

Alano Club Business Meeting

Friday, January 16, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees

Jamie C	Rhea S
Kathy H	Sean A
Kim R	Tim C
Murray H	Tom T

Absent

Jim L

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Tom T welcomed the new Board Members Jamie C, Murray H and Rhea S and looks forward to working with them.

Tom T opened the meeting and distributed the Minutes of the December 12, 2014 Alano Club Business Meeting.

Kim R moved THAT:

MOTION: The Minutes of the Business Meeting be adopted as read and that the Minutes of the December Business Meeting be posted and emailed to the Members of The Alano Club.

Seconded by Tim C. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom T presented the Financial Report.

There was an expense item in December pertaining to an injury claim which was paid out from the General Account.

The Club's has a budget of \$2,700.00 deficit each month, when you take the gaming money in the account. The financials show a \$125.00 loss which represents a \$2,575.00 profit. Each month is starting to reflect the same situation.

One of the GIC's matured on January 14th and we now have \$25,000.00 in GIC's. The current balance in the General Account is \$14,264.54 which includes \$5,000.00 from a matured GIC. There is \$20,000 in GIC's in the Gaming Account.

The expenses that can be charged against the gaming account:

Rent:	\$4,300.00
Custodian Salary	\$ 500.00
Bingo Employee Salaries	\$ 600.00
Accountant's Charge	\$ 150.00

The Gaming Account profits from Bingo were \$295.00 on January 8th and \$349.00 on January 15th.

Tom T asked the Board to approve that \$5,000.00 be reinvested for a ninety day (90) day term and another \$5,000.00 be invested for a one hundred and twenty (120) day term.

The gaming money will be used for expenses in February. \$20,000.00 Gaming money maturing in June will be used to pay July, August and September expenses.

Kim R moved THAT:

MOTION: The Financial Statements be accepted as read.

Seconded by Sean A. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

Tom T moved THAT:

MOTION: The Alano Club reinvest the \$5,000.00 in GIC'S due in January for a period of ninety (90) days.

Seconded by Kim R. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

Tom T moved THAT:

MOTION: The Alano Club invest \$5,000.00 from the General Account into a GIC for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days.

Seconded by Kim R. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

ALANO CLUB WEBSITE

Kim R reported that the website was up and running and can be accessed at Northshorealano.com. This is a shell document and information can always be added or deleted. The information contained on this site was extracted from information from the old website as well as the addition of current and useful information. The tabs that have been added include Contact Information, History of The Alano Club, Resources Available, Meeting Schedules, Newsletters and Stories. All meetings held at the Alano Club are listed on the website, with AA meetings highlighted in red.

It was agreed that Special Events be added to this site.

Alyssa R received \$300.00 for the initial start-up of the website and will be submitting an invoice for \$300 (*updated) for services rendered thus far. Kim R reported that he paid \$250 (*updated) for a 3-year subscription for the North Vancouver Alano Club name (has been reimbursed *updated).

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tom T advised that while the Membership Meeting had few in numbers (12 Members out of 66 Members) it provided valuable feedback.

The subject of food service was discussed with attendees wanting the Club to focus on dinner service rather than breakfast in the hopes of getting Volunteers. The meals could be an incentive for Members to come to the Club.

It was suggested that the Club begin with breakfast being held on Saturday mornings as Canada AM is a large meeting. Rhea S mentioned that she had spoken to the Shelter regarding having an "In-training" member of the Shelter or an individual doing a "Practicum", volunteer at The Alano Club to help to provide meal service. Rhea S will report back at the February 13th Board Meeting.

ACTION: **Rhea S to provide a report on Shelter residents helping to provide food service at The Alano Club at the February 13th Board of Director's Meeting.**

Tom T advised that at the Saturday dinners at the Club the attendance ranged anywhere from 20 to 35 people, yet having dinners once a month is a challenge. A discussion took place as to the number of days in which food service would be provided at the Club. One suggestion was that there is a trial period of three nights a week for two weeks with posters being posted, emails sent out to the Members announcing the event and by word of mouth to generate interest. Another suggestion was that the food service be available for a three month period. As there was no consensus, this will be discussed further at a future Board of Director's Meeting.

Future plans for upgrading the Club is the purchase of uniform coffee mugs and plastic drinking glasses. Cutlery needs to be sorted and old cutlery disposed of. Rhea S will speak to Susie at the Shelter to enquire where the Shelter purchases these items as well as if The Alano Club is eligible for a discount.

ACTION: **Rhea S to contact Susie at the Shelter regarding the purchase of mugs and drinking glasses.**

Recreation was also discussed. In order to attract Members to the Club it is important to provide entertainment, i.e. pool table, shuffleboard, cards, etc. This would encourage fellowship. Tom T stated that he had a quote of \$862.40 for the refurbishing of the pool table and that the expenses will be withdrawn from the General Account. There are approximately 15 cues in the back room which need to have the tips replaced. Money will also be required for the purchase of gaming accessories such as pool pods and balls.

Tim C moved THAT;

MOTION; **Tom T to coordinate refurbishing the pool table and purchase the necessary accessories with the cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.**

Seconded by Jamie C. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

It was suggested that if the TV, pool table and shuffleboard were operational as well as food service provided, the Alano Club could have an Opening Night (Friday / Saturday night). This would be a good indication as to whether the Club is going in the right direction. Jamie C suggested that the Club host events around sports events, i.e. Canucks games, etc.

A discussion took place with respect to buying one or two new televisions, a smart TV that also had music, as well as the purchase of a projection screen. Jamie C to obtain information on both the projection screen as well as a big screen TV and report back at the February 13th Board of Director's Meeting.

ACTION: Jamie C to investigate the cost and benefits of purchasing a new television(s).

VOLUNTEERS

Tom T advised that he had three regular volunteers to help on Bingo night but asked that Board Members step in when there is a shortage. Tim C, Kim R and Kathy H agreed to help out. Sean A is responsible for the cafeteria on Bingo night.

Kathy H to draft a note asking for Volunteers and email this request to the Membership.

ACTION: Kathy H to draft an email asking for Volunteers to help on Bingo night.

BINGO NIGHT

Tom T commended Sean A for his valuable service on Bingo night. At the present time, Sean offers egg salad sandwiches, pizza, potato chips, water, pop, coffee, tea and ice cream to the Bingo attendees. Sean A suggested that the Club has an opportunity to increase the selection offered. Various sandwiches which include meat and chicken can be made on Thursday night and put in the display case for sale as well as soup. It was suggested that Sean A train Volunteers to operate the cash register.

ACTION: Sean A to train Volunteers to operate the cash register.

MEMBERSHIP

Kim R reported that The Alano Club now has 66 members. The appearance of the Club has changed dramatically through the efforts of Tom T and is now a more inviting environment.

Richard F is responsible for Friday Fun Night. The numbers attending fluctuate from being very small to 15-18 people. It is a slow process and at this point in time does not generate a lot of revenue. The music begins at approximately 9:00 p.m. but unfortunately the people attending the evening meetings do not attend once their meeting has ended. It was

suggested that the Club provide a variety of snacks on Friday night which could include nacho chips and chicken strips.

EVENTS

Rhea S reported that she would like to establish an Events Committee and would like to solicit four permanent Committee members as well as three Newcomers as Volunteers.

Rhea S is hoping to plan an Easter Egg Hunt in the park which would be sponsored by The Alano Club. This will bring awareness to the Club.

Rhea S advised that she is a Volunteer at Turning Point and will be starting a Big Book Study on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Rhea S requested that three Big Books be donated to Turning Point. These were donated by Board Members rather than the Alano Club.

It was also suggested that any events hosted by The Alano Club are free to residents of both Turning Point and the Halfway House.

Rhea S moved THAT:

MOTION: All events hosted by The Alano Club are free to residents of Turning Point and the Halfway House.

Seconded by Jamie C. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

Valentine`s Day

Rhea S reported that The Alano Club will host a Valentine`s Day event with a \$5.00 Cover Charge at the door. A \$200.00 request was made for purchasing the necessary accessories for this event.

Kathy H moved THAT:

MOTION: Rhea S be given \$200.00 for the purchase of Valentine`s Day accessories.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tim C presented his report on the Golf Tournament. Tim C was commended for the timeless hours he spent on the preparation required for the upcoming tournament. The budget presented is not necessarily the final unit cost as the 2015 rates have not been established.

The Burnaby Golf Club cautioned that usually the goal is not met in the first year. The Golf Club suggested 40 golfers when doing the estimates with the unit cost not changing regardless of the numbers.

It was suggested to delete power carts from the package which would reduce the entrance fee. Tim C presented a list of possible Donors / Sponsors for the prizes. Volunteers will be needed to approach the various possible Donors / Sponsors, two Observers at each of the four "prize" holes, two Volunteers at the Reception Desk and one Greeter. A decision will need to be made regarding the entrance fee by the next Board of Director`s Meeting. The posters will need to be adjusted to reflect any new changes. Volunteers are also needed to sell tickets. Rhea S, Tom T and Tim C offered to sell tickets for the Tournament. Tom T will print the Donor / Sponsor letters on The Alano Club letterhead and Margo B will revise the Poster.

ACTION: Tom T to print Donor / Sponsor letters on The Alano Club letterhead and Margo B to revise the Posters.

NEXT MEETING

The next Business Meeting will take place on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.