



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 26, 2021 – 3:30 PM
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order — playing of the Italian and United States National Anthems
- II. Roll call of board — officers and trustees
- III. Financial Report with update on PPP Loan
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Facilities including update on new heating and air conditioning projects
 - b. Bocce Courts
 - c. Kitchen
 - d. Bar
 - e. League
 - f. Membership
- V. President's Report
- VI. Election this November
- VII. Proposed Mask Policy
- VIII. New Business

Meeting was called to order at 3:40pm

Dave Masello – Present
Peter Pieracci - Present
Elizabeth Falzone – Present
Mary Ann Pedersen - Present
Pino Bernardi – Absent
Miles Russell - Absent
Frank Bacci - Absent
Tony Biondi – present
Paolo Glannetti – present
Mike Puccio – Present
Tom Holleman – Present
Members present = 30 signed in

Financial Report:

The Financial Report was given verbally by Elizabeth Falzone. A printed copy will be posted at the club and provided to the membership.

\$393.14 = positive earnings
Bar = \$29.7K
Parties = \$28K
Member Events = \$6K
Court Fees / league \$4K
Merchandise = \$1K
Member Dues = \$58K
Operating Expenses = \$49.3K
Other Expenses = \$16.6K
Bar = \$.9.1K
Food = \$8.4K

Total Assets throughout accounts = \$254K - \$576K

PPP Loan = \$15,952

60% of funds must go towards payroll

Elizabeth has filed for forgiveness, and she provided an explanation of the loan to the membership.

Committee Reports:

Facilities: – Dave reported that the HVAC project done minus the fire extinguisher. The new unit pushes fresh air into the dining room with the best filters to take out germs and viruses.

The project was budgeted at \$45K coming in approximately \$5K less.

HP Fire Department inspector was in a few weeks ago. A few items were noted that we are working on fixing.

A cleaning company has been hired for the club.

We are looking for an open weekend in order to perform the painting.

Bocce Courts:

Presented by Paolo

He is working on collecting fees for the lockers and the banners.

Projects on the to do list:

Windows

Resurfacing of the bocce courts

HVAC upgrades to the bar and card room

Kitchen:

Mary Ann presented that Donna is now the kitchen manager for the club. She is working on all party planning from start to finish. Private parties have been happening since July. There have been 2 members dinners.

Peter Pieracci thanked all the members who worked on the Picnic and GarlicFest. Special thanks also given to Donna and staff. Over 100 people plus guests came to the picnic.

Bar:

Luigi reported the bar revenue of \$29.5K – Expense \$10K

Question from audience on hours of the Bar - Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sun – Bar open – 6-10:30 pm

Sunday – 12/5

League:

Breakdown of all leagues:

Tues/Thurs – Mixed Leagues

Mon/Wed/Thurs – Men's League starting in Nov

Sunday Funday –

October– Developmental League

Thanks given to all League President's

Membership: -

Mary Ann presented that we have the following membership as of the meeting:

470 Existing Members

61 New Members

181 Not yet paid

Question came up on a ceiling for membership – At this point in time we are not contemplating a membership ceiling

President's Report:

Moment of silence taken for those members who passed away

Dave thanked Officer's, Trustees and Volunteer's for getting us through COVID.

President covered off on the sexual harassment claim that has been raised against the club. An outside attorney has been brought in to provide a full investigation. HBC is working within the letter of the law regarding this topic. Ongoing updates will be provided to the membership.

Italian classes have begun again at the HBC for both children and adults. The class is split from Casa Italia. Reasonable pricing

Election for November:

The November election – President, Secretary and 3 Trustees. The election will be on 11.14.21. The Trustees will need to discuss procedures. There will be in person and mail in ballots.

The candidates forum will be on 10.24.21.

Our election supervisor will be Dee Dee Nebling. Confidentiality, trust and neutrality are all important aspects in the election.

There is a sign-up board in the Club for anyone who wants to run for a Officer or Trustee position.

In order to run for a position you must be a member for 1 year. In order to vote you must be a paid member for 2020 and 2021

Mask Policy:

A review was give of the current mask policy.

Bylaws/New Business:

We could not vote on the Bylaw change regarding the increase in dues as we did not have a quorum.

A discussion was had on the membership dues and this would change for only new members.

\$125 to \$250

Couples - \$200 to \$400

The FOB cost would be included. This would not go into effect until 11.14.21.

We would make every effort to give renewal to current members before this date.

Question came up on looking into implementing auto-renew of memberships.

Comment came up about tracking new memberships after we increase the cost.

A mock vote was taken most voted in favor of the dues increase, however those who did not vote in favor asked us to be careful in considering this type of increase in dues.

We could do this as a 1 year trial.

Late Fee do we want to use this type of charge.

From Bruce Bertucci – the entire club should be vaccinated as well as guests needig to show a vaccine passport. Bruce further stated that this will happen in his 2 leagues.

Marzio Piagentini in agreement. – *How will we handle this during the parties?*

Luigi Lunardi - *members and guests we are still having trouble enforcing the policy regarding mask wearing ..*

Steve Thornberry – *After the break through case many people did not attend the following week.*

People went to get tested. Steve agreed with Bruce.

Paul Trogi – brought up a question about air filtration system in the Bocce Courts?

Michelle Holleman *a good idea, and it sends the message that we are concerned about our membership.*

Piero Amidei– *In Italy you cannot go anywhere unless you are vaccinated*

Board shared the motion that had been made that all league players need to be vaccinated. The enforcement of this policy will need to be done throughout the League President's and Trustees. Stronger language and communication might be needed regarding this policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.