

LAVMC NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Well, we had another General Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 21 and it felt good! Again it was held in the backyard of the Club, which (thanks to Susan and Dave Sorensen) was all cleaned up. Although it was announced as a “Cook-Your-Own”, dinner was served just like a regular meeting, thanks to Charlie, Pete Kopcrak, Zach Perron for barbequing and Rich Pata for bringing and cooking squash. The steak was delicious (I bought some to take home). There was also free beer!

Newsletter: Two points were discussed about the Newsletter. **(1)** Members with no email should be mailed the Newsletter using the USPS. The membership form has a blank labeled “Email Address” where you can write “None”. *Editorial observation:* This procedure will add marginally to the Secretary’s burden and to the Club’s expenses. **(2)** In view of the Covid situation, former members should continue receiving the Newsletter, in a reach-out effort to solicit renewal of their memberships. I (JT) will generate a separate transmittal letter and email list for former members.

Web Page: Deanna Hearth announced her updating of the Club’s web page, which she did at her own expense. THANK YOU, Deanna! Check it out at: <https://www.lavmc.org/> .

Treasurer’s Report: Although Mary Anne was absent, here’s the cash balance from her Feb. report:

Shred-to-You Event	\$ 400
Club Appeal	1,375
All-Sports Bingo	215
Refundable Rental Deposit	1,850
When-You-Wish-Upon-a-Star	30
Donations Account	15,795
Old Days Advertising	2,481
BB Building Fund	1,529
General Fund	15,483
Total Cash in Bank @2/28/21	\$ 39,158

Bar Report: Steve reported problems with the beer cooler. ☹ Pray he can get it fixed shortly!

Rentals: Guess what? Shirley reported that we already have two new rentals for this year! YAY! She’s worked hard to get the clubhouse ready. She also reported great success for the virtual Bingo sessions she and her helpers have put on. Many thanks, Shirley. ☺

Donation: The Members approved Olga Reed School’s request for \$3,000 for their annual 6th grade Catalina Island Science Camp, with a proviso that if they do not attend, the funds stay with the Club.

Old Days: Nothing is certain on Old Days. I read Santa Barbara County is eyeing **orange** status!

Queen’s Event: Kim has been VERY busy laying the groundwork for a 2021 “Queen’s Event”! She learned our partner, Santa Ynez Valley Youth Recreation (**SYVYR**), will NOT do their raffle. At our meeting, our Members voted to proceed alone (Covid willing). The target date is May 22.

Lifetime membership: Someone suggested offering lifetime memberships as a means for raising funds. The Board will consider that possibility. The downside is that future operations would be deprived of that revenue source. The Bylaws (§3.6) say nothing about prepayment of dues. *Editorial observation:* To match income with expenses, an accountant would not consider prepayments as current income. Although the cash can be spent currently, the Club has the obligation to provide for the membership in future years. To match income with expenses, prepayments would be considered “deferred income”, and be taken into account ratably over the years to which the prepayments relate.

There was a lot of discussionGOOD MEETING!! 😊

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Future Bar-B-Q's: Because the March Membership Meeting turned out so well, the Board agreed on having an outdoor Bar-B-Q Membership Meeting more often; perhaps quarterly!

“Queen’s Event”: There was a full discussion of the how to proceed with the raffle-dinner-auction and there will likely be a full airing of the subject at the April 15th Membership Meeting. Since there’s no Elk’s “Queen” anymore we’re trying to figure out what to call it ...any ideas? Past events have consisted of **(1)** a dinner, **(2)** a live auction of donated goods, and **(3)** a reverse raffle. Present plans are to maintain that format. Dinner tickets will probably be around \$20; reverse raffle tickets \$100 and will include one dinner. The raffle is considered “gambling”, and CA Penal Code §320.5 says only 10% of the proceeds can be paid to the winner! Hopefully that will not put a damper on ticket sales.

☹ See https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/publications/raffles_trifold.pdf for details.

Kim has done much leg work in developing these plans, and she’ll need A SMALL ARMY to pull it off:

Auction Donations	Bar Help
Auction Help	Kitchen Help
Ticket Sales	Food Servers
Decorations	Clean-up

Many have asked about when we can “return to normal” and get back to our charitable work. Now’s the time! Please email Kim at ranchorelaxo11@gmail.com . Also, be thinking of what you can donate for the auction. In the past, almost anything would sell!

APRIL 15 MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

We WILL be going back to regular monthly 3rd Thursday Membership Meetings in the Clubhouse starting April 15. We’ll need volunteer chefs, so please check your calendar...again, it’s the 3rd Thursday of every month On April 15th, to celebrate our return and to encourage you to “break the ice” after this long interruption, this meeting will feature an OPEN Bar...that’s right: free drinks, thanks to a friendly member!! So **don’t miss it!** Steve may need help, so if you’re interested email him at steve.soderquist@gmail.com). The Bar will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7:00. Do come! 😊

Editorial observation and question: We never sell enough drinks at Membership Meetings to cover the \$75 ABC fee. The cost of drinks is a fraction of what they’re sold for. Ergo: The cost of having an open bar at all Meetings would not be prohibitive, even if we were to include nonalcoholic drinks for those who so prefer. This should encourage greater attendance. Why change? Because we frequently do not have a one-third quorum, which poses a problem for voting. What do YOU think?