

COG Board of Directors Open Session

Minutes
June 17, 2023

Opening

The Open Session of the COG BoD was called to order at 10:03 am in McDade, TX by Crystal W.

Present

Crystal W
Ronnie B
Jamie M
Jean M
Bart W
Linda (GM)

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without discussion.

Treasurer Report

- Distributed profit and loss statement for member review
- May profit of over \$11k
- Dave M has resigned as treasurer, BOD has started looking for a replacement

General Manager Report

- 2020 and 2021 taxes submitted and no payments were due
- Cabin 5 progress moving forward, framing near complete for new roof and screened porch, lots of thanks to Tommy!
- Convention great success and lots of accolades from visitors
- Garage sale made approximately \$2600 for the pickle ball courts
- 10 new picnic table frames funded through donations and to be ordered this week
- New HVAC in the office installed and working great
- Pines electrical upgrade working on sourcing materials, proving to be a challenge, on-going

Old Business

- Star Ranch selected to host the next AANR SW conference

- o Consider allowing members to let their cabins or trailers be used for visitors
- Smoking inside the fence area at the pool
 - o **Motion:** no smoking within 10ft of the fence and inside the fence at the pool starting next week and construct pavilion, Crystal , 2nd Jamie, unanimously approved
 - Discussion
 - Accommodations for people with less mobility
 - Did not ask visitors, just members
 - Request for a designated area inside the fence
 - An additional pavilion would also provide additional seating for high volume occasions
 - Option to put placards on certain tables
- Board retreat summary
 - o Reviewed updated vision and mission with members
 - o Listed the eight objectives, development plan, structure largely unchanged from previous 5-yr plan
 - o The priority efforts within each of those categories imported into an excel spreadsheet, with status
 - o Members were asked for additional inputs
 - o Select projects were posted an member affinity votes collected to see where interest lies
 - Tara hall new floor surface 40
 - Pines electrical upgrade 39
 - Road repair 34
 - Pickle ball courts 23
 - Tractor barn extension 21
 - Shade sales 20
 - Cabin 5 20
 - o Lease review by BOD complete, announcements for appointments being developed
 - o Cabin deals being reviewed
 - o Liability statement will be included with leases and for visitors
 - o BOD voted to give staff given a \$3 raise

New Business

- TX Senate Bill 12 could have an impact on the ranch. The legislation has to do with sexually explicit activities in the presence of minors. AANR and BOD watching closely.
- Ethan T, a student, sent a request to Star Ranch to film a documentary. The request was read to members.
 - o Comments
 - Caution based on use of the “right words”
 - Mark B said he would try to look up the individual
 - A concern of his motivation and the lack of control of any footage and the final product
 - Senate bill a concern

- Majority not in favor, at this time especially
- Recommend investigating the individual, the revisiting
- The attention drawn to Star is not likely something we want
- o Mark B film contest entry filmed at the ranch in non-public locations, could result in a cash prize
 - Straw pole- mixed

Council and Committee Reports

Council Report

- 1 new member, 1 interview
- Plans to solicit feedback, through personal conversations rather than survey
- Blind cart race today
- Cart wash today
- New membership form now includes a requirement for 3 current member signatures

Fire Safety

- Texas Forrest service provide some tools and signs, awarded because of our efforts

Marketing committee

- Watermelon festival booth planned, looking for any swag or items to sell
- Jack and Sadelinia new members of the committee
- Request BOD for an open house date later in the year, clothed event for community members/leaders and fire department
- BOD requested committee review the Ranch Friends Facebook group moderation (policy)
- Request for BOD approval for a band at the anniversary event
- Member question, is there BOD oversight of marketing committee releases, specifically social media?

Pickle ball committee

- Proposal to BOD on go/no-go (plan distributed and reviewed)
- **Motion:** approve the pickle ball court project proceed with a feasibility study and planning, Crystal, 2nd Jean, unanimously approved
 - o Discussion
 - Impact to parking
 - Guide wires and utilities may impact additional surface area
 - Work should be off season
 - Other clubs saw new membership/visitors when they installed courts and night play was stopped mainly due to noise

Member questions/comments

- Any update on vehicle camera policy? BOD still determining courses of action.
- Any update on the plaque for Wanda's table? The status was not known at the time.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jean, 2nd by Bart, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Minutes submitted by Jamie M.