

Shamrock Club Meeting

June 19, 2019, held at The Boot Hill Pub

Meeting was called to order by Bill O'Driscoll at 6:05pm

Attendance: Bill O'Driscoll, Pat & Tracy Mullaney, Jim & Sue Crothers, Ron & Linda Smith, Dennis & Dianne O'Brien, Pat & Char Barton, Tom & Kathy Peterson, Tom & Jeanine Nolan, John & Linda Hoehn, Barrie & Mary Monks, Luke Seielstad Becky Zentner, Ann Nolan. Linda Pfaff, Linda Boyle, Jess Bumgarner, Kathy Spelker, Vicky Hampe, Pam Smith, Kelly Smith and Liz Oelke.

Minutes: Due to problems with e-mail delivery, all people did not receive the minutes from the May 15 club meeting or the June 17 board meeting. As such the minutes from both these meetings will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting. Bill O'Driscoll has set up a new G-mail address for the club which can be passed from President to President, it is hoped that this will fix any future problems when a new President is elected. The address is shamrockclubpresident@gmail.com.

Treasurers Report: Liz reported that we have \$500.06 in the Irish Garden account, and \$5848.01 in the general account. The sponsorship to Irishfest has been paid and there are no other outstanding amounts. A motion was made by Linda Pfaff to accept the Treasurers report which was seconded by Dennis O'Brien, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Membership Report: Linda reported that we currently have 159 members. The following information was also noted:

The Club sent a card to Dave Holze who is now out of the nursing home and is recovering at home.

The Club sent a card of sympathy to Jim & Debie Kroner on the death of Jim's mother, Maxine.

The Club sent a card of sympathy to Sharon Candahl on the death of her mother Emily McConaghy, an active member of our club. A \$40 gift in her name was given to the Aquinas Catholic School Foundation, on the suggestion of Sharon.

Two couples recently celebrated wedding anniversaries, Pat & Char Barton celebrated their 25th and Ron and Linda Smith celebrated their 52nd.

Linda announced that Ann Nolan and Linda Smith are co-chairing the membership tables at Irishfest and are looking for volunteer members to help cover both tables.

Board Meeting: Bill O'Driscoll outlined the recommendations made by the board during its June 17 meeting. It was recommended that the club's budget should run January 1 to December 31, this would make it easier to plan club activities. He then went through the budget, explaining that, based on last year's expenditure the club would have a loss in 2019. After reviewing the budget, the board recommends an increase in membership dues to \$20 per person and \$40 per family, this would allow the club to come close to a "break-even" year.

A discussion amongst those in attendance followed with the outcome being that a motion was introduced by Dennis O'Brien and seconded by Tom Nolan to reject the Board's recommendation to increase the dues based on the current financial status of the club. A vote took place with the motion being defeated by a vote of 18 to 5 with 6 people abstaining.

As a result of the vote, starting in September member's dues will be increased to \$20/\$40, all new member from this date will be charged the new rate. It was also noted that this might cause some drop off of membership, this will be tracked and the effect of the raise looked at for year 2020 – 2021.

Calendar: The clubs upcoming events were mentioned as follows:

Saturday June 22 – The "Aint No Party Like a Shamrock Club Party" Kelly Smith gave an update, the party will start at 2:00pm at Bennett O'Riley's on Third Street, but as Bennett O'Riley's does not officially open till 2:00 attendees should not arrive early. Live music will be from 3 till approx. 4:30. There will be games, drink specials and raffles. An invite should be passed on to all members friends and potential club members.

Sunday July 7 – Brat Barn Fundraiser @ Onalaska Festival 10:00am till 6:00pm Liz Oelke passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Sunday July 14 – Catfish Day Parade @ Trempealeau 2:00pm. A pre-parade meeting will be held, possibly at The Trempealeau Hotel on July 8. More information will be sent out by Bill O'Driscoll via e-mail.

Wednesday July 17 – Regular Club Meeting – Char Barton is proposing that as a "one off", the July 17 meeting should be held Trimmers 10 Mile Pub in Coon Valley, this will allow for a demonstration of road bowling as well as a discussion on forming an official La Crosse Road Bowling Team. More information will be e-mailed out as it becomes available.

Sunday July 28 – Irish Heritage Day at The La Crosse Loggers. Pat Mullaney has picked up fifty tickets from the Loggers Office which are \$10 each. Tickets are also available on line, but if tickets are purchased through the club, the club will receive \$5 for every ticket sold.

Friday – Sunday August 9 – 11 – Irishfest. Pat Mullaney stated he has 12 bartenders signed up for Sunday bartending at the main bar and Barrie Monks said he has all slots filled for bartending at JD's Pub.

Wednesday August 21 – No regular meeting due to club involvement in Irishfest.

Sunday August 25 – Leon Gatorfest Parade. After a brief discussion it was decided to once again attend this parade, Barrie Monks will be contacting them concerning our inclusion and will coordinate a pre parade meeting.

Sunday September 8 – JD Oelke Memorial Golf Tournament Due to a scheduling conflict at Fox Hollow, this event is now scheduled to take place at Drugan’s Castle Mount Country Club in Holmen. More information to follow.

Octoberfest Parades Bill O’Driscoll will handle the paper work required for both parades, a pre-parade meeting will be scheduled at a time and place to be determined.

New Business:

Meeting Minutes: It was requested that printed copies of minutes be available at meetings.

Shamrock River Cruise – Bill O’Driscoll with the help of Ann Nolan will look into the feasibility of having a Wednesday Pizza and beer Cruise on the La Crosse Queen. Tentative date for this would be Wednesday September 18 and the cost would be approx. \$20 each.

Blood Drive – Bill O’Driscoll will explore the possibility of holding a Shamrock Club blood drive in 2020, this will be in conjunction with the one currently in planning by Stephanie O’Driscoll. Kelly Smith stated that The Eagles would be more than happy to make their facilities available for a blood drive.

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday July 17 6:00pm tentatively @ Trimmers 10 Mile Pub.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday September 3 at a venue to be announced.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Dennis O’Brien to adjourn the, this was seconded by Pam Smith. The motion was carried and as such the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barrie Monks