

The Sun City Tai Chi Club

Executive Board Meeting

Talisman Hall

Sun City Lakes East/West Golf Course, Sun City AZ

March 5, 2020

In attendance:

Board Members: Daniel Rather, President

Norris Bryant, Vice President

Maurice Kelsall, Treasurer

Susan Ackerman, Secretary

Club Members: Sue Bryant, Linda Voorhees, Elisa McArthur, Maria Coesens

Guests: Mike Swanick, Marolyn Vincent

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by President Dan Rather.

The minutes of the February 6, 2020 Executive Board Meeting, previously submitted to the Board for review, were approved as written. Minutes to be posted on the club website.

Treasurer's Report: January/February 2020

Income: \$2,691.75

Add'l Income: \$ 327.50 (Franklin Event)

Expenses: \$2,013.63

Add'l Expenses: \$ 211.96 (Franklin Event)

Net: \$ 793.66

Total Liabilities & Equity as of March 1, 2020

\$4,533.83

The Rules & Regulations and the suggested revisions provided by the committee are being reviewed by the Board. The Board will continue its review at the March 7 informal Board meeting with the objective of presenting a precise package for membership approval at the April 9, 2020 membership meeting. The revised Rules & Regulations will be published for membership review prior to the meeting as required. The topic of membership vote generated the discussion of online voting. RCSC guidelines (referencing RCSC Board Policy 12 Chartered Clubs) do not prohibit online voting; however, the club's current Rules & Regulations state a member may vote only in person.

The Board completed/approved a revised membership information form which contains a liability waiver. This revised membership form will be used going forward.

The registration team for the upcoming Grandmaster Franklin event is slated to meet March 14 for a rehearsal. All details relating to the event will be covered at that practice session.

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Elisa McArthur has purchased necessary supplies for the event. Advertising addressed: article written for the Independent and the club section of the RCSC weekly online newsletter; flyers to be posted at various locations; the article for the Sun View was apparently misplaced and did not make publication.

The Board stated the February 29 Fun Fair and Tai Chi demos were very successful, a good means of advertisement for the club. Interested individuals collected a total of 63 class schedule flyers and 39 special event flyers.

Dan Rather is putting together a monitor guidelines manual and will distribute a set to Bell, Fairway and Lakeview. He added, monitor training goes on continuously.

Dan Rather continues to visit classes and attempts to recruit volunteers and promote club enthusiasm.

Monday's newly added class by Charlie Gill, The 24 Form Tai Chi, has been added to the 2020 class schedule flyer and club calendar. Sue Ackerman to ask Ross Fewing to advertise that class and post new schedule.

The club's 2021 request for allocated time/space at the various recreation centers must be submitted to RCSC. The Board anticipates additional classes in 2021. Potential classes may include a sword class and a daytime Qi Gong. The club's request will include additional time for class expansion/special events and additional space at Fairway or Marinette. Fairway and Marinette offer rooms with a projector, which is required if the club should offer a sword class, if that class is instructed via video by Grandmaster Franklin, and if a fee structure is agreed upon. The Board will look to membership for feedback on expanding classes.

The Board has debated the issue of offering free classes to monitors since taking office this year. It is a difficult decision. If the Board eliminates free classes, some members may be upset if a perceived benefit is taken away and some may depend on the waived fee. If the Board endorses the current policy, some members may feel it's unfair that only monitors are rewarded while they have volunteered in other capacities with no compensation and some may believe that a select group is being favored. The Board must also consider our current Rules & Regulations, which specifically state "all students must pay the class fees". Hoping to appease all, Motion by Dan Rather that we rescind the free class for monitors except for the class currently monitoring. Seconded by Maurice Kelsall. Objections heard. Motion rejected. Discussion among members and Board continued with varying viewpoints and suggestions. After further discussion, motion by Sue Ackerman that we no longer offer free classes to students and that every student must pay a class fee beginning May 1, 2020. Seconded by Dan Rather. Motion passed.

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The Board acknowledges the importance of the monitor position and the many responsibilities required of that position. The Board is hopeful that eliminating free classes will not impact our membership's willingness to volunteer.

George DeHaven continues to provide monitors with on-the-job training, striving for consistency. It is imperative that attendance forms be completed accurately and that completed memberships forms accompany every \$10 club fee. Executed membership forms are required to confirm membership and determine headcount.

Suggestion made that name badges be encouraged to assist in identifying participants.

The Board was informed that instructor Charlie Gill is selling personal CDs at his Essential Class. The Board will review his contract to ascertain if selling personal merchandise is specifically addressed.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ackerman, Secretary