

Minutes from November 21, 2013 Meeting of the Ocean Pines Clubs Advisory Committee (CAC)

Attendees: Les Purcell, Jack Ferry, Steve Lind, Sandy Reifsnyder, Audrey Wahl, Mary Anne Whitcomb

Board Liaison: Tom Terry

Yacht Club Food and Beverage Management: Dave McLaughlin

Actions: Mary Anne will contact Teresa to invite other committees to a Happy Hour on December 20 at the Country Club.

Discussion

Les Purcell called the meeting to order. Minutes were accepted as changed. Les reported that the CAC has a new member, Joan Gentile and she is enthusiastic about serving on the committee.

Les discussed the annual report on the CAC submitted to the Board of Directors. Les also discussed an evaluation of the committee completed and sent to the Board.

Special Board meeting on Yacht Club -Tom Terry

On November 6, the Board heard that the kitchen equipment from the old building could not be used in the new kitchen as the County recently determined it would not allow the old equipment to be used. A special meeting was called with the Board and Savoy Brown, kitchen advisors for the Yacht Club. The Board questioned Savoy Brown on why they did not say that \$250K kitchen equipment couldn't be used as well as \$80K in additional hoods that can't be reused as well, as a new low voltage electrical system was needed in the new building. While in most cases, equipment was functioning while in the old facility, its true condition was not known until the equipment was moved. At the November 20, 2013 Board meeting, a formal motion was made to purchase the kitchen equipment with a statement that no additional funding requests would be approved before the Yacht Club opened. Tom Terry said the Board understood what happened that resulted in the need for new kitchen equipment and that there was a real need for new equipment.

Yacht Club Food and Beverage Manager Report-Dave McLaughlin

Yacht Club construction is progressing. Dave is working on hiring the catering manager; after this position is filled he will work to hire the Executive Chef. Les asked about additional training for the wait staff. Dave said there is a current training manual for wait staff; there are also training manuals for the kitchen and bar staff. Information will go out to returning staff with Dave and key staff working on the training.

A question was asked about the completion date for the Yacht Club. At the November 20, 2013 Board meeting, the Board was told the punch list date was April 22, with the official opening occurring sometime after that date.

A question was asked about the process to open the building. Dave said employees often will help with the testing the equipment, processes and staff before the opening. In addition to continuing the Wine Club, Dave wants to involve local breweries in special events.

Jack pointed out recent restaurant advertisements showing how specials had changed and that there was competition among restaurants.

Steve discussed a talk he had with Bob Thompson on the purpose behind the request for a Town Hall meeting before the Yacht Club opened.

There was discussion that there will be a new Tiki bar built in the same location as the old one; in total there will be a total three bars in the Yacht Club complex

There will be no December 19 meeting; the next meeting will be January 16.

The members discussed the idea of a Happy Hour at the Country Club on December 20 at 4pm and raised the idea of inviting other committees to also attend. Mary Anne will contact Teresa about inviting other committees.

Les adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.