

St. Louis River Experience Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm at Chris Jensen Conference Room by President Julia Rulla.

Attendees: Julia Rulla, Scott Lyons, Nancy Saari, Blaine Gamst, Dick Florey, Ron McKinnon, Roger Amborn, Eric Kaiser, Bob Vavrosky and Kathy Anderson.

Absent: Bob Bennett and Mark Evans

The minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2019 approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: All invoices have been paid and there is a current balance of \$32,018.36.

PIER B: Scott reports communication and plans are positive and the staff of Pier B remains committed to SLRE. They are in the process of structuring a menu that can be offered to participants before or after trips. All docks are in and the railing plans are pending. All board members feel we would provide or assist with any expenses related to making this area safer.

Scott also reports that all insurance packages have been completed and updated. A clause for our By-Laws needs to be added in regard to dissolution of the program and how assets would be distributed. Eric and Scott will work on this clause and will bring the plan back to the board. The Articles of Incorporation will need to be approved and notarized at that time.

SPONSORSHIP: All logos have been removed and updated on the pontoon. North Shore Estates, BeeHive and Chris Jensen were added and Irving Community Club logo was removed. Keystone Bluffs has not paid however will continue to sponsor.

PONTOON TRAINING: Eric is looking forward to training and meeting all new captains and mates. He will follow up with anyone that is unable to attend the previously scheduled sessions and will arrange to have the late recruits shadow a trained captain and or mate. Eric will

emphasize the cancellation process during training and keep the Captain's log current.

PONTOON: Roger said 'splash down' went well and the Harbor City International School students did a great job of cleaning the pontoon. He stated we will need to purchase a new flare gun kit, push poles and new ropes prior to the first trip of the season. Roger and Scott plan to approach the Coast Guard to establish a channel of communication. Roger further suggested a plan to contact the Duluth Power Squadron safety officer to do an inspection and/or a training session with captains.

He also stated the portable boarding ramp volunteers place between the dock and the pontoon needs to be shortened. Blaine has a contact in Two Harbors that should be able to complete this project. He will pick up the ramp and transport it to his vendor.

SCHEDULING: Dick reported 98 out of the 121 trips for the season have been booked. Rescheduling for rain cancellation trips will be booked on Monday am and Friday afternoons. There is only one spot left on the schedule for the Festival of the Ships. Dick suggested each board member submit possible business or other recommendations for this trip. Board members suggested offering several business contacts such as Jamar and Marine General each four seats.

VOLUNTEERS: Dick is sending out a list each Monday of trips that have been added and those still needing a captain or mate to all volunteers. He will be responsible to compile weekly data with the number of hours of each trip and compile this pertinent information for the season.

The dock mate will always be an option for volunteers however will not be on the sign up schedule. These volunteers will be aware when trips are scheduled and are always welcome on the dock.

The board decided to offer incentives at the Volunteer Appreciation event. It was suggested if a volunteer signed up for 5 or more trips during a month they would be eligible to win a 50' television. More

discussion about this event and other possible incentives will be explored at our next meeting.

SENIOR PICNIC: Dick has offered to join Bob Vavrosky and Kathy on the committee for the picnic. The event will be held from 11 to 1 on Monday, July 29th at Pier B.

STORAGE: A lengthy discussion was held with recommendations in regard to where T-shirts, cookies and water will be stored for the season. It was also suggested we purchase a file cabinet to accommodate the forms and paperwork for SLRE currently and during the off season. Scott will meet with Ben to suggest the possibility of a small storage building being built at the back of the Boat House. Another option would be that we rent a small storage unit at the end of the season.

SNACKS: Nancy Saari offered to be in charge of ordering snacks and water and storing them until another solution could be found. She will deliver a supply weekly to the pontoon site.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. Next meeting date and place TBD.