

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting
October 28, 2014
Minutes

Call-to-Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ron Rehmeyer at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance:

Janet Magner, Ron Rehmeyer, Mary O'Neill, Rosalie Bailey, Todd Sloan, Bruce Rohrbach, James Collins, Gretl Collins, Matthew Restall, and Douglas Albert

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Todd and seconded by Rosalie, the minutes of the September 30 meeting were approved.

Report of the President:

The following letter was sent by Ron on October 25th to all social club members:

Dear Social Members of the University Club,

The board of directors would like to thank everyone who has helped make the University Club a vibrant and exciting experience for 2013. We have seen events catered by the best restaurants in State College draw healthy and fun turnouts of members. We are looking forward to an even more exciting 2014.

Looking back over 2013 we have seen many historic positives for the 100th anniversary year of the U Club.

- new members and returning members have given us the highest membership total in the past 10 years
- complete renovation and repair of the outside of the building to pass all code requirements of the centre region as well as make our building beautiful and attractive again

- complete renovation and refurbish of 10 percent of our resident membership housing

- renovation and code compliance of basement area has begun

- complete landscaping as well as planting the "heritage tree" on the grounds of the University Club

- addition of beautiful new video screen to the dining area of the club

- transition to full electronic payment options through our completely revamped and revitalized Website.

This has helped to contribute to a 50% increase in event attendance, as well as increased occupancy by resident membership. We will continue to expand this service to all facets of the club in 2014, including allowing you to pay your yearly dues online through the website.

- New management and employee hires have created a safe and pleasant environment for all members, resident and social, of the Uclub

- Our board and social committee have many new and exciting experiences planned for 2015. Wine tours, interest group get togethers, fireside chats, music, art, retreats, and many other activities.

While the Uclub will remain as the premium social membership experience in State College, we will need to slightly increase our dues structure to allow the club to continue to thrive and provide an exclusive and unique value to our members. The increase is a modest \$4 per month and will take place on Jan. 1, 2015. The following will be the 2015 dues, single members: \$150, couple (any two) \$250. Any renewals prior to Dec. 1, 2014 will receive a \$10 discount. Payment at website by credit card or check post marked by Nov. 30th will qualify for the discount. I hope to see you all at the Halloween party next Friday night.

With warmest regards,

Ron Rehmeyer

President, The University Club

In accordance with Article XIII, The University Club Constitution, the following five club members were appointed by the President to work as a Nominating Committee for the purpose of listing nominations for the offices of the Club to be elected at the annual meeting: Todd Sloan, Janet Magner, Rosalie Bailey, Douglas Albert and Bruce Rohrbach.

The following board members terms will end in January 2015: Lynn Sidehamer Brown (past-President), Jerry Derdel (Pat Vernon), and Matthew Restall (Eileen Fabian).

Moved by Matthew and seconded by James, the board approved to schedule the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2015, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all members of the Uclub (resident and social members invited). The January board meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Smoking Solutions - The board decided to make the side porch the designated smoking area. Outdoor furniture will be moved to the porch to create a comfortable area. The board will support additional ideas developed through the Building & Grounds Committee.

Treasurer's Report: (email submission of full monthly report sent to board)
Escrow account is being eliminated. The remaining \$20,000 will be put into operating account. Weekly deposits are now being made to Reliance Bank. The website is now functional for 90% of monetary transactions. Moved by Janet and seconded by James the report was accepted.

Ron met with the branch manager of National Penn Bank to ask for consideration of waving a penalty cost for paying off the previous loan.

Membership Report:
There is no report at this time.

Building & Grounds Committee: (email submission of full monthly report sent to board)
The top priority is the building security (cameras and security cards). All fire escape doors will need to be replaced to upgrade the security system.

Social Committee:
The committee is in full swing in preparation for Friday's Halloween Happy Hours. The November Happy Hours will be hosted by Ron (food by TGIF Fridays); and the Holiday Party is scheduled for December 20 (catering by Tony Sapia).

Old Business:
No outstanding issues to report.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee met at this time. The committee has proposed Dr. Jerry Derdel and Mr. Matthew Restall for the two board member positions, open January, 2015.

The following letter, dated October 31, 2014, was sent by Ron Rehmeyer to Social and Resident members of The University Club:

Dear Social and Resident members of the University club. The nominating committee of the club has presented the following two candidates to fill the open positions of the board of directors for 2015 - 2018.

Dr. Jerome Derdel

Dr. Matthew Restall

All members of the University club are invited to the annual meeting of the club on Tuesday, January 20th, from 6-7 pm in the main dining room of the University Club. the agenda will be as follows.

- Welcome comments from President of the Board, Ron Rehmeyer, President
- Financial report and 2015 budget, Rosalie Bailey, Treasurer
- House committee report, Bruce Rohrbach, Chairman
- Manager report, Katrina Miller, Daily Operations Manager
- Election of board candidates (social members have one vote each)
- The board of directors thanks Lynn Sidehamer Brown for her past service to the club and board
- Meeting adjourned, light refreshments and snacks.

-7pm- Regularly scheduled board of directors meeting.

Ron Rehmeyer

The board voted by email 7-0 with one abstention, to accept the marketing proposal and budget of Christin Snyder to advertise and make known the University Club as a wedding venue (11/6/14).

Paul and Susan Furrer have been confirmed unanimously by the Board of Directors as new 2014 members.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Neill
Secretary