

WAC Board of Directors
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes (via Zoom)

May 20, 2021 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Khalid Hanifi (President)
Tom Feight (VP)
Neils Schmidt (Treasurer)
Annie Broderick (Secretary)

Julie Schrader
Kathy Nohr
Jeff Cox
Denise Merie

Absent:

Andy Neering

Members in attendance: 22

Call to order: 6:30 P.M.

1. **Serenity Prayer and WAC Mission Statement.** We read the Mission Statement to remind ourselves of the WAC's mission and to use it as the guiding principal in making decisions.

2. **Approval of November 19, 2020 Board Meeting minutes**

Motion to approve: Khalid H.

Seconded: Kathy N.

Unanimous approval

3. **State of the Club: Khalid H.**

- A. WAC is 52 years old and hopefully we are nearing the end of the pandemic. 400,000 small businesses went out of business and 1/3 of remaining non-profits are in danger of going out of business in the next two years.
- B. Six years ago the Club did not have a budget. We now have \$176,000 in liquid assets; a year ago we had \$125,000 and the year prior \$92,000.
- C. Our Endowment Fund through the A2 Community Foundation today stands at \$83,000; This is not a liquid asset, but is building equity for the Club.
- D. The generosity of 172 members in the March Match contributed \$43,000, (100% over what we sought!)
- E. Paypal donations from zoom meetings have been generous; from Jan- May,2020 \$15,000 were contributed; this year, Jan-May, 2021, \$25,000 were contributed.
- F. We have had two managers over the last year, Kristin and Kidd. Both have been excellent and very instrumental in getting two PPP loans! The first PPP loan for \$23,000 has been forgiven and the second PPP loan for \$19,000 is likely to be forgiven.
- G. The physical building and grounds are beautiful. We have updated restrooms, freshly painted walls, a gazebo, rain gardens and new furniture. We are hoping to remodel the concession area this summer.
- H. We have all missed the in-person camaraderie, especially the "meeting after the meeting" where both random and/or deep conversations occur in the hallway and on the grounds.

- I. Because of inconsistency between the State and CDC, we need to proceed cautiously. On May 15th, all restrictions for outdoor gatherings were removed. We think it is best to proceed cautiously and will maintain the indoor restrictions. The State announced today that on June 1st outdoor limits will expire, and on July 1st indoor restrictions will expire.

4. Treasurer's Report: Neils S.

A. April- contributions and meeting and concessions \$13,400; cost of goods sold \$2500; gross profit \$10,900; Ended with deficit of \$1,700; Rent income is half of what we budgeted; generous contributions made up for shortfall in rent; We have \$176,000 in cash; \$4800 in inventory and 14 months of prudent reserve

B. Budget year to date: \$16,000 in surplus ; Actual year to date \$80,000 in surplus

5. Manager's Report: Jesse L.

"I am happy to report that the recent health concerns effecting various staff members have been resolved. In regards to more global health concerns, patrons have been tolerant of the Clubs restrictions, although more groups are choosing to meet outside. In regards to wearing masks, I would like to thank members for their honesty, as we have had very few members go without a mask due to a medical condition. Several members who are opposed to wearing masks have said so openly and have chosen to meet outside. In this way, it seems members have responded to the "honor system" by working an honest program and finding the right meetings for them."

"The grounds are looking great thanks to the help of members during the spring cleanup and after. We are clearing out the ivy that is very pretty but not as pretty as the flowers it is fighting with for sunlight and soil. The mulch looks great. The stage of the gazebo has been taken down, which makes for a level ground for meetings. This helps for group comradery, and also makes that space accessible to those in wheelchairs, some of whom attend meetings there."

6. Board of Director's Election Results

A. Thanks to Annie and Denise for their service on the Board.

B. New and returning Board members are:

- a. Kristin Sample
- b. Paul Wickstrom
- c. Niels Schmidt

7. New Business-None

8. Member Comments-

Kate Pepin: Appreciates the work on the budget and the organization of the Board allowed us to get a PPP loan and has made a huge difference

Debbie M: Proud to be a member and appreciates the prudent measures taken to protect patrons from Covid-19 and still hold meetings; pleased that March Match resulted in donations in excess of what was sought. Great that the Club can sustain itself.

Diane H: I am a nurse and work in the area trying to get people vaccinated. She stopped into the Club and talked with Kidd. Washtenaw County has 4,000 extra doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccines that they need to get distributed. Could set up a pop up vaccination site at the Club if there is interest. Kidd and Board will convene to discuss and get back to Diane.

Russ- Thank you for the opportunity to leave my house and go to the Alano Club to hang out. Compliments the staff for good communication and good social distancing.

Thanks for all the emails going out.

Jeff C.- Shout out to folks who put fireplace meetings together and keeping the place tidy. Especially Curt and Daniel!

Tom F- Thanks to Khalid on the presentation on the State of the Club.

Ginny S- Club looks fabulous. Congratulations to everyone on the Board for all the hardwork. Kudos.

Linda K -Thanks Kidd and WAC for opening up for Alkathons and buying literature from Intergroup. Kudos to Kathy and Niels.

Paul W. – Good news from Tim -a 5th edition of the Big Book is in progress and a simplified, (4th grade reading level), gender neutral edition.

9. Closing – Serenity Prayer

10. **Move to adjourn:** Khalid Hanifi

Seconded: Niels Schmidt

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Adjourned at: 7:15 P.M.

Serenity Prayer

Next Board meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Broderick, Secretary