

Annual Business Meeting minutes (unapproved)-August 19, 2023

President Bill Van Vlack called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m. A quorum was present. There were 36 members in attendance.

Approval of Business Meeting Agenda

Bill Van Vlack made a motion to approve the Business Meeting Agenda as presented. Rick Tello seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting August 20, 2022

Michelle Boheim read the August 20, 2022 minutes. David Paulus motioned to approve the August 20, 2022 minutes. There were 35 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion carried.

President Bill Van Vlack wanted to welcome everyone to the Annual Meeting. Bill stated that there was a lot to do on the Island as well as at the campground. He stated that the board members had volunteered to do a lot of the repairs that have been needed. He is very pleased with the board's hard work and wanted to let everyone know we are always looking for volunteers. We would like to thank Joe Girten, Ed Cordell, Ron Haraldson, Phil Larson, Wade Juntunen, Rick Tello & Greg Powell for all their hard work and for volunteering their time to help when needed.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Tello thanked the President, Board members, and volunteers for their contributions and hard work. He then presented the Treasurer's report. Rick pointed out year-end cost differences between last year and this year being costly from expenses for maintenance. Also, the total for the brush pickup was double from last year's total. This was also due to the extra brush & limbs from this past winter, and we still had a fall pickup to pay for. Rick stated that this year's donations have doubled from last year and he wanted to thank everyone who donated this year.

Rick touched on assessments and the procedures that take place on past due assessments. Outstanding assessments total around \$7,000. We are using a third-party collection agency to help collect past due assessments. Rick stated that we are being more efficient by paying bills online or using auto pay and are also using debit cards for some purchases.

Michelle Boheim made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report as presented. Greg Powell seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Rentals: Michelle Boheim explained that this year we used online reservations, affording greater efficiency with the rental system. She follows up with all the people making reservations and this allows her to build a rapport with the renters. The cabin rental rules are now more accessible, as they are on the tables in the cabins instead of hanging on the back of the door. Renters have been phenomenal with cleaning, as well as notifying us when they check-in and check-out. Michelle stated that there has been a lot of positive feedback this year. The Grasshopper messaging system is working very efficiently and response time to issues has been very timely. Renters have been very helpful and very appreciative of what we do.

Firewise Report: Rick stated that this year our brush pickup fee had doubled from last year and this is only for the Spring pickup, and we still have the fall pickup left. The cost so far this year is \$8,000. Rick stated that we had gone over the budgeted amount for brush pickup due to the harsh winter and all the extra branches that fell last winter. Rick has applied for another grant, and it was granted so there will be a fall pickup as well. Rick stated that he had been on Firewise for eight years and he encourages more people to come volunteer with Firewise.

Accomplishments: Electrical was repaired in the Caretaker from damage done from last winter's snow amount. A new computer board was replaced on the well pump. A pipe to the Caretaker was replaced that also was damaged from last winter. A new roof will be installed this September on the Wanigan. WiFi is now through our local Internet carrier, Norvado. Screens on the doors to several cabins were replaced. A toilet on the island located in the Caretaker was repaired and a new toilet was installed in the women's restroom at the campground. Shower curtains were added to the showers at the campground. The restroom floor at the campground was painted, the walls were cleaned, and fire pits were added at the campground. Picnic tables were bought for the Island. There was a lot of cleanup on the Island from down branches from the winter.

Bill opened the floor for nominations for the two open seats.

Election of Board Members (2 seats/3-year term; must elect 2)

Michelle Boheim has completed her 3-year term. Joe Girten has completed his 3-year term.

Rick Tello nominated Michelle Boheim. Mark Sandstrom nominated Jennifer Sandstrom. Michelle agreed to a 1-year term. Rick Tello motioned to elect the slate of nominees to the PPOA Board of Directors as presented. Bill Van Vlack seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Membership questions/concerns/ideas: Kelly Lynch suggested that the Potawatomi Web-Site have an email address attached.

Chris Pooler suggested Potawatomi hire a caretaker to take care of all the things needing done on the cabins as well as the campground.

Cevin Chladek wanted to know if the goal is to make money for the Island and the Campground.

Kevin Dunning would like to have the bathrooms at the campground unlocked so that they can be used by people within the Potawatomi Association.

Jason Bentley wanted to know what people are supposed to do if they have plumbing issues and the bathrooms at the campground are not open.

John Walt wanted to thank Michelle Boheim for all her hard work.

Suggestions were made to install keypads on the restroom doors at the campground and give the key code to people within the association to use the restrooms.

The Board responded that the decision was previously made to open campground showers only when campers are present. All comments will be considered by the Board.

Adjournment

Greg Powell motioned to adjourn. Rick Tello seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM

Respectfully submitted by April Powell, Secretary