

Board of Directors Meeting

January 16th, 2025

Teams

**Present:** Mary Ann Brown, Clara Garman, Danica Haas, Anne Ryerson, Teresa Colgan, Andrew Abbott, Jill Dashner, Tracy Schwind, David Blankenship, Rachel Savage, Chelsea Hillman, Tim Conlon, and Emerald Smith

Girl Board Members Present: Rachel Johnson, Divya Ramadugu, and Killian Graff

Absent: None

**Staff:** Diane Nelson, Allison Johnson, Roxie Lucas, Nikki Habben, Shelly Wells-Cain, Maura Warner, and Stacy Conforti

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Jill Dashner, Board Chair, welcomed those in attendance and declared a quorum at 4:01 PM.

**Consent Agenda (action):**

Jill Dashner, the Board Chair asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mary Ann Brown made a motion to have the Bylaws moved up in the Annual meeting agenda to reflect the renewal and new board members terms. Jill Dashner, Board Chair asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda with the agenda corrected. Mary Ann Brown moved Jill’s motion; the motion was seconded by Teresa Colgan. No discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Discussion Item:**

**Finance: (Action)**

We had Mary Powell and Jenna Bunkers from RSM present FY 24 Annual Audited Financial Statements. Mary Ann Brown made a motion to approve theFY24 Annual Audit; the motion was seconded by Andrew Abbott. No discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mary Ann then presented the Bylaw changes that our Bylaw committee has presented. One of the major changes would be to change the officers shall be elected by the members of the Council for a term of ~~two (2)~~ three (3) years, or until their successors are elected, and shall serve for no more than ~~three (3)~~ two (2) consecutive terms in any one of these offices. Mary Ann Brown made a motion to have the Bylaws presented at the Annual Meeting; the motion was seconded by Tim Conlon. No discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Board Development:(Action):**

Chelsea Hillman let our board members know that we have three vacancies and if they have any leads to please share with Mallory or Diane. Chelsea presented that we had 5 girls apply for our Girl Board position and we would be making our final decision early next week. Chelsea also let us know that Angela Weekly has resigned from the board. Chelsea Hillman made a motion to add to the Annual meeting to have her serve another year as the Board Development Committee Chair. Teresa Colgan seconded, and the motion was approved.

**2024 Camp Program:**

Stacy Conforti, VP of property and outdoor reported on our Capital Projects we have in the works and the ones we have coming up. We are currently working to update Camp Little Cloud and Camp Liberty at the moment. Stacy also reported on our camp usage, and we are seeing an increase in our usage, but we still need your help in sharing the word about camp rentals.

**Marketing:**

Maura, VP of marketing and retail, reported out that we had a local videographer come out and shoot videos of Camp Liberty and Camp Little Cloud. The videos were then shared. The videos were then shared out after the meeting and Maura encouraged our Board to keep spreading the word of Rustic Iowa Venues website.

**President Report:**

Jill Dashner wanted to thank everyone and say goodbye as this was her last official meeting. She encouraged all of our board to please attend our Annual Meeting on April 5th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Prairie High School.

**CEO Report:**

Diane Nelson, CEO, thanked Jill Dashner for her time serving on the board. Diane let the board know that we will be having the Annual Meeting on April 5th from 9:30-11 am and then we will have celebrations where we celebrate with all our volunteers from 11-12 pm. Then from 12pm-4pm we have our Journey the World event happening where you will see the girls engaging in different activities provided by sponsors and girl scout troops.

**Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Jill Dashner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13PM. Sarah Beckman moved Jill's motion, the motion was seconded by Anne Ryerson, all agreed unanimously, and the motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Mallory West, Executive Assistant.