

Lake Limerick Inn Committee Minutes

February 11, 2023

Attendee Members: Paul Wagner, Mary Ann Wagner, Lisa Wilson, Susan Friends Magee, Nancy Dudacek Milliman, Sharon Hadsall, Sandra O'Hara Nelson

Absent: Sheila Nokes, Kyle Skinner, Holly Vopat-Steiner, Mary Berni

Staff: Roger Milliman, Jon Huus, Nikki Sprague

Guests: Sandy Nelson, Susan Sande, Kim Graver, Robyn LaRoche, Deb Galbraith, Mary Lou Trautman, Bert Pedersen

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

January 2023 Minutes: Motion made by Mary Ann, seconded by Susie Friends MaGee to approve January minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to add 2 Members: Motion made by Mary Ann, seconded by Nancy to add Sandra O'Hara-Nelson, and Robyn LaRoche, both have attended 3 recent meetings. Passed unanimously.

Financials: Roger noted that overall YTD sales were up 31% for the restaurant, 55% for the lounge and 55%, and 48% for the Café compared with 2021. Of those Café numbers, 80% Members, and 20% Public make up the 48% increase.

Operations: Special Award to the Restaurant and for Desserts, as well as in the Café for Brian and Carianne was mentioned. **Chef Jon** reported hiring Chef Richard (red chef jacket), as our new Sous Chef. The new oven is being installed Mon-Tue 12/13Feb. Cost of goods continues to rise but decision to raise or not raise menu prices is being discussed with BOD. Specials may be subject to increases. Chef Jon to announce possible Mardi Gras special and St. Patrick's Day Specials soon. Friday \$\$ high for Restaurant and Lounge but Valentines Dinner reservations are low. Could be that a lot is going on with Super Bowl Sunday, and actual VD not until Tuesday.

Roger announced new POS in Pro Shop and Café will also separate purchases of Member vs Public for better tracking dollars and where they come from.

Nikki mentioned Comment Cards are being reprinted. Full Staff going into Spring and Summer. Feels we can handle the Event dinners with fewer Food Trucks, if we also add the LLCC Food Truck window that Terry Morrow made last year. All agreed. She is looking for a rectangle table or 2 for end-to-end outdoor use on the Patio. All weather that can remain outside.

Recap of recent events:

Trivia and Bingo both well attended in January.

Upcoming scheduled events:

1. Valentines Dinner – Saturday, February 11
2. Super Bowl Sunday - Sunday, February 12-3pm
3. Bingo – Thursday, February 16 at 6:30
4. Trivia – Sunday, February 19th at 5:30
5. Open Mic/Karaoke night – Staying the same format for March, with Lisa as Lead and Gary as MC, Sunday, March 5th 5:30p – 7:30p
6. St. Patrick's Day Event: Shenanigans at Limerick – Lisa taking Lead with help from Robyn, Sandy, Susan and Susie. Friday, March 17. Decorating team and playful games TBA at March 11 meeting.
7. LLCC Fishing Derby – Saturday, April 22. **Deb Will** spoke on their Event. Working with Chef Jon on Breakfast Buffet, and Helpers needed to serve and clean-up. TBD at the Mar. 11 meeting with finalized needs of the Inn Committee helpers. Ticket Sales now automated. Derby Committee will provide more information in March.
8. Member wedding in Great Hall – Saturday, May 27th

Upcoming events to be discussed further:

- **St. Patrick's Day** – will present activities at March 11 meeting.
- Wednesdays Open Mic. And other Suggestions: No decisions made. Suggestions included keeping a separate Open Mic in future. Mary Lou suggested more events in the Great Hall going forward, including live Music events during the colder seasons.
- **Event ideas for Spring:** Paint and Sip, Game Nights (Wednesdays) more to be discussed at March Meeting.
- **Beer Dinner** (Father's Day weekend?) Nikki working with Kyle and Rich.
- **"Studio Time" presentation by Kim Graver.** A request to have a weekly/monthly evening of Arts & Craftsmen in the Great Hall. This was presented as a Community Event. Kim will work with the Office on all details and get back to the Inn Committee in March.
- BOD and the community to sponsor a **Summer Employee Appreciation** event on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023** for staff and their families
- **Old Business:**
- Mens and Womens Restrooms:
Roger advised this is budgeted, and they are waiting for a Project Mgr. to design and schedule the work. Pat Paradise did the ADA design. TBD at March meeting.
- Roger is pricing additional pavers to complete the Pavers and permeable addition to the Patio where we have drainage issues outside of the restaurant. Plan if possible is to be completed before Fishing Derby.
- Patio Flowers will be priced by Susan Sande, and information brought to March meeting. She is working with Roger to locate all the basket frames, and the 3 Patio Pots to plant. Suggestion to move large Pots to areas outside of the Patio due to Bees.

New Business:

- Two display cases at the Inn Main Entrance:
 1. **Outside display case:** Mary Ann and Sandy and it looks fantastic.
 2. **Inside display case:** Nancy decorated February; will rotate w/other Inn Committee members monthly. Need Volunteer for MARCH.
- Music events for summer – Lisa & Nancy will help get Music Planned, with Help from Nikki.
- Recruitment of new members / volunteers – Keep Getting the Word out. Mailing to all former Magpies to join the Inn Committee, or get on a Help List to contact for future Events.
- New letters and emojis needed for community sign at fire station. Nancy is locating.
- Social Memberships need to be discussed. Roger will bring details to the March Meeting.

Marketing

- **Best of Mason County** – First Place in GOLF, Restaurant, Café Chef, Server, Desserts, and Salesperson. Use of the Gold Awards to be used in all Marketing when able.
- Upcoming advertisements in the quarterly **Tracing the Fjord, Eat Local Mason Co**, and Coupons to be begin in March issue of **The Journal** and run every 2 weeks, will be double the size.
- Still have a lot of calendars left to sell but are completely paid for already by advertising.
- Discussion on updating both the Great Hall and Pro Shop brochures to continue.
- Waiting on the Chamber of Commerce to set date for a Business After Hours at Lake Limerick Café', and to showcase our Great Hall. Roger will follow-up on an article in Business Matters to help the Great Hall get exposure for future rental opportunities.
- Moved to future discussion: Discussed idea of having security person handing out coupons to contractors/service workers that they see in our community to help promote our café.
- Mark is following up on the Fence Banner at the HS, for LLCC, Golf & Café'.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Minutes submitted by Nancy Dudacek Milliman

Next Meeting –3/11/23 – 9:30am – Inn Restaurant