

# **SHAMROCK CLUB GENERAL MEETING**

**JULY 19, 2023**

**EAGLES CLUB, LA CROSSE, WI**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tracy Mullaney, current Board President. Kathleen Ryan motioned to approve the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Bill O'Driscoll seconded the motion, and the motion was carried to accept the minutes.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

General Meeting July 19, Eagles Club, 6 pm

Irishfest, August 11, 12, 13

Steppin' Out in Pink September 9

Applefest Parade, September 17

General Meeting, September 20, Eagles Club 6 pm

JD Oelke Golf, September 24

Oktoberfest Dinner, September 27

Torchlight Parade, September 28

Maple Leaf Parade, September 30

General Meeting, October 18, Eagles Club, 6 pm

General Meeting, November 15, Eagles Club, 6 pm

Rotary Lights Tree Trimming/Annual Farewell Toast (Friendship Gardens)/Pub Jig/Breakfast

Downtown La Crosse November 18

December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party, donation

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dave Burgess reported a current balance of \$7,022. Gifts from Tim and Marj Gillespie of \$500, Sally Sullivan \$80, and \$1300 revenue more than budgeted from the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Silent Auction, and raffle contributed to the current balance. Debi McGrury motioned to approve the audit completed at the July 5, 2023, Board Meeting. Sharon Candahl seconded the motion, and the motion carried forward to accept the audit.

### **IRISHFEST MAIN TENT**

Tracy Mullaney briefly described the incentive for new and renewal membership to the Shamrock Club with a raffle drawing for a basket of items including gifts up to \$100, a free 2025 Shamrock Club membership, and two 2024 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Tickets. Tracy also mentioned the verification of member information at the membership table in the Main Tent. Members who want their information published will verify their information and it will be listed in the Members Only Directory. Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase in the Main Tent for the following giveaways: (1) Trip for 2 to Ireland, (2) VIP tickets to 2024 Irishfest, and (3) Quilt (\$500 value) donated by Diane O'Brien.

### **IRISHFEST PICTURE BOARD**

Tracy Mullaney brought a photo of the picture board on her computer that will be displayed at the Shamrock Club Table in the Main Tent at Irishfest. Many thanks to Mary Erickson for painting the picture board, it is a creative addition for the Shamrock Club!

### **IRISHFEST CULTURAL TENT**

Tracy Mullaney spoke about the Irish Fairies exhibit in the Cultural Tent. A big thanks to the work of Tracy Mullaney, Debi McGrury, and Kathy Sexauer for their hard work and effort in this creative task! Tracy Mullaney mentioned face painting at 2:15 pm/4:30 pm in the Cultural Tent as well.

### **JD's PUB/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT IRISH FEST**

Mat McGrury will oversee JD's Pub at Irishfest. Kathleen Ryan stated there are still openings for volunteering, selling tickets, bartending, cleaning tables, etc. Volunteering at the Shamrock Club Table in the Main Tent will include selling raffle tickets for the basket, membership recruiting, and answering general questions about the Shamrock Club. Please visit the Irishfest Web Page (<https://www.irishfestlacrosse.org/volunteer>) for volunteer information and signing up for time slots. All volunteers will be allowed admission for themselves on the day they work and will be provided with a snack and drink at check-in. Orientation for volunteering was held on July 27th at the Onalaska American Legion at 6:00 PM.

### **50th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION (PUMP HOUSE)**

Kathleen Ryan commented on the turnout at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception on June 21, 2023, at the Pump House in La Crosse. There were approximately 100 people who attended the event and Tracy Mullaney commented that there were many positive comments from attendees of the event. Miss Shamrock from St. Paul attended, and Channel 19 provided television coverage.

### **BRAT BARN**

Debi McGrury and Linda Boyle helped make the Brat Barn a success on July 1, 2023. The revenue in 2023 was \$1,148 with \$81 in tips compared to the revenue in 2022 of \$1,093 and \$154 in tips. Dennis O'Brien thanked the anonymous donors for this event.

### **STEPPIN OUT IN PINK, SEP 9TH**

Ann Nolan, current Irish Rose, is leading this team event for the Shamrock Club. People interested can register online and can list Team Shamrockers. <https://steppinoutinpink.donordrive.com>. It costs \$25 to enter from 30 Jun – 3 Sep and \$30 Sep 4-9. Ann will notify the time to gather. Tracy mentioned the route goes from Riverside Park to the Marsh back to Riverside Park with a Woodstock event in the afternoon.

### **NEW BUSINESS – PARADE UPDATES**

We will not be participating in the Holmen Kornfest Parade, but the following are parades coming up. Applefest Parade is September 17<sup>th</sup> and is a big parade. The Oktoberfest Torch Light Parade is September 28<sup>th</sup> and the Oktoberfest Maple Leaf Parade is September 30<sup>th</sup>. For questions contact Pari Sexauer Irish Man and/or Ann Nolan Irish Rose for 2023. Please come out to support the Shamrock Club at the parades! Please look for volunteer opportunities to help in decorating the float for the parades!

### **MISS SHAMROCK/TWINS GAME SPARKLE NIGHT July 24**

Tracy Mullaney mentioned the Miss Shamrock/Twins Game Sparkle Night. Ann Nolan is going, Pat and Tracy Mullaney are going. Event is \$80/ticket and \$27/Twins game. The bus leaves at 2 pm from the Time Out Tavern in La Crescent, wear green.

### **COULEE CELTIC CUP/JD OELKE FOUNDATION at DRUGAN'S, September 24**

Kathleen Ryan spoke about the Shamrock Club sponsoring the JD Oelke Foundation in the Coulee Celtic Cup Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at Drugan's Golf Course in Holmen, WI. Teams are 4 people, 9 holes with golf cart. The cost to golf is \$50, register at 9 AM, golf at 10 AM, lunch only

will be \$20, lunch at noon. Hole Sponsorship is \$100. No volunteers needed. Funds raised go to the Oelke Family College Education Fund (50%) and the remaining (50% go to a needy family). There is a traveling trophy at this event.

**ROTARY LIGHTS/PUB JIG/ANNUAL FAREWELL TOAST, November 18**

Ann Nolan mentioned this event, the event involves a Rotary Lights Tree Trimming, Annual Farewell Toast at the Friendship Gardens in La Crosse, a Pub Jig (Pub Crawl) in downtown La Crosse, and Breakfast. More details to follow when time gets closer to the event.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Pam Smith mentioned the following 3 new members to Shamrock Club: Debi Andre, Loren Ackerman, and Rick Hinckley.

**IRISHFEST SPONSORSHIP GIFT PACKET**

Bill O'Driscoll spoke about the Irishfest Sponsorship Gift Packet. Names were drawn for 22 gifts, and you could only win once for a gift. Names were drawn at this meeting for various gifts in the Sponsorship packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Linda Hoehn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, Cheryl Ann Byers seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

September 20, 2023, Eagles Club, La Crosse, WI, 6 PM

Respectfully Submitted, August 8, 2023 (Final copy)

Elaine McGarry, Secretary