

# SAHNOAN COUNCIL MINUTES

**11 November 2023**

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

Board Members: Ronnie B, Crystal W, Bart W

Meeting opened at 1004. Reading of the October Council Meeting Minutes was waived.

There were 3 new members since October Council Meeting: Kent Shelton, Ken & Angela Steffens

## **OLD BUSINESS**

To have music at Tara Hall, the “old” Pool system – Song Bird – will be installed at Tara Hall. There will be a switch to turn the music on and off.

On Action Items – AI 23-01, Mini Survey. The Council needs to develop a list of questions to set up a Survey for Star Ranch patrons to fill out. Concerns about the security of information and how the survey will be disseminated were raised. Mike W identified what security measures were embedded in the Google programs. The AI remains open.

The Halloween Celebration was “crowded”. It is one of the larger attendance attractions Star Ranch has in the cooler months. Everyone was well fed from the Potluck Table, and the Drink Contest was well received. An estimate of 70 people joined in to make it a huge success.

Eleven Disc Golfers traveled to Rob F’s Ranch to play his 18-Hole Disc Golf Course. The day was perfect for such an outing. Only 2 discs were left on the course to be used in the Easter Egg Hunt. Rob F placed 1<sup>st</sup>, and Mark S received a practice disc to improve his score for the next outing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Report** – Ronnie B reported on the indoor pool/hot tub problem. Two bids have been received to “temporarily” stabilize the roof and walls of Tara Hall. No written specification was provided to the contractors – it was a verbal conversation with each company. When asked if 3 bids would be sought with a decision made from them, Ronnie B stated the Ranch “will probably go with who we know.” When asked if the new support would be permanent, Crystal W stated there was no way to tell. Bart W stated he had questions regarding the bids and the work to be accomplished. No further information was provided and no further questions were asked.

Ronnie B stated the upgrade of the Pines to 50 AMP service is still being worked, just on a slower pace. The goal is to have the work complete before the expiration of the Contractor Certification. No dates provided.

Crystal W shared that member Eric G has Stage 4 Cancer and has been in the hospital for the past 4 weeks. He will be sent home tomorrow (Sunday) so that he can start his second round of Chemotherapy. Also, a "Go-Fund-Me" page has been established on Ranch Friends for donations to cover the first round of Chemotherapy. Prayers for the family have been requested.

Bare Necessities has donated a February 2024 Balcony Cabin to Star Ranch to raffle. Crystal W is having the legality of holding a raffle for the Cabin. If a raffle is not legal, an auction will be held.

Bart W stated repairs on Cabins have been identified, such as the Deck on Cabin 1 as well as the sliding doors. There are other cabins needing repairs, but no one can identify if funds are available.

Next Saturday will be a Scavenger Hunt at 2PM starting at Tara Hall. A Point System will be used to even the event for walkers, golf carts, and other modes of transportation. There will be a full list of rules in the Newsletter update this week. It will be a fun outing for everyone!

The QR Code on the tables in Tara Hall are for donating funds for the Indoor Pool and Hot Tub project. If anyone would like to have donate on a monthly basis, please contact the Office to have the monies collected.

Mike W shared that Chris H passed away on October 8<sup>th</sup>. His Celebration of Life is scheduled for 3PM today in New Braunfels.

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

November 18 – Board Meeting 10AM. Scavenger Hunt 2PM starting at Tara Hall. There will be specific rules determined by how a person intends to find items. It is designed for everyone to participate, and those driving golf carts will not have an advantage over walkers. Please see the Newsletter update for the specific details.

November 25 – Remote Control Boat Races at 1PM. Leftover Potluck at 6PM in Tara Hall. Pete T

December 2 – Decorate Tara Hall at 10AM. Pickelball Tournament at noon. Pick-A-Window at 2PM. Finish Tara Hall decorating. Music at 8PM.

December 9 – Council Meeting 10AM. Cookie Contest at 2PM. Please have your cookies delivered to Tara Hall by 1:30PM. **New Twist this year!!** A Cookie Auction. 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 folks 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. The proceeds from the Cookie Auction will be donated to the McDade Children's Christmas Program.  
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 Exchange at 8PM. Mike W and Jennifer M

December 23 – A tentative plan for a Hayride around the Ranch with a Christmas atmosphere is in the works.

December 30 – Undecorate Tara Hall. New Year's Eve decorations to be put up. Music in Tara Hall at 8PM.

December 31 – Progressive Dinner starts at 5PM. New Year's Eve Dance with DJ Travis starts at 8PM.

Future dates to mark are: January 27, 2024 will be the Chili Cookoff and Pie Contest. The only change to the rules this year is that every entry in the Chili Cookoff will be kept at Tara Hall to serve as part of the 6PM Potluck. Pie Auction after the Potluck.

January 8 - 5:30PM - College Football Playoffs National Championship Game - Viewing Party in the Hall.

February 3 – Mardi Gras Celebration All day.

February 10 – Valentine Dinner Dance. This requires reservations. More details later.

February 11 – Super Bowl Party. Details coming at a later date.

February 17 – Horse Races at 7PM and Karaoke at 8PM.

With no further issues or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 1112.

Respectfully submitted,

CM Jackson