

Rogue River Valley University Club  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
Minutes of the meeting

In attendance, Ron Kramer, Carol Fischer, Sandra Abell, Jack Day, Jerry Lambo, Greg Koenig, Russ Millburn, Ron Naumann, Peter Sage

Also: Julie McLaughlin and Jason Calderwood

The meeting was called to order promptly at 11:30 a.m.

## **BRIEF ITEMS**

Adoption of the minutes of the December 8 meeting was postponed until later.

The Board agreed by consensus that John Weisel should be congratulated and thanked for his generous gift to the Club.

The Board accepted Larry and Molly Kerr's request to rejoin the club.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

Julie McLaughlin reported that Darren Ravisipour and Jim Johnson had Christmas parties here and they were both profitable for the club.

Julie noted the longstanding carry-forward of a debt potentially owed the Foundation, but for which there was neither institutional memory nor any paper record nor clear purpose. Jack Day said the Foundation should probably write it off so the Club could clean up its books. The debt entry of unknown purpose is for \$6,874.10.

The club had long discussion of concerns over a fundraising summer party that had been voted by the club in November. Jack Day said he considered the party to be competition with the Foundation and that he said that at least one other club member thought it ill advised.

This initiated some 30 minutes of discussion involving:

\*\*\*club finances and the need for fundraisers of some kind.

\*\*\*the value to membership of there being more informal party type functions

\*\*\*the potential cost and nature of such an event if held at a member home

\*\*\*whether there should or should not be fundraising at the event

\*\*\*the timing of the event and whether it interfered with the August Annual Summer Party fundraiser for the club's foundation

\*\*\*the effect on member retention of the current system of special assessments

Resolved, as the common denominator among the members: That the club was welcome to have summer parties at member homes themed around whatever members chose but that it would be membership development in orientation rather than fundraising oriented. Sandra Abell dissented, saying that the club had a financial problem and that voluntary fundraising events might reduce assessments. Still, there was unanimous agreement that the club should go ahead and schedule at least one summer party in early or midsummer.

### **Social Committee**

Sue Kupillas' art work is up at the club.

Addition of a party at the Club: Cinco de Mayo party on Friday, May 5, in the early evening.

### **ByLaws**

Ron Kramer will work to clarify language regarding the role of surviving spouses and any future formal arrangement we have with the Hollly theater and its patrons.

### **Jason's Report**

Jason reviewed bids on new carpeting and the Board agreed unanimously to spend up to \$2,500 on carpeting and that Jason should rely on the concurrence of Gene Abel and David Strauss to decide on carpet type and color.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.