

## LAKE LIMERICK INN COMMITTEE MINUTES for May 11, 2019

Meeting called to order by committee chairman Don Hautala at 9:31 am

**Members present:** Sue Bird, Penny Cory, Don Hautala, Nancy Milliman, Donna Miller, Bonnie Morrow, Dorothy Powter, Susan Smart, Nan Stricklin, Paul Wagner.

**Guest and new Youth Coordinator:** Kayla Paradise

**Board Members:** Tim McKern and Brian Smith

**Staff:** CAM Roger Milliman, CHEF Josh Neely

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve April 13, 2019 minutes was made by Bonnie Morrow, Second by Susan Smart. Minutes approved/passed unanimously.

**RESTAURANT AND BAR REPORT:** Sales numbers were reported for April by Roger Milliman (CAM), Café \$4800, Bar \$6907, Restaurant \$27, 500, Fishing Derby day \$1200. Still signs of folks returning from the south, really good growth for the month! And we should see increase for next month now that the Café is open 7 days a week.

Josh Neely (CHEF) reported on – **Easter Brunch** went very well, very good comments on the food for the day. No real problems for the day. **Fishing Derby** day was very well attended. There was a profit of over \$600.00 for the day just on food. Bonnie Morrow added that she heard many positive reviews on the food, best ever! Nancy Milliman added note that we will need to remember to have a clean up crew on that day after event. Nancy, Roger and Dale took it on but would have been good to have additional help. **Cinco de mayo** there was about \$1200 sales for the day just for food, good size crowd, busy night. He thanked Faith for the decorations on the table, she did great with them! **Mother's Day** reservations are at 64 for three settings, he will check again today to see if any last minute ones have come in. Comment that weather may be working against him on this day. Last year was a beautiful day also and was very good draw so not sure about that.

Josh Neely (CHEF) then shared and handed out copies of his new Kids menu and Happy Hour menu that he is going to test out. The committee thought they were great and thanked Josh for trying these new items. One really good suggestion from Kayla Paradise is maybe offer the side first before dinner, just to keep the children busy! Dorothy Powter also asked what the drink would be, Josh said there would be options (milk, juice, etc). Josh then talked about the Café, he has the staff he needs over there now with the opening of additional days and time. He has given Sicily the roll of lead in the cafe, she will keep things running and keep Josh informed on everything he needs to know. Josh shared that he will offer some salads on his "daily special" board due to some requests that have been made. Penny made

mention that the staff seem to be working really well together over there and are going out of their way to please the patrons, which Josh was very pleased to hear.

Josh Neely (CHEF) also shared a copy of new menu for the restaurant and went over the changes that he is making. The committee was very pleased with it. He is trying to add summer fresh items. Josh will monitor it, watching for what is working and what is not. He shared that he wants to know what the quality of the food that is coming out of his kitchen, so he is using local made items (like the Olympic Mountain Ice Cream made here in Shelton). He also shared that he is going to try to make the Cheesecake himself, if it becomes too much he may rethink this and Nancy Milliman had a name of local woman that could be contacted. It was very nice hearing his ideas and philosophy of how he sees the restaurant should run! Josh shared that he will be gone next weekend. He will try to have everything prepped for the upcoming Fashion Show next Saturday, his sous Chef will be taking care of that day and he will work with him to insure everything will run smoothly. Nancy Milliman asked about plans for Memorial Day menu. He is working on ideas! Nancy Milliman then asked Josh if he was still interested in getting a smoker. Bonnie Morrow said that request went to the Magpie group and there wasn't any interest in purchasing one at this time. After Josh had given some examples of what he would be using it for, **Penny Cory made a motion for the Inn Committee to purchase a smoker, not to exceed \$500. Second by Nancy Milliman, all in favor and passed unanimously. (because this is only \$500 it was determined this did not need to go to the board for approval)**

**SUB INN COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Susan Smart reported that the subcommittee met with Dwayne from maintenance and he is working on the Barn Door and should have it up soon. The team that got together voted on two doors or one, the one door won the vote. Should be very nice once it is complete and hung. Susan also brought pictures of the interior lights that the committee would like to purchase for the restaurant. Bonnie Morrow said she took it to the Magpie group to request that they fund. They agreed to fund up to \$2500. **There was a motion made by Nancy Milliman to approve the design and accept the purchase proposal of the lighting project from the Magpies. Seconded by Bonnie Morrow, all in favor but one, Nan Stricklin.** Susan Smart also went over the wish list that will need to be taken to the board for approval from 2020 Capital Budget. Deadline for these request will need to be in by August 15<sup>th</sup>. She has one bid to have the Great Hall painted, three paints and waiting to hear back on the \$\$ amount. Also flooring for the restaurant/lounge/stairs and hallway. It is the same product that is in Safeway store, produce department. Tim McKern told the group that it is the same product that is in the Fire Station and it is very durable. Susan is also getting a bid to replace the carpet in Great Hall. (If we are able to paint we should also update the carpet at the same time!) Roger and Don thanked the subcommittee for all the work they have done so far.

Don Hautala asked if we should do a request for Generator for the Inn. There was much discussion on what this would mean and whether this is something the Inn Committee should be taking on. It was then suggested by Paul Wagner that a motion should not be done by the Inn Committee, but perhaps a feasibility study request could be made. **A motion was made by Susan Smart that a feasibility study be done in the purchasing of a generator for the Inn 2021 Capital Budget. It was seconded by Penny Cory. Approved by all but one, Char Edwards.**

Snack Shack painting: Discussion on why this building was not painted when the Inn was painted. It was explained that it was "missed" on the contract with the painter. Paul Wagner explained how it was

missed by the past CAM. Maintenance does not have time to do it at this time, if it could wait till slower month maybe in fall, but the committee would like to get it painted now, so it will be done by a team of volunteers. Time and who to be determined. Don Hautala will contact Robbie Alberts for volunteer list and get this set up.

Joint Greens Committee/Pro Shop Manager / Sub Inn Committee: Nancy Milliman went over advertising that they are working on. Working to get word out there that the golf and café are open to public and new days and hours. Using newsletters and website to get word out also to the community. Trying to get signs out on Mason Lake road. The journal will have adds coming out. Inside golf, Don Hautala is working on this publication, maybe about \$200-\$300 for the ad. Working on plan to get additional Social membership in June. Joined the Chamber. Roger and Nancy will be at Alderbrook tournament, passing out information on our golf course. Roger explained that the budget is \$3200 for these advertisement and they are using these funds for all this. There was discussion of ways that have worked in past of tracking public use of the course and Café. Coupons will track if is public or members are using golf and café. It was brought up that in the Café in the past we were asked our Lot # and name, good way to track.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Roger and Josh showed the committee the new updated comment card. Committee thought it looks really good and would like to start using it as soon as possible. Josh explained that he would be using this information to help with ways to improve quality if needed. Also that they can be used as a training tool for staff if needed. Char Edwards asked who would be reviewing the cards? Roger said that Josh, Faith and himself. Penny Cory brought up that she remembered the committee had stated it would be the Chef and Inn Committee chair reviewing, and if this was not going to stay this way it should be revisited by the Committee. Char Edwards also voiced a concern of to many sets of eyes viewing the comment cards could potentially damage the confidentiality of the card and they will be useless.

Char Edwards reported that she talked with Christy in the office, has a good idea of what she needs from us. We will be using her spreadsheet and adding our information to it. We have till November so she did not want anyone to stress over this.

Josh is working on ideas for a Snowbird welcome back menu for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Don reported that he had been out doing research on a new band that may be able to play this summer. They are really good, variety of music that all should enjoy. He has the contact information and work with Roger on a contract. Date and time just needs to be worked out. Josh explained his calendar is getting booked and does not want to over work the staff so it was decided that Don and Josh will work together to come up with some dates will be best to have the music nights.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don Hautala introduced the new Youth Coordinator, Kayla Paradise. She is very excited to help out but stated this is new to her, so would welcome as much help as she can get. The committee told her that would not be a problem. First event for her to focus on will be July Daze on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Looking to have the Bouncy House, Face Painting and other games in the tennis courts.

Don Hautala reported on Lake Limerick Daze. He has volleyball set up, Sue Ingersoll and Pat Jankord will be running again this year. Magpies have the Snack Shack and are getting volunteers set up. Still looking for contact for Grand Marshall car. Bonnie Morrow suggested Mary Lou Troutman as Grand Marshall. Nancy also suggested Dorothy Powter. Both women do and have done so much for the community! Dorothy said she appreciated but would like to decline. The committee approved of the suggestion and Mary Lou will be asked.

**Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Morrow, Second by Donna Miller. Motion passed unanimously at 11:37 am**

**Next meeting: June 8, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Inn.**