

**OLL Board of Directors Meeting
February 2024**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:02

Board members attending:

Doug Long, Mary Phillips, David Shallenberger, David Myler, Marirose Lescher, Gail Ament, Jose Luis Zarate, Peter McCallion, Carol Ringold, Jacki Gordon, Phil Schlak,

Board members absent: Viviana Ruiz

Visitors: Fred Boskovich

Staff: Adriana

Approval – Agenda

Peter moved to approve the agenda; David Myler seconded; motion approved

Approval –January 2024 Minutes

David Myler moved to approve the Jan. minutes; Carol Ringold seconded; motion approved

Announcements

President’s Report

Jacki brought up the topic of the civility policy, mentioning briefly some things that have happened that we need to be cautious about. Her research is that in general people are showing their worst rather than their best sides. It seems like things are moving in the wrong direction. Discussion followed about updating the civility policy.

Phil suggested that when becoming a member there could be an explanation of the civility policy and new members would place a check mark agreeing to the behaviors in the civility policy. Jacki also suggested that we could put up a few signs reminding people to be kind, be patient, etc.. She is leaving it to the next board but she didn’t want to leave it without bringing it up. The bad behavior that has been occurring affects the staff and the volunteers. Jacki also suggested that there be a communications committee formed again. Since she is leaving the board she will be sending to the new board the results of the last retreat.

Treasurer's Report

There was no regular report because of computer problems. The money brought into the Oll in January far exceeded what was expected. Our tours, hikes, lectures, etc., far exceeded what we budgeted for.

David Shallenberger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; David Myler seconded; motion approved.

Old Business

Doug asked about March events requiring vans thinking there would be less call for them. Jacki responded with the number of vans that have been and will be necessary to carry out events.

DA Status

For 2 months the notario had our documents and had done nothing with them. He is running for public office. Our November minutes are ready to go. He's working on the March minutes. Marirose and Mary Phillips are delivering the signatures today and we're a go! As soon as our minutes are protocolized (registered) Jose Ernesto is taking over.

Nominations Committee report

There's been a fair amount of controversy, controversy caused by the anomaly occurring at the AGAM 3 years ago. The Nominating Committee was to come up with candidates for the two officers who are finishing their time on the board in March at the Agam and then two more. The committee came up with four because they believed that they were to fill any seats of directors leaving. There are four directors leaving. The committee came up with four people, not two. The reason we have four directors leaving the board is because three years ago at the Agam there were extra directors nominated from the floor. Rather than four, three extra Bod members were elected. Our constitution says "two directors will be elected each year. It was meant to be that two go on the board and two go off every year to make an orderly transition. This number works with 6 directors. It doesn't work with 8. The BOD agreed that we will work with the constitution for one year and will probably modify the constitution next year.

Volunteer Appreciation Event report:

It worked out wonderfully and there was good feedback. It came in under budget.

Streaming

Have earned 13,250 pesos for streaming. Will slow down for the rest of the season. Doug will be stepping back and letting others take over. Some good comments about the streaming. Building a library for streaming. That work will be done over the summer.

Protocol for health emergencies

Joan Harmon, put out the word we need people for a committee to write a protocol.

Water shortage

Doug mentioned that we can now monitor because we have a way to measure how much water we have in the cistern. We have purchased two pipes. David Myler suggested that we use the same company that the hotel does. One of our first contacts is with the hotels.

New Business

AGAM

Executive Committee will be working on slides for the Agam.

Other

Facilities Committee is aware of some things that need to be done before the rainy season. Painting of the ceiling is in process. Need to replace lamina over the terrace. Acting within the budget. Money in budget for 4 additional security cameras. Less than 4-5,000 pesos. Need a camera in the children's room. And on a side of the terrace. Coming into the library from the hotel.

Committee Reports

Excursions committee is going well. So are hikes. Will be trying to come up with some different outings. List includes overnights. David Shallenberger brought up the idea that we should be willing to lose money. We shouldn't be leaving too much of a footprint, especially keeping in mind the recent pushback against gringos in Oaxaca .

Marirose moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary seconded; meeting adjourned at 12: 45

Jacki ended the meeting with a thanks to the BOD for her time as president.