

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Rod Cury, Sandra Culler, Mary Lawson, Zadin Lawson, Brad Lawson, Corey Whited

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:10pm.

II. Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the 12/8/22 meeting.

III. Financial report and recent donations

Rod reported that as of 12/30/22 we had a balance of \$5,049.51 with the town. From the donation request letters we sent out last month, we received \$100 from the Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association, \$100 from Travis Hackworth, \$250 from Mack and Mary Katherine Culbertson, \$250 from Mary Lawson, and \$250 from Rod Cury. These donations have yet to be posted to our town account.

IV. Winter Honey Festival and related activities

Rod has contacted Tom Bays from Clinch Valley Beekeepers. Tom has agreed to have the group put on a “Meet the Beekeepers: From Hive to Honey” program for the Winter Honey Festival. The program will be at the Section House on Monday, 2/6/23 6:00-8:00pm; it will include tastings, an information exchange, and baklava sales to benefit the beekeepers. Lynna will design a promo flyer and attend the beekeepers’ next meeting—on Tuesday 1/17 at 7pm—to coordinate final plans.

Lynna suggested that the house will need cleaning beforehand. We will clean on Tuesday, 1/24 at 5pm.

V. Jefferson scholars event

Rod reminded the board that the Jefferson scholars’ visit will be 3/28-29/2023. The Section House will host John Ragosta and Bill Barker on 3/28 for an evening program and meal. Tickets will be \$50/ea. and our target will be 32 attendees. Earlene Butcher has offered to provide floral arrangements. We have received Sponsorship commitments from: (1) Jeff and Charity Hurst--\$500, Dr. Brandon Buskell--\$500, and Peter Mulkey--\$500. \$500-tier sponsors will receive free tickets and a special meet-and-greet with the presenters.

Rod has contacted Clint Neal about catering; rooms at Holiday Inn Express have been reserved for the presenters; rooms and mileage will be paid for by the SWCC Foundation.

Greg is looking into reserving the Ratliff Commons space for the 3/29 event, which will be open to students and the general public. Tentatively, this event will begin at 10:50am. Greg will inform Dr. Brian Wright that the board is still holding this event.

VI. Christmas wrap-up

The board appreciates the participation of Emerson Kirby and RHS students in decorating the house for Christmas. Adrienne Cordle passes on her compliments on how the house looked. Outside decorations will be taken down soon.

Lynna urged everyone to be careful to make sure to keep the house and storage building doors locked at all times.

VII. Items on hold

In light of the events currently being planned, the following activities remain on hold: photography contest, quilting expo, train excursion, brochures, painting the house, 501 (c) (3) designation.

VIII. Other business

Lynna reminded everyone that AASC will host a 10-week Bingocize program at Community Central Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10:00am starting Monday, 2/6. She invited everyone to participate in this free event.

Next meeting--Thursday, February 16 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment--6:20pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
January 13, 2023