

Lake Limerick Inn Committee Minutes

July 9, 2022

Attendees: Paul Wagner, Mary Berni, Lisa Wilson, Sharon Hadsall, Mitch Robinson, Nancy Dudacek-Milliman, Bonnie Morrow, Sheila Nokes, Mary Ann Wagner, Dorothy Powter

Excused: Kyle Skinner, Jon Huus

Staff: Roger Milliman, Kristine Anderson (audio)

Guests: Sharon Corrigan, Holly Vopat-Steiner, Pat Paradise

Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Wagner at 9:30am

Minutes: Motion made by Sharon Hadsall to approve June's minutes, seconded by Mary Berni.

Youth Committee: Motion made by Bonnie Morrow, seconded by Lisa Wilson, to move the Youth Committee under the Inn Committee umbrella and accept Holly Vopat-Steiner as a new member of the Inn Committee who will be in charge of Youth Committee activities, with the support of the Inn Committee.

Financials: Roger noted May revenue for the restaurant is up 46% year-over-year and 95% for the lounge. Café is up 16%. Labor and Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) have increased due to inflation. Repair & Maintenance are also up due to failed equipment.

Roger is working with Kristine and Chef Jon on the **Operating Budget** using an 8% cost of living adjustment for labor. Target revenue for the Great Hall is \$42k. A subsidy of \$250k is being used for the restaurant with the lounge not requiring one. Overall a \$50k jump. Mitch Robinson is arranging a review of our food and beverage operations to identify areas where we can save money. Question arose regarding how the Inn Committee, CAM and Chef Jon interact – Jon's extensive experience allows him to cost out each plate, and then Roger and kitchen staff set prices accordingly.

Operations: Keeping dishwasher's has been a challenge as we've lost 2 this past month. Due to the amount of summer events, Trivia nights will not be held in July and August, but will resume in September. Wednesday's food and beverage revenue has been averaging \$400/night. July 6th was busiest Wednesday so far with about 33 members (1st Wednesday saw 20 members). If traffic does not continue to increase, will scale back operations going forward.

Recap of Events:

- The **Wine Dinner** held on June 22nd sold out at 35 seats and was a huge success. Food revenue was \$2,450 and the lounge saw \$1,260 in business, resulting in a profitable evening. Interest was expressed in repeating this type of event with a beer or bourbon tasting. Kristine suggested we do a quarterly event with the next one being a beer tasting dinner to celebrate Oktoberfest with the help of member

Rich Hamilton. Other possible themes were beer and burgers (or brats) or a taco bar. It was noted that buffet-type events were not usually profitable.

- **Lake Limerick Daze** was very well attended on Saturday - the snack shack brought in \$1,500 and the keg of beer brought in \$340. The parade had a large number of participants and small improvements were discussed for next year including additional signage and cones.
- On **Sunday's Music Event** Chris Eakes performed on the lawn and besides the restaurant/lounge being open there were 2 food trucks and a beer/wine tent. Each food truck brought in around \$1k each with LLCC keeping 10% of their profits.
- Mary Ann Wagner volunteered to organize a **Special Events Manual** to track quantities of items used for future reference as well as notes on what worked well and suggestions for possible different approaches next time.

Upcoming Events:

- **Garage Sale July 23rd from 9 to 4pm** – Kristine volunteered to make a flyer to post on LLCC website and social media sites. Booths will not be allowed in the tennis courts or parking lot of the Inn. Paul Wagner and Mary Berni will create large signage to post in various areas around the community.
- **Music on July 15th** - Carla and Joe Elliot have offered to perform on the patio on Friday, July 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 for free!
- **Music on July 29th** – following a golf tournament and taco bar, Carla and Joe Elliot will be performing from 3:30 to 5:00 lakeside at the Inn, in exchange for golfing privileges. The lounge will open early at 3:00 that day. Several party barges will be available to take members on cruises around the lake, as well.
- **End of Summer Bash** – topic to be tabled until August meeting.
- **New Year's Eve Party** – the Great Hall will be reserved for this event; Mary Berni and Lisa Wilson will start recruiting members to begin the planning process.

Old Business:

- **Inn flooring** – final payment pending Tupper's doing final walk-through (they have not responded to latest request). Minor problem areas remain.
- **Fireplace** – painting of the fireplace bricks and trim by Flying Colors has been completed and all agree it looks great! The trim color has more red in it than expected and it was decided to repaint it with a "browner" shade. Nancy to look in to purchasing paint and volunteer labor will be used to save money.
- **Fireplace Insert** – tabled until August.
- **Great Hall Events sub-committee** – results to be shared after next sub-committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 10am.

New Business:

- **Advertising/Marketing** – Nancy shared ½ page ad for golf course/café appearing in new quarterly publication of the **Fjord**. Aiming to advertise in next (September) issue of **Business Matters**, put out by The Chamber.
- **Capital Budget** – priority list: (1) Redo men's and women's bathrooms (\$\$ tbd) (2) Increase storage for great hall equipment (\$\$ tbd) (3) Extend outside patio with proper drainage (\$\$ tbd). (4) New flooring for Pro-Shop/Café to include kitchen area; painting and freshening up (\$\$ tbd) (5) Great Hall fireplace insert (or "heating" fireplace) including running gas lines (Nancy obtaining estimates from 2 vendors).

- **Chamber “After Hours”** – event for Chamber members to be held at LLCC in October (?). Per Nancy they will start at the café and then go over to the great hall.
- Mitch announced he would no longer be a full-time voting member of the committee, but would still attend meetings as he was able.
- **Car Show** – July 20th private event including luncheon held by Yesteryear’s car club. The Inn Committee is not involved, but Roger will obtain information to share with community, so they know what it is about.
- **Inn CommitteeTown Hall** – date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie Morrow and seconded by Mary Ann Wagner at 11:25am

Minutes submitted by Mary Berni

Next Meeting – Saturday August 13, 2022 at 9:30am at the Inn Restaurant