

READING LIEDERKRANZ

MINUTES FROM THE January 26, 2024 BOARD MEETING

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jon Linton, Aaron Sadowski, Mike (FS) Miller, and Suzanne Miller

Excused: Joe Pettyjohn and Len Weckel

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Rosie Borst, Zach Rinker and Joel Strohecker

SECTION LEADERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keith Fox, Judi Eshelman, and Dieter Wolter

Excused: Bryn Weckel and Len Weckel

COORDINATORS IN ATTENDANCE: Cherylene Shollenberger

Excused: Gayle Schneider, Sue Shuler, and Bryn Weckel

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Gallagher

Excused: Karl Allmendinger

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Stuber, and Joan Yoder

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Linton called the board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE: All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence for Club members who recently passed or are suffering with illness. We remember George Allmendinger, John Knott and Luiza Gaisbauer on their passing and several members and close acquaintances suffering illness.

REPORTS:

- **Financial Secretary's/Membership Report – Michael Miller**
 - January new members: 14 Average age of new members is 49
 - There are 1,694 members that renewed for 2024.
 - There are 923 members from 2023 that have yet to renew.
 - Has been working on annual donation report, and wanted to highlight thanking the Ladies Auxiliary for their donations toward renovation projects and furniture purchases this year.
 - Membership renewal dates: January 31 ends the regular renewal period
February 1 – March 31: \$10 late fee imposed
April 1: Dropped from active roles. Must apply as new member & lose tenure
 - Monthly/Annual membership comparison, new/renewal of membership comparison were also included with the email sent to board members prior to the meeting
 - *Motion by Keith Fox, second by Joel Strohecker, to accept the report. Motion carried.*
- **Secretary's Report – Suzanne Miller**
 - *Motion by Zach Rinker, second by Mike Stuber, to accept minutes from the November meeting. Motion carried.*
- **Appointed Positions – Jon Linton**
 - At-Large Trustee: Joel Strohecker
 - Position vacated by Scott Thomas when moved to House Trustee
 - Assistant Trustee: George Fultz
 - Will be responsible for RLK communication and marketing
 - Grounds Trustee: Zach Rinker
 - Position vacated by Joe Pettyjohn when moved to 1st VP position
 - Assistant Trustee: Drew Weyandt
 - Asst. House Trustee: Dawson Mohl
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Heather Allmendinger
 - Oktoberfest Chair: Karl Allmendinger
 - Christkindlmarkt Chair: Mike Gallagher
 - WurstFest Chair: Melissa Strohecker
- **Germania – Len Weckel**
 - Team won 3rd straight victory and looking to plan a Victory Celebration to include all current and veteran players
 - Team will be moving up to the First Division
 - Bryn will be inducted into the Eastern PA Soccer Hall of Fame at an Induction event on February 23.
 - A Celebration is being planned as Germania is nearing their 100th Anniversary
- **Small Game of Chance – Len Weckel**
 - Seeing steady usage of the machine
 - Approx \$15,773 was brought in during 2023. Supplies purchased cost approx. \$1,000
 - No record of payouts in 2023 was available.
- **Bingo – Bryn Weckel**
 - Next Bingo scheduled for March 3
 - Online reservations will begin two weeks prior to the event. Walk-ins are welcome as this event does not sell out.
 - There were 80+ people attending the January event, 10 volunteers, plus RLK staff members.
- **Eagle Mountain Home – Bryn Weckel**

- Working with Corrie Crupi who is compiling information for a book about EMH
- **Newsletter – Bryn Weckel**
 - January edition was emailed to those members providing email addresses. If individual members request mailed copies, the January newsletter was six pages and would fit inside a regular envelope with first class postage.
 - Approx 200 copies were printed and made available at the Club.
 - Information for February issue is due to Bryn before Monday, January 29
- **Treasurer – Aaron Sadowski**
 - Information on RK financials is available from the Treasurer.
 - *Motion by Suzanne Miller, second by Mike Miller, to accept this report. Motion carried.*
- **Travel – Cherylene Shollenberger**
 - Alaska: 57 travelers are participating with the June 25 to July 5, 2024 trip.
 - Reutlingen, Germany: Planning a trip from July 10 17, 2025 where there will be a home base hotel in Reutlingen. Day trips will visit surrounding cities with the highlight being participation with the Reutlingen Schwörtag Festival, Mayor’s Swearing in ceremony
 - Biltmore/Ashville: Domestic bus trip being planned for December 8 – 12, 2024
 - Considering a domestic bus trip in late 2025
 - Reading High School/Reutlingen Exchange program:
 - Reutlingen students will visit Reading in the spring of ‘24 for two weeks.
 - On April 11, approx. 20 Reutlingen students, the RHS host families and select Reading officials from the Reading/Reutlingen Friendship Teram led by former mayor Tom McMahon will visit the RLK and participate in an authentic German meal. All are invited to support this event and learn about this 24-year-old partnership.
 - *Motion by Cherylene Shollenberger, second by Zach Rinker, to provide a free buffet to all of the students and up to four (4) German teachers. Motion carried.*
 - RHS students are also looking to help with grove clean up to use as a sponsorship/fundraiser to help raise monies for their upcoming trip
- **Membership Dues:** Discussion will begin on raising dues and/or renewal rates beginning in 2025
- **Trustee Mega Meeting – Jon Linton**
 - State of the RLK and projects for calendar year 2024 were discussed
 - Those projects being supported by the trustees for 2024 include:
 - HVAC being installed in hallway, restrooms, and ice room
 - An RLK member will be completing the necessary installation
 - The Ladies Auxiliary has graciously agreed to fund this project.
 - Consensus to complete this project as soon as possible
 - Grove Dance Floor refurbishing.
 - Work to be completed prior to Maifest
 - Consensus to complete this project as soon as possible
 - Old outdoor kitchen roof
 - Work to be completed prior to Maifest
 - Work will include: relocating the cake cooler to the middle window, cosmetic repairs, a adding a tin roof
 - Possible usage: First window – Strudel
Second window – Cakes
Third window – Pretzels
 - Consensus to complete this project as soon as possible
 - Repair exterior drainage problems.
 - Work to be completed prior to Maifest
 - Plumber has already completed walk through with ground breaking as soon as ground not frozen
 - Plan includes all plumbing and electrical work to be completed within two weeks.
 - “Rock clause” should be added to contract
 - Considering growth for additional lines needed in outdoor kitchen and draining pipes in winter affecting how deep need to lay pipes
 - *Motion by Zach Rinker, second by Keith Fox, to move forward with this project. Motion carried.*
 - Paving
 - Plumber will not pave any areas he disturbs
 - Paving company will regrade entrance to grove (hill), pave nine (9) handicap spaces, pave over grass/stone island at main entrance, and other areas designated by Trustees
 - Stokesay agreed to paving of the island to create a more functioning entrance way.
 - *Motion by Joel Strohecker, second by Rosie Borst, to move forward with this project. Motion carried.*
 - **Oktoberfest budget:**
 - *Motion by Joel Strohecker, second by Aaron Sadowski, to approve this budget. Motion carried.*
 - **Christkindlmarkt budget:**
 - *Motion by Mike Gallagher, second by Zach Rinker, to approve this budget. Motion carried.*
 - **2025 project list:**
 - Repairing remaining sections of dining room floor. Earlier if finances available
- **GTV – Dieter Wolter**

- Thank you to those who helped prepare for Eisbein and Schweinshaxen. Served 115
 - Dancers also provided an exhibition at the event
- FrontierFeast planned for March 2
- 75th Anniversary of GTV planned for June 22, 2024
- Gaufest 2027
 - GTV submitting a bid to host Gaufest in 2027 with host hotel in Lancaster and several events being held at RLK (Judge training, etc.)
 - Last hosted in 2007 in Hershey
- **Christkindlmarkt – Mike Gallagher**
 - Budget is based on # of vendors and vendor fees received from prior year's event
 - Pavilion plastic is ordered every other year (cost approx. \$350)
 - Dates: November 29, 30 and December, 2024
- **2024 Meetings**
 - Meetings will continue to be held on 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m. excluding July and December
- **Sign project:** Sign installation permit was approved
- **Lighting project:** Question arose if parking lot lighting as-built was approved by township
- **New Years Eve – Cherylene Shollenberger**
 - Very successful event
 - Verbal contract with Dave Kline to provide music for next event
 - German Buffet planned with pretzel drop scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Motion by Zach Rinker to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne M. Miller



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December 28, 2023

Ms. Bryn Weckel
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Dear Bryn,

The Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association is holding its annual Hall of Fame induction to honor individuals who have contributed substantively to the development of adult soccer in Eastern Pennsylvania. Each year a new class of players, coaches, administrators and/or referees will be inducted into this Hall of Fame.

We are pleased to announce that you have been selected to become a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2024.

On behalf of the entire Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer community, we would like to invite you and a guest to attend the dinner banquet, being hosted by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer on February 23, 2024, at the Double Tree Hilton in Reading. We will recognize you and your classmates and honor each of you for all that you have done to foster the growth of this great game in our area. Your selfless and untiring contributions have helped to make Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association what it is today.

Enclosed is an invitation if you would kindly respond at your earliest convenience.

Congratulations on this achievement, thank you for all of your time and effort, and we hope to see you at the banquet.

Very sincerely,

Ronald Burnett
President
Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association



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