

Natures Fun Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2023

Board Members Present:

Ken Casey, President; Carolyn Overway, Vice President; Ali Roder, Secretary; Ruthi Hedge, Director of Entertainment; Cathie Mealie, Director at Large. Excused: Sylvain Dubois, Treasurer.

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ali led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President:

At this time, we would like to salute our friends and neighbors from Canada and other countries. Thanks for spending time with us here at Natures. A moment of silence was held for those members who recently passed. Ken provided a reintroduction of the Fun Association Board Members. The meeting agenda was then presented.

Secretary:

The Summer Monies were held by Ali for which she reported: The beginning balance was \$13,318.08 and current balance through Oct. 30th is \$12,281.69. The Petty Cash fund started at \$632.00 and, as of Oct 30th, was \$278.94. Rainy (Greg) moved and Terry (Ken) seconded to accept the Summer Treasury Report. Motion carried. As the minutes of the March 2023 meeting were posted, and on our website, Ali requested to waive the minutes of said meeting and to accept as written. Gayla moved and Meg seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Vice President:

There were two recommendations in the suggestion box, one included a request for the owners. Also, a card for karaoke equipment was turned over to Ruthi to research. The first was for our swag box (display case) to be cleaned, which Carolyn did. The second was for visors which are on hold until the new logo is presented. Some of last season's recommendations from the flyer distributed have been implemented: biscuits and gravy for breakfast, planned meals by the pool, activities for summer month residents, the Christmas parade and Madi Gras festivities are back on the calendar and leaving up decorations for a few weeks past holidays and decorating for various seasons. There are other recommendations that are a work in progress. Volunteers are needed for breakfasts/brunches and the schedule was circulated for hosts. Should the event not be hosted, it will be cancelled. A new policy implemented is as follows: Cooks and servers must wear shorts, skirts or sarong must be worn to cover their genitals and buttocks. Just an apron is unacceptable.

Director of Entertainment:

Howlers performed at the Halloween dance with 64 in attendance and seven no votes and Dirty Birds entertained on Nov. 15th with 53 attending and eight no votes. Dec. 9th is our next dance with the Night Howlers, not be confused with the Howlers. Sue and Dave are hosting the Thanksgiving Dinner and need members for prep/clean-up tasks. Sue and Rainy need volunteers to assist with the various aspects of setting up and selling for the Yard Sale Nov. 29th through Dec. 1st.

Director at Large:

Cathie requested members advise on their wants for the canteen.

Acknowledgements:

- *Valerie for all she does to help the Fun Association
 - *To all members who organized and implemented the summer activities
 - *Ali for handling the Summer Funds and into November
 - *To members who host breakfasts
 - *Dan, Kelly, Greg and Rainy for hosting the Halloween Dance
 - *Members who volunteered during our blood donation
 - *All the members who assisted with the Beer and Brats event (sorry, no leftover beer)
 - *John, Candi, Kevin and Bonnie for hosting the dance with Dirty Birds
- Hip, Hip Hooray to all!

Unfinished Business:

- >Ken organizes the Military Photos in the game room and requested if a prior service member has photo to display to contact him. As the display area is limited, prior members will be removed to make room.
- >Carolyn advised Steve (Paula) will make new cornhole boards donating his labor.
- >The owners requested we advise there in only on Google Group which is the one that has been operating for some time. The instructions to obtain entry to the group are in the office.
- >The owners are requesting a member with graphic knowledge to assist in the logo design.

New Business:

- >Apparently there is copyright infringement when showing movies without the proper licensing. Research provided an umbrella policy permitting a limited selection which can be shown at a cost of \$599 for the license. We opted not to purchase the license. Tom (Cathie) stated he will show movies from his garage and, as we are all friends, all are welcome to attend.
- >Ken is working on a presentation by Dr. Lin and colleagues on the topic of skin cancer. To date, it has not been scheduled but Ken is pursuing this event, possibly to be held in January of 2024.

- >A request was made for a presentation by an estate attorney. Paula (Steve) offered to provide a name to the Google Group and Everett (Joy) named Davis Law in McAllen who specializes in this matter.
- >Years prior a lighting system was purchased which was used but unfortunately it creates health issues with some members. We are offering it for sale. Tom (Kathy) suggested offering it to bands performing here as part payment. Ruthi offered fifty cents on the dollar of the original purchase price and the consensus was positive to have Ruthi buy it.
- >Meg has retired from chairing the recycling efforts. Ken requested a replacement for this activity and there were crickets. He mentioned if there is no one to coordinate the recycling activity we will disband all efforts. The only funds received are from the metal and aluminum.
- >Ken (Terry) spoke about hosting an afternoon Nude Cruise. Wednesday, March 13th is the date scheduled and Thursday, March 14th is the back-up date. Details to follow.
- >Terry (Ken) conveyed the Poker Run this afternoon will be from 2-4:00 with entry fees of \$6.00 (\$5.00 for the winners and \$1.00 returned to NFA). Card sales will begin at 1:45 providing seven stops with cards returned at 4:15. She thanked Ruthi for her efforts on displaying events on the monitor. The Craft Fair will be held Tues, Nov. 21st in the clubhouse from 9-12:00.
- >Ken applauded Meg for her coordination of recycling.

Open Discussion:

- >Paula stated she is waiting on a list for the annual Monte Alto Christmas Project. Gifts will be needed for the kids and food for the families. Once obtained, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the binder.
- >Ruthi requested suggestions from the members for music to play at the pool.
- >Tom and Cathie have birthdays in Nov. and invited the park members to stop by for a toast from 4-6:00 p.m.
- >As we celebrate birthdays/anniversaries monthly with cake and ice cream during "on" season, those who have summer birthday/anniversaries will be added.

Paula moved and Terry seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:44.

Respectfully submitted,
Ali Roder
Secretary