

SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

14 October 2023

Council Members: Dave M, CM J, Deborah V, Mike G, Linda G, Pete T, John M, Bob R

Board Members: Ronnie B, Jean M

Meeting opened at 1002. Reading of the September Council Meeting Minutes was waived.

There were no new members since September Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Action Items – AI 23-01, Mini Survey. Mike W stated there are several Google Survey Forms available for free. Questions, and the number of questions for the survey need to be developed, and how to export the Survey must be determined. There are 3 Star Ranch Data Bases, Members, Residents, and Newsletter that could be utilized, or some other defined process. Suggestions were email questions to guests; place survey cards in rooms and cabins; create a link through the webpage to reach the survey; create a QR Code to reach the survey. Sabrina stated Jack could assist with establishing a QR Code. The AI remains open.

The “test” segment of the Golf Cart Rodeo was run in September. The activity was an overwhelming success. Going forward with the activity, there will be 3 scheduled segments in 2024 with each segment having 3 different legs (tasks.) The winners of the 3 Segments will be invited to a “Championship Golf Cart Rodeo” in the September/October 2024 timeframe for a Grand Winner. All Segments will have different legs to accomplish.

The Anniversary Weekend was well attended. There were 34 people still enjoying the live music at 10PM. It will continue to be an “open” weekend – not Member’s Only.

The 5k Race had 134 runners. Our Griller reported he cooked 140 hamburgers, and a number of hotdogs. There was/is a problem with men signing up to run in Women’s Categories. Linda M is checking with AANR-SW with their ruling on such activities. It was reported that the Awards Ceremony was boring because only 1st place winners were announced, and there was no fanfare. Linda M stated she would make notes of the information shared and keep it available for next year’s race. On a positive note, the impromptu Sand Volleyball games were a huge success. Linda M will reach out to Mike K to market a Sand Volleyball tournament at the end of the 5k race. Sabrina noted, later in the meeting, that she had attended all five 5k races, and Star Ranch was the most expensive. Star Ranch was the only place that charged for a meal. There was general discussion regarding the cost of the most recent meals at Star Ranch with the repeated comment that they were too expensive. Linda M stated she would take that information back to the Food Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Rock Garden – Sabrina presented her concept of creating a Rock Garden at Star Ranch. It is a “care and share” concept – paint a rock, take a rock, exchange a rock; an opportunity to get together and socialize. Sabrina shared the sites that might be a convenient place to create a Rock Garden. The same information has been sent to Crystal W, Board President, but no response has been received. Mike Weems motioned that we make Rock Garden Painting an official recurring activity. Pete T seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. December 16, 2023 at 2PM in Tara Hall will be the first Rock Painting Circle.

Board Report – Ronnie B reported on the indoor pool/hot tub problem. A Foundation Company assessed the situation. Their recommendation is to contact an Engineering Structural Company for a more concise assessment. The Foundation Company provided a list of 3 Engineering Structural Companies to contact. When asked for a “ballpark” date for completion, there isn’t one. Mike G recommended a stand-alone Hot Tub that will seat 8 to 10 people and can be filled with a water hose. The cost of the ones he has researched are about \$12,000. It would be a fixture that could be placed anywhere, then moved, if necessary. It would provide a Hot Tub for this winter.

The Horse Races will be held at 4PM today to allow those headed to the Cotton Bowl Dirt Races at 5:30PM. Karaoke is still scheduled for 8PM at the Pool.

Mike W asked what the consensus was regarding DJ's on Saturday night. Mike W reported a couple of years ago, he had 10 to 15 DJ's scheduled. This year, he had only 5. Also, patrons are leaving the pool area around 10PM with the DJ's playing until midnight. While there was discussion, no specific ideas were offered. As for the remainder of 2023, there will be music at the pool or in Tara Hall, but no DJ's except for special occasions like Halloween and New Year's Eve.

Mike W asked for ideas for Winter Activities and guidelines. Plans will be made with the concept that the indoor pool and hot tub will not be available. Some suggestions for activities are Craft Day; Christmas Ornament Day; Jam Session Day; Pajama Party Evening; Painting. While discussing Winter activities, a suggestion was made to have Snacks in Tara Hall at 6PM in place of the Snacks at the Pool at 2PM. While a vote was not taken, everyone was in agreement. Snacks in Tara Hall will start in November.

CALENDAR – With the Holiday Season upon us, the following is the current list of activities.

October 21 – Board Meeting at 10AM. Blind Volleyball at 2PM (land, not water). POC is Deborah V

October 28 – Decorating Tara Hall for Halloween at 10AM. There was some discussion regarding the Halloween Potluck Dinner vs a BBQ Rib Dinner. The tradition for

Halloween is a Potluck and will be a Potluck. The BBQ Rib Dinner will be rescheduled at a later date. The Potluck will be at 6PM. Halloween Drink Contest will be at 8PM with the Dance starting immediately after the Drink winner is announced. Costume voting at 9PM. POC is Pete T.

The Halloween Drink Contest is your favorite hot or cold drink served at Halloween Gatherings. Bring it ready to serve – no preparation in front of everyone is necessary, and you do not have to share your recipe. Does not have to include alcohol.

November 4 – 18 Hold Disc Golf at noon. This is an off-site activity at a member's home. It is clothing optional, but. . . wear shoes as it is in the grass. There will be a Council sponsored Hotdog and Chips picnic at Tara Hall at 6PM for everyone and winners from the Disc Golf will be announced. POC is CM J.

November 11 – Council Meeting 10AM. Veteran's Remembrance at noon. Sahnoan Horse Races at 7PM. Karaoke at 8PM. POC is Bob R.

November 18 – Board Meeting 10AM. Scavenger Hunt 2PM. POC is Dave M.

November 25 – Remote Control Boat Races at 1PM. Leftover Potluck at 6PM in Tara Hall. POC is CM J.

December 2 – Decorate Tara Hall at 10AM. Pick-A-Window at Noon. Pickelball Tournament at 2PM. POC is Bob R.

December 9 – Council Meeting 10AM. Cookie Contest Judging at 2PM. Please have your cookies delivered to Tara Hall by 1:30PM. The winners will be announced before the Horse Races. **We would like to try a Cookie Auction this year.** Those entering the Cookie Contest, please bring 30 cookies – 6 for judging and 24 to be combined with the other cookies to make up a variety dozen. For those bakers that do not care to be part of the Cookie Contest but would like to donate 24 (or more) homemade cookies, we could make up more variety dozen to auction off. Sahnoan Downs Horse Races at 7PM. Karaoke at 8PM. Mike and Linda G.

December 16 – Pick-A-Window Decorating complete by 9AM. Window Judging starts at 10AM. Rock Painting at 2PM in Tara Hall. Silent Wreath Auction starts at 6PM. Potluck Dinner at 6PM. Window Judging complete and Wreath Auction close at 7PM. Window and Wreath winners announced at the beginning of the White Elephant Sale at 8PM. Mike W and Jennifer M

With no further issues or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 1137 to go watch the Eclipse.

Respectfully submitted,

CM Jackson