

SHAMROCK CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

COULEE GOLF BOWL, ONALASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Tracy Mullaney, Kathy Sexauer, Mary Jagim, Elaine McGarry

OTHERS PRESENT– Mary Erickson, Pari Sexauer, Pat Mullaney, Russ Stockel, Cheryl Byers, Bob McGarry, Linda Smith, Ron Smith, Eric Knudtson, Marcia Knudtson, Colleen Dixon, Robert Dixon, Pam Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4:48 pm by Tracy Mullaney, current Board President. Mary Jagim motioned to approve the January minutes, Cheryl Byers seconded, and the motion carried forward with member approval.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9, Shamrock Club Dinner, Cedar Creek, 5 pm Social, 6:30 Dinner, Whiskey Tasting/Raffles

March 14, Trolley Tour, 7:30 – 3:30 pm, Prayer Service 4 pm, Bennett O’Riley’s South Side

March 16, Irish Fest Parade at noon, celebration at Freighthouse following parade

March 19, Blood Drive, Onalaska Library

March 23, La Crosse-Bantry Friendship Association Coulee Hoolie Ceili, AL Post 52, 5 pm

No General Meeting in March

April 17, General Meeting, Eagles Club, 6 pm

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Robert Dixon motioned to approve the January membership report, Ron Smith seconded, and the motion carried forward with member approval.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Tracy Mullaney reported a current balance of \$7,649. Current expenses include \$150 for St. Patrick’s Parade, \$200 for Cedar Creek, and \$550 for Trolley rental, bringing the balance to \$6,749. Linda Smith motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Ron Smith seconded, and the motion carried forward with member approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Irish dinner on **March 9** at Cedar Creek, Onalaska, to honor 2024 Irishman Gerald O’Flaherty and 2024 Irishrose Mary Erickson. Social hour at 5 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, whiskey tasting, baskets, and raffle. Baskets, auction items, and basket coordinator are needed, please contact Tracy Mullaney. The Basket Coordinator is Angela O’Flaherty with assistance from Mary Jagim and Trace Mullaney, over 100 people have RSVP’d.

Trolley Tour on **March 14**, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, traveling to 6 locations (3 schools/3 assisted living locations). The trolley starts at Bennett O’Riley’s South Side at 7:30 am. Rick Pervisky has agreed to be our traveling entertainer and Tracy has some leads for Irish dancers. Amanda’s Academy of Dance will not be participating this year. Tracy will follow up with more details. The trolley ends at Bennett O’Riley’s South Side with prayer service at 4:00 pm, all are welcome.

Irish Parade on **March 16**, starting at noon at 2nd & State St. We will use Pari's Jeep and have a white carriage/music for 2024 Irishman and Irishrose. Members walk in this short parade ending at 7th & Main St. Irish celebration after parade at the Freighthouse with music from the Amadan's and corned beef sandwiches. Sponsors include Breakfast Club, The Charmant, and Bennett O'Riley's. Post party will occur at Bennett O'Riley's downtown around 2:30 pm.

Shamrock Club Blood Drive on **March 19** at Onalaska Library, need registration volunteer, contacts for information are Bill O'Driscoll (billodriscoll@msn.com) or Linda Boyle (celtrad@gmail.com). Go to www.Versiti.org to sign up. Thanks so much to Bill O'Driscoll for his tireless efforts over the years to make this a success!

La Crosse-Bantry Friendship Association Coulee Hoolie Ceili on **March 23** at the American Legion Post #52, La Crosse, 5 pm (music/dancing/raffles/corned beef dinner).

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

There is no general meeting in March. Nominations for new board members will occur at the April 17th General Board Meeting and elections will be held at the May General Board Meeting. Pari Sexauer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm and Mary Erickson seconded, the motion carried forward with member approval.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine McGarry, Secretary, February 19, 2024