurance - reasonably well-insured. Net \$91K. Cash position increased to \$240K. It is prudent to keep \$100K in reserves. Overnight use fees have increased steadily. Inn basically full -- cannot look to overnight use fees for increased funding. We must look at donations & fund-raising.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds: Brenda Roberts – planning one project per month. March & April - public bathrooms - floors & wainscoting & painting. Investigating tankless hot water heaters. need to change cooper piping (for propane lights) to stainless steel. Fire Escape door needs to be replaced. Need to get the roof finished.

Member volunteered bee hives donation & will teach innkeepers how to maintain hives.

Communications/Website Committee: Jan Gautier - New committee - website update, new photos, better navigation. Liaison among committees to ensure good communication. New website will be in about four to six weeks. Board chose new webmaster.

Development Committee: Ward Flad, Olene Sparks, Susie Adams Koide

1. We would like to thank all of the donors for their kind support in response to our year-end general fund drive.
2. Once we get our new website we will invite all members to visit the newly revised website and especially to check out the "Support in Inn" section and to click on all the various links for descriptions and information about the many ways you can lend your support to the Inn.
3. Car donation set up with St. Vincent's.

Fire & Safety: Pete Martin/Joel Blackwell –

Working to install new fire alarm system smoke, heat & CO sensors. We expect a proposal within the next week or so. The system will be monitored by company & fire dept notified. There will also be a local alarm within the building.

Fire sprinkler system - installed 15 years ago - first line of defense. It needs increased water pressure & volume.

Defensible space around the building - vegetation management - selectively thinning - 300 feet. MMWD met with Pete & Fran - very impressed with progress. MMWD cartographer will use GPS to mark perimeter. This work will reduce radiant heat & direct flame impingement. We can't control ember distribution & risk. To mitigate risk we will be sealing building cracks.

MMWD - new water tank - 10,000 gallon dedicated for Inn use. The Board is concerned about continued water supply & spring throughout the year.

Garden Committee: Kathleen Kopp – herb garden plots installed. Discussed erosion control. Garden on hill - reviewed plantings. Reviewed issue with compost - can continue to compost.

Heritage/History Committee: Fred Runner/Linda Hulley - no report

Historian: Fred Runner - no report

Housekeeping: Fran Rondeau/Bonnie Jones - no report

Membership: Gordy MacDermott - membership cap (500) - 23 members didn't rejoin. We took 23 people from wait list. Gordy noted that a single membership can't be converted to joint - second member needs to go through process. Trying to encourage members to pay on time (i.e., avoid second notices). Current waiting list about 32. There are about about 3-4 applications every month. Currently there is about a two year waiting period.

Q - lockers - only 28 lockers. Member brought up the idea of sharing lockers. Could we add new lockers in the basement?

Mountain Organization Liaison: Olene Sparks – suggestion we stay in touch with other likeminded organizations - TCC, Alpine Club.

Newsletter: Alison Bricker - appreciation for support of newsletter.

Old Timer's Liaison: Marilyn Skaff - September 2015. "Old Timer" means longevity in terms of membership.

Pancake Breakfasts: Chris Marcuse/Lin Johanson – The Pancake Breakfast season is upon us once again and we are ready to have a fantastic season. We hope to see you all up here again enjoying our lovely Inn. Mother's Day is full but we are looking for volunteers for all of the other breakfasts and clean up crews. Please look at the newsletter or the website to find the appropriate host for the day you can volunteer. Your experience includes a fee overnight, amazing food and a fun time for a really great cause. The West Point Inn!!

Personnel: Lin Johanson - we have two new fill-in Innkeepers - Karl Jurgenson & David Durr. They will start training shortly and both will be wonderful new additions to our fantastic crew. Recognition of Alan - Innkeeper on duty.

Policy & Procedures: Wayne Koide – no report

Reservations: Rose Sullivan - going great. Nice changes - multiple days in a single booking. Whole Inn booking will change - will have to book each room & cabin.

Work Parties: Jennifer Barclay - about 55 people yesterday. Jennifer reported that we had the most amazing work party – several folks continued working after lunch until sunset. Picnic tables refinished.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Q - interest in natural history night? native plant society for instance.

RAFFLE

two posters, gift card pack and an overnight for two were raffled off

Nina Meister - poster

Brenda Roberts - pack of cards

Nancie Jordan - poster

Marcus Byruck - overnight

Rob Badger moved to adjourn which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Jones