

COG Board of Directors Open Session

Meeting Minutes

20 Mar 2021

Opening

The Open Session of the COG Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 on 20 Mar 2021 in McDade, TX by Mike W.

Present

Mike W

Ivan M

Crystal M

Wanda H

Jamie M

Mark B

Rob D

Gary H

The Council held its annual straw poll in preparation for the upcoming Shareholders meeting and election of the three open Board of Directors seats.

Approval of Minutes

- No discussion on the previous Open Session minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- This is Gary's last meeting as Treasurer.
- The line of credit loan was paid off.

General Manager's Report

- Ken will be departing in the first week of April. A parting gift was presented for his contributions to the ranch.
- The guest kitchen is expected to be complete this coming week.
- PPP loan forgiveness application has been submitted, awaiting decision and response.
- GM transition of duties is progressing well.
- 5K Race
 - o 50 runners have pre-registered
 - o No same day registrations will be accepted
 - o Visitors must pre-register

- o Course preparation is on-going
- Adding an additional gate at the Nekkid Parrot and upgrading the cook station
- The new pool pump was installed by Dave Mc to get the pool back in operation from the freeze
- An arborist was consulted regarding the palm trees and it's a wait and see until July – no trimming, just wait
- Plans for the new pool bath house developed by Bart and submitted to the BoD for review
- Over the next several months, the GM is going to review and update the Master Plan (grounds and facilities)
- Getting new signs made for the race and AANR convention
- Road repairs are underway
- Planning for the addition of shade sail at the pool with new support poles and possibly a light at the deep end of the pool for extending volleyball into the evening
- The GM is also looking at options for new furniture at the pool
- Tonya is now part of the housekeeping team
- Volunteer of the Month: Patrick
- The BoD accepted comments from eight people on thoughts and concerns on modifying the current restrictions on visitors. The BoD held a follow-on discussion in closed session with the results announced on 25 Mar 21, text included below.
 - o At the Board Meeting this past Saturday, we discussed the further reopening for Star Ranch. We heard from members and residents and have taken into consideration their concerns and comments.
 - o As it stands right now, we will open cabin rentals and all RV sites. On April 10th (day of the Bare Buns Run) we will allow rental of eligible tent sites around the pool (those with power and water).
 - o We will be cautiously watching as Spring Break comes and goes to see if we need to make any changes.
 - o We will also limit Day Passes (by reservation only, booked no later than 24 hours in advance) to visitors Monday-Saturday. Sundays will be for Members and overnight guests only. There will be no Sunday restrictions for our 7 event weekends, the two 5K races, the AANR-SW Convention, the AANR International Convention, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.
 - o Beginning April 10th, breakfast will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays at The Nekkid Parrot. The Events Calendar has been updated to reflect these changes.

- o Signs at the Hall will be changed to reflect that “Masks and Social Distancing are Recommended”.
- o Blue bands will be available at the office and the pool for those who may have health concerns and need to keep their distance.

Old Business

- Convention is expected to go on, planning to resume

New Business

- Treasurer position is still open
- TeleGram app (for cell phones) is up and running with 2 private groups, one for site holders and the other for members. The intent is for a rapid means for making announcements. Details on how to be added are also on the members-only website
 - o In the app store of your phone vendor, download the Telegram app. It is free.
 - o Create your account with your phone number
 - o INSIDE THE TELEGRAM APP (THIS IS IMPORTANT) Message MarkD (MarkDog2030 on Telegram) at 512-659-0320. Please provide your names, your membership level (as a security question only) and your Star Ranch site number as applicable.
 - o Your our account can then be added to the appropriate Star Ranch group(s). You will then receive notification in Telegram of your new group status.
 - o For assistance, you can phone or text me via mobile messaging.
 - o There is also a Telegram web page where you can see the same items on your computer as your phone, at <http://web.telegram.org>. For Telegram general and technical questions, check <https://telegram.org/faq>.

Council Report

- Easter luncheon still on – details to follow

Committee Reports

- Residency: Mark and Crystal approved – site on Eely Rd
- Housing: appears the Quality Inn might be opening

Member Comments and Questions

- Pat expressed that the Zoom call was technically challenging with audio problems
- The lots on Brown and Eely are now for sale

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 by Mike W. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for next month.

Minutes submitted by: Jamie M