

**Friends of Camp El-O-Win
Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2017**

Present: Nancy Ramos, Colleen Martinez, Marc Bradford, Melanie LeCat, Margie Becker

Absent: Gayle Duffy, Adrienne Davis,

Guests: Jane Martin, Stacey Ruble

Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes for the November meeting and financials for November were reviewed. The minutes and financials were approved.

MSC: MARTINEZ/BECKER all Aye/0 Nay/0 Abstentions

2017 CAMP PROGRAM/BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

- The decision has been made to not offer resident camp this summer due to financial considerations. The Executive Committee met and went over the proposed programs and cost of each program at our slightly increased camper fees. Based on a percentage of maximum occupancy, we are unable to sustain a full time staff for the resident camp season.
- Jane and Lee have been visiting with the Girl Scout Troop leaders at the Service Unit cookie rallies. The leader feedback is a bit of sadness that there will not be the opportunity for resident camp but a general interest in coming to camp this summer.
- El-O-Win will be offering weekend camp sessions and group camping opportunities. Weekend campers will have the priority for all camp facilities with group campers also having access to activities like archery and mountain biking depending on what services they schedule and pay for. Weekend campers will receive a scheduled session with a theme and staff. Group camping will provide their own food and own program.
- The fees for a per day charge for each camper were derived from the cost of the facility (ie insurance, maintenance, electricity, etc) and basic staff costs (ie lifeguard, canoe instructor, etc). The current fees were also taken into consideration and the fact that we did not want to increase the fees by too much.
- Even with the fee increases, there is a shortfall for each of the different programs (some more than others). In order to make the program feasible, we, as a board, will need to secure either sponsors for the shortfall and execute fundraising (ie giving letters, events, etc).
- Because of the nature of the programs this summer, staff will be minimal and will be supplemented with volunteers/chaperones.
- Over the coming months, board members should be looking for contact points for proposals for camp rental opportunities – church groups, sports camps, etc.).
- Costs for other camps in the area are as follows: Hume Lake - \$465 per week (\$250 per counselor), Soccer Camp (in town)-\$270, Calvin Crest \$370-489 for 6 nights (counselors \$99).
- There were concerns voiced about the shortfall and the programs we are choosing to offer. Most specifically horseback riding which is quite expensive and is rather time consuming in its execution. Some board members felt that the campers should bear the cost of that "extra". Jane feels that the majority of the girls want to ride and cutting it out or only offering it for an extra fee would reduce camper enrollment.

PRESIDENTS UPDATE:

- Nancy Ramos announced her resignation as of this meeting. She is not only resigning from the Presidency but from the board as well.
- Erin Baber-Sherwood has also resigned from the Vice-Presidency and the board.

2016 Board Meetings: Sept 8 * Oct 13 * Nov 10 * Dec 8 ** 2017 ** Jan 12 * Feb 9 * Mar 9 * Apr 13 * May 11

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Looking for new board members – someone with a law background would be helpful as we will be negotiating staffing camp and all the laws and restrictions involved with that. We have several people interested in joining the board at this point. Ron Statler who is an attorney. Luke Fisher who was an employee of Girl Scouts CCS and is currently working at Subaru. Denise and employee of CSN.
- Board members should review the board matrix for who is cycling out over the next year and begin looking for recruits to replace them. The Bylaws state that a board member may serve 3 consecutive terms of 2 years then must cycle off for a minimum of 1 year. Then they may re-apply to rejoin the board.
- The search for the Executive Director is permanently on hold. Jane will be working on getting the information for contacting the donor who was to fund the first year's salary for this position and getting her up to date. Erin Baber-Sherwood has been the only one in contact with her recently so we need to find out how much she is aware of.

OPERATIONS:

- The grant request for the archery range updates was rejected as we did not fall within the parameters of the grant.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

- No Report

NEXT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, March 9, 2017 AT CSN 6 PM

Adjourn at 7:50 pm

MSC: BRADFORD/LECAT all Aye/0 Nay/0 abstentions

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Martinez

Reminders:

Use your **SHARES card** at Savemart, Lucky, Food Maxx

Use **Good Search** search engine to surf the web – they send us money for each search

Use **AmazonSmile** when you purchase from Amazon.com and EOW will benefit