

Trails End Club General Meeting 12-05-2022

The Trails End Club General Meeting was called to order at 8:34 by President, Ron Stark. Board members present were Candy Spiker, Sherry Rogers, Steve Stacey, Denny Linn, Joyce Galbraith and Mark Sobania. There were 97 club members in attendance. Ginger Daugherty led the prayer and Forest Zemlicka led the Pledge of Allegiance. One couple who are newcomers to the park introduced themselves. Candy Spiker read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were moved to be accepted, seconded and approved. Mark Sobania gave the treasurers report. The club has a balance of \$14,974.97. It was moved to be approved, seconded and approved.

President's Report

1. There has been a request to increase the winning amounts in the Ticket Draw game. The board has received communications pro and con on this issue. Ron asked for a show of hands. The majority wanted the process to remain the same, smaller dollar amounts with more winners.
2. Emergency Numbers – It has been discussed with management that there is a need for emergency numbers which will be answered when something goes wrong in the park when staff is not present. The list will include things like, Water, Electricity, Gas, etc. as well as a number where Patricia can be reached and lists will be posted around the park.
3. A request from a group of residents asked that donuts be provided at our Monday meetings. They felt attendance would be greater if this was offered. The board approved that donuts would be provided on the first Monday meeting of the month.
4. Ron reiterated that we do not recycle glass in Weslaco so we no longer collect it in special bins. All glass should be placed in the trash. If residents choose to save glass, they can take it to McAllen, Pharr or Edinburg themselves.
5. The club no longer collects money for Christmas donations for park employees. If anyone wishes to do this, they may do it on their own.
6. Christmas decorations will be put up after the meeting this morning. Everyone is invited to help, including some men as the Christmas tree is quite large.
7. It has been requested that since the weather for the recent Patio Sale was so bad and results poor, we should have another one this month. Ron asked for a show of hands of those interested and it was decided not to do it this month but maybe in January.
8. Feral Cats are again a problem at Trails End. It is a park rule that we do not feed the stray cats. Not only is feeding the cats creating overpopulation, it is attracting in possums. If you own a cat, keep it inside your home and/or on a leash in your yard. These stray cats are being trapped and taken out of the park by Animal Control. Also, it is against the law to release cats that have been caught in these traps.
9. We are working to reinstate the Welcome Committee. Updates have been made to the packets and Linda Wuethrich is working to find a few volunteers to be the Welcome Representatives.

Patricia fielded questions from the members:

1. Trash and Recycle containers are full to overflowing just 2-3 days into the week. Patricia said she has requested additional pick-ups.
2. Is the maintenance crew going to be mowing soon. The lots are looking really bad. She said she would check on it.
3. When is the Coke machine coming? Hopefully this week.
4. The Texas flag out front is really ragged. She has ordered new ones.
5. What is being done about pot holes? Repair and repaving has been budgeted for January 2023.
6. When will the bocce ball court going to be groomed so it can be used? She will check.
7. When will there be a walk-through gate installed at the front of the park? It is not in the budget.

Patricia explained the policy about guests in the park. Encore park residents are allowed to visit other Encore parks with permission from that park, with the exception of Victoria Palms. If a resident wants to invite a guest to an activity, they should check with the leader of the activity and if that request is affirmative, the guest will need to get a pass from the office and stay with the resident while in the park. The pass is returned to the office upon completion of the activity.

Ron introduced the Nominations Committee, which will soon begin seeking candidates to replace 4 of the current board members for next year. The committee is: Dennis Pesche, Jim Frost and Lois Tanula. Contact them if you are interested.

Activity reports were given.

Ticket Draw: \$65 returned to players in 9 draws.

O Canada and The National Anthem were sung.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am.

Submitted

Candy Spiker