

## HUNTERS RIDGE SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2008 -4:00 pm

Activity Center

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:56 pm by Chairperson Michele Newman, who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Committee members and others present included Chairperson Michele Newman, Secretary-Treasurer Wanda Gagnon, member Cheryl Poostay, Board Liaison Dave Miller, General Manager Don Huprich, Membership Director and Staff Liaison Chris Durfey, Food and Beverage Director Kim Young, Executive Chef Wayne Kerris and Artisans' Fair Chairperson Peggo O'Malley.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Appointments:** Michele announced that she has appointed Wanda Gagnon to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Cheryl Poostay and Kris Pogue have accepted seats on the committee, as well. Neither Betty Cote nor Suzanne Evans-McMurtrie will be returning to the committee this year.

**Transfer of Funds:** The funds of the committee, \$783.00, were transferred by Michele to Wanda, who advised that another \$162.00 was realized from the Artisans' Fair raffle. The funds of the committee total \$945.00.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Dessert Bake-Off:** The event was well-attended and sensational.
2. **Fashion Show:** In a word, fabulous. Kris Pogue did an incredible job.
3. **Mardi Gras:** With the exception of three marvelously decorated golf carts, community members did not parade. The attendance was large, with both the pub and lanai filled. The entertainment was super.
4. **Team Trivia:** As always, this event was well-received and -attended. Beginning this month, Team Trivia will be moved to the activity center, as with seasonal members leaving, attendance is expected to be smaller.
5. **Seafood Buffet:** Once again, a terrific event in all ways.
6. **Artisans Fair:** The crafts were very high-end, and the attendance was large. The raffle netted \$162.00.
7. **St. Patrick's Day:** Unfortunately, this event was not as successful as it will be next year. A good number of reservations were made very late, the morning of the event, and several early-reserved attendees did not have the corned beef and cabbage, as the amount was insufficient to serve everyone.

Kim and Wayne were kind enough to join us today, that we might review how to improve upon functions of this kind. Don advised that the staff had met the morning after this event to discuss what had happened and how to improve upon it.

With discretion vested in Kim, we will try to maintain the number of people in the dining room at 125, in order to not exceed the capacity limit of the fire code. Wayne has been given the authority to purchase food sufficient for every person who has reserved. He will also add an additional case of chicken wings for pub nights.

For special events, Wayne needs at least twenty-four hours to place an order; forty-eight are better. For Monday events, he orders on the Friday preceding the event. Hostesses should meet with Chris and Kim two days preceding an event to finalize the planning. Reservations for pub nights, when we are offering entertainment, will be required. For any event where the dining room fire code for 125 people has been met, additional people will be invited to sit on the lanai or in the pub room. As we do not have sufficient refrigerator and freezer space, the club will be looking into adding some capacity.

Cheryl disseminated a paper with her thoughts and ideas concerning the reservations system and the publicity of the events calendar and related information sites. In recognition of Cheryl's concerns, Chris advised that all information sites - channel 96, website, Scorecard, e-mail and printed notices on the bulletin boards - will now be handled by an internal contract, with proofing to assure that all documentation for every event will be identical. Each event notice will include entertainment times, "music from", meal times, menu, price, "reservations by", and the name of the entertainment. For no-shows to events that do not have a set price, a \$15.00 cancellation fee will be imposed. Otherwise, the no-show fee will be the price of the event.

Each member of staff was applauded for his/her excellence and professionalism, ability to make every member feel special, the detailed information they provide and their assistance at all times.

8. **Easter Brunch:** The food was wonderful and there was good attendance.

#### **New Business: Remainder of March, April and May:**

1. **Sock Hop:** Cheryl discussed the centerpieces for the event. Members somehow need to be made to understand that for themed events, no one is required, or expected, to dress the part.
2. **Wine-Tasting:** This reservation-required event will be limited to sixty people. There will be four stations each for whites and reds. Mike McNinch, Michele and Kim have done a tasting, and Wayne will prepare hors d'oeuvres to compliment each wine, as he did at the first event. To a person who attended the inaugural wine-tasting, it's agreed that it is one of the best events we've hosted to date. Mike McNinch will host again.
3. **Aloha Party:** Kris and Dave will co-chair this event. It's scheduled to be held at the activity center between 6:00 and 9:00 pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Team Trivia:** These events will continue on a monthly basis but will be moved to the Activity Center. Sydell and Dave will continue to host these events.
5. **Karaoke:** Michele will appoint a hostess for this May 1<sup>st</sup> event.
6. **Kentucky Derby:** Following discussion, it was decided to cancel this event.
7. **Mothers' Day:** Michele appointed Wanda to hostess this May 11 function.
8. **Memorial Day Pot Luck:** It was agreed to add a cook-out to this May 26<sup>th</sup> event: hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Michele will appoint a hostess.
9. **Pub Nights:** It was agreed that every other week during the off-season, pub night will be themed and provide entertainment.

## **Other Business:**

1. **Publicity:** Wanda requested that Chris assume the publicity responsibility for all social and community publicity for the various newspapers. As Chris has devised a wonderful section in Scorecard that details each social function, Wanda suggested that would be an excellent document to share with the press. Chris generously accepted this new and additional responsibility with her usual grace. Wanda advised that she will provide Chris with her contacts.

2. **Suggestions for New Events:** Following discussion, it was agreed to add a '**drive-in movie**' to the schedule, perhaps in February 2009. Members would go by golf cart or on foot to a designated place on the golf course to view the movie. Vendors will provide pop corn, cotton candy, etc., and the Club would share in those proceeds.

A request from a couple of members through Cheryl to add pool **Team Volleyball** events to the schedule will be discussed further with staff. The club does not have the equipment, and it's questionable that the pool could be shut down to other members.

A '**Cooking With Wayne**' monthly event was discussed and favorably received by the Committee. Staff will review scheduling and other factors and report back.

**Next Meeting:** The Committee's next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Activity Center, at 4:00pm.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Gagnon,  
Secretary