

Shamrock Club Meeting

July 17, 2019, held at The Boot Hill Pub

Meeting was called to order by Bill O'Driscoll at 6:00pm

Attendance:

Members:

Bill O'Driscoll, Pat & Tracy Mullaney, Ron & Linda Smith, Dennis & Dianne O'Brien, Pat & Char Barton, Tom & Jeanine Nolan, John & Linda Hoehn, Barrie & Mary Monks, Dennis & Pricilla O'Brien, Ann Nolan, Linda Boyle, Jess Bumgarner, Kathy Spelker, Vicky Hampe, Pam Smith, Sharon Candahl, Stephanie O'Driscoll, Dave Holtze, Deb McGrury and Liz Oelke.

Guests:

Kevin, Matt & Liam O'Driscoll

Minutes: Bill O'Driscoll stated that he is still having problems with the mail server he is using for Club e-mails, and this led to the late distribution of the previous meetings minutes, he hopes the problem will be resolved in the near future. A motion was made by Char Barton and seconded by Barrie Monks to accept the minutes from the 5/15 and 6/19 meetings. all were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Liz reported that we have \$502.40 in the Irish Garden account, and \$6172.70 in the general account, this includes \$624 profit from the recent Brat Barn Fund Raiser. A motion was made by Pat Mullaney to accept the Treasurers report which was seconded by Pam Smith, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Membership Report: Linda Pfaff was absent and the membership report was given by Ann Nolan. The club currently has 160 members. We have gained two new members since the last meeting, Rhiley Ashmore who joined at the recent Club Party and Drew Nelson who joined during Riverfest.

Ann informed the club that we have received "thank you" cards from Sharon Candahl and Jim and Debbi Kroner.

A sign-up sheet for the Shamrock Club tables at the upcoming Irishfest was passed around. There are still spots open and Ann was looking for volunteers, anyone interested should contact her at (507)382-5646

Calendar: The clubs upcoming events were mentioned as follows:

Sunday July 28 – Irish Heritage Day at The La Crosse Loggers. The event is scheduled to start at 3:30 pm, thirty minutes prior to the normal gate time. Those attending should enter by the small side gate on St. Cloud Street. Tickets are still available either on line or directly from Pat Mullaney.

Friday – Sunday August 9 – 11 – Irishfest. Pat Barton and Luke Seielstad are in the process of constructing a new bar for JD's Pub.

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

Sunday August 25 – Leon Gatorfest Parade. At this time attendance at this event is in doubt due to the number of members unavailable, Pat Mullaney will contact Mark Barton and ask if he would be able to pull the float, if available, an e-mail will be sent out to members and a pre-parade meeting planned.

Tuesday September 3 – Board Meeting. 6:30pm at a place to be determined, all members are invited.

Sunday September 8 – JD Golf Memorial. Dave Holtze distributed a flyer with details of this years event which include a \$5,000 Hole-N-One competition. A number of “on course” hole events are planned for even more fun. The outing will culminate with a banquet, which is included in the entry fee. For more details contact Dave Holtze at (608)317-8438 or by e-mail at ddholtze122046@gmail.com.

Wednesday September 18 - Shamrock Club Meeting. It was suggested at the last meeting that the September 18 meeting should be held in conjunction with a social event aboard the la Crosse Queen Riverboat. A motion was made by Barrie Monks and seconded by Pat Mullaney that the club should subsidize the event by \$5 per ticket. After some debate, the motion was put to a vote and was subsequently passed with a vote of 18 to 3. During the debate, Bill O’Driscoll said that sometime in the near future a questionnaire would be sent out to members asking for suggestions on what the club finances should be used for and to determine what the club should hold for operating costs. Further details on this and the September meeting will be distributed.

Wednesday September 25 - Oktoberfest Festmasters Ball. This agenda item was tabled for discussion at the next board meeting to determine if the club will once again subsidize tickets.

September 26 & 28 - Oktoberfest Parades. Pat Mullaney told the group that he handled the booking of the float for the Maple leaf Parade last year and will do so again this year. A pre-parade meeting will be scheduled at a time and place to be determined.

Old Business:

Blood Drive – Bill O’Driscoll gave an update on the proposed blood drive saying that our other Celtic groups could be included in this and that any cost to the club would be minimal. The organizers would require twelve weeks advance notice to set up the date and location and would like at least twenty participants. Bill asked for a show of hands as to whether the club should proceed with planning this event. All those present were in favor.

“Aint No Party Like A Shamrock Club Party”- Pam Smith gave a recap and said the raffle held during the party raised \$140 for the club, all those present had a good time and asked that more events of this nature should be planned.

Catfish Days Parade – Bill O’Driscoll thanked Dennis and Dianne O’Brian for hosting the after parade get together and also gave a special mention to Ron Smith who was responsible for making the libations.

New Business:

Road Bowling – Char Barton gave the group a presentation about her and Pat’s recent visit to West Virginia to take part in a road bowling competition along with their hopes that a Wisconsin Road Bowling Association could be formed in our area with regular tournaments. The idea is in its very early planning stages if people would like more details they should contact her or Pat. It was also noted that, at this time, Irishfest have no plans to hold a tournament this year.

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

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday September 18 6:00pm aboard the La Crosse Queen Riverboat.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Pam Smith to adjourn, this was seconded by Linda Boyle. The motion was carried and as such the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barrie Monks