

Natures Fun Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2022

Board Members Present:

Kelley Cameron, President; Rainy Wolfe, Vice President; Ali Roder, Secretary, Pete Smithley, Treasurer, Ruthi Hedge, Director of Entertainment; Sylvain Dubois, Director at Large

Called to Order:

Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ken (Janet) 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 here at Natures. The order of today's agenda was presented.

Secretary:

Last month's meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board and the website, so Ali requested to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as printed. Steve (Ginger) moved and Tim (Kathy) seconded to accept the report as presented, motion passed.

Treasurer:

The Banking Summary presented was from the last meeting through today. Account balance is \$15,553.06 with an income of \$642.62 and expenses of \$1,539.93 leaving a deficit of \$897.01. Pete advised this is his last day as Treasurer and thanked Kelley, the Board and members for having him back again.

Election and Voting Process:

Kelley presented the procedure for voting. Two positions are available on the Board. Per bylaws, nominees were presented at the January meeting, listed on the bulletin

board, the website and electronic monitor in order of a draw. There are three nominees.

Members can vote for one or two candidates but if all three are voted for the ballot will be disqualified. The two winning candidates will be decided by a simple majority vote. Rules are available should there be a tie. Tables will be called individually. Present your name to the election committee upon checking in to vote. Once Ken reports all tables have been called to vote, a request will be made asking if anyone who has not voted to do so. Once voting has ceased a motion and second will be requested to close the voting. Upon conclusion of the count Ken will provide Kelley with the results and she will present them to the membership. At the conclusion of this meeting the new Board of Directors will meet to determine Board positions for the new season.

The candidates will now give their speech in the order determined by the draw. Each candidate will be timed and provided two minutes to present their speeches. Thank you to each nominee for running for the Board and best of luck. Sylvain, Cathie and Jerry presented their campaign speeches (Ali read Cathie's in her absence). Following the speeches the floor was opened for voting.

#### Entertainment:

The Down South Band was previously cancelled due to Covid within the park. They are rescheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steven May and the Southern Knights, who were awarded Country Band of the Year for the RGV, had 84 members in attendance, 62 voted yes for return and 7 noes. This evening is a new band for us called the Vinyl Spin. Helen Russell, who was awarded Top Duo and Top Entertainer of the Year for the RGV, will be entertaining on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and still in need of a host. March 7<sup>th</sup> is the Bottom Line Band which also needs a host.

#### Director at Large:

Thanked members for supporting the canteen which is thriving.

#### Vice President:

There were no submissions in the suggestion box. The last winner for a free meal (entry made by bringing your own dining ware) was Dan (Kelley). If you have not used your winning entry it will be carried over to the new season. Beckey (Pete) moved and Jannie (Robert) seconded to accept reports as given. Motion passed.

Audit Committee Report:

Every January three members audit our financial records and this year's committee consisted of Elaine (Joe), Jim (Helga) and Tom (Cathie). Thank you to the members for reviewing and auditing our financial records. Again, thank you to Pete for accepting the responsibility of the Treasurer's duties.

Jim reported on the committee's behalf and reported the cash box and banking summary finding everything to be in order. The financial records report annually but our season is from October through March. As the audit was prepared in January, a few transactions for that month were not presented but provided upon request.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vinyl Spin
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	FITS Blind Golf Cart Race, Awards Ceremony and Red Hots
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Russell Show @ 3 p.m.
Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Blood Drive
Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring BBQ
Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bottom Line Band
Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale Setup – Clubhouse
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale – Clubhouse
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale – Monte Cristo
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Birthdays/Anniversaries
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patty's Day – Los City Boys Band
Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last General Meeting of Season
Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Street Party – West Side of Clubhouse
Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Down South Band
Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Owners Appreciation Dinner/Dance – Wally Garza & Texas Blood

Unfinished Business:

Kelley offered thanks to Tom (Pat) for FITS coordination, Ruthi for the Kick-Off Dance, all the coordinators and participants, the hosts stepping up this Season, Laurie for the directory and Super Bowl Pool and Ken for organizing the blood drives. The Website and Electronic Monitor have the most up-to-date information. A new list of first responders was emailed by the office. To post military photos in the card room see Ken.

New Business:

Tom is retiring as FITS coordinator after 10+ years. Thank you for investing hours into scheduling, recruiting event coordinators and extra time to reschedule due to poor weather conditions. Greg (Rainy) has volunteered to be our FITS coordinator for the next season so present him with any new event ideas. In the hopes of better weather conditions, FITS is rescheduled next season from Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Ken and the election crew for providing a smooth election process.

Open Discussion/Announcements:

Al (Lot 6) presented a new game idea called Card Bingo. Interest was generated and he will schedule it upon request. Kelley called for a final vote for the Board nominees, Tom (Pat) moved and Robert (Jannie) seconded to close the vote. Ruthi requested volunteers helping organize the FITS Golf Cart Race track to meet at 11:00 a.m. Tailgating tomorrow will begin at 9:00 and activities at 9:50 a.m. Items from the lost and found are presented and will be donated to the garage sale if not claimed.

As the election results are not yet available Misty presented Owner's Corner.

Election results were presented and congratulations to Sylvain and Cathie. Thank you to all the nominees.

Alannah (Doug) moved and Tom (Pat) seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ali Roder  
Secretary