

House Activities Committee Minutes, January 6, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Roger Crook, David Neu, Val Mendez-Lopez, Brett Nickel

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

Old Business

- NYE
 - Recapped the event; Pat shared her notes and feedback; she was very pleased with the caterer, servers and DJ Tom
 - Discussed potentially creating a live WML ball drop!
 - Brainstormed on different ways to modify the event to increase attendance; no decisions need to be made just yet, and we will use the time to get feedback from community members and continue to brainstorm
- Holiday Party- December 7, 7-11p
 - Discussed feedback from the event; the food was great, musicians were great, event wasn't as well attended as expected, should remove some tables from the layout
 - Discussed ways to increase attendance; will get feedback from community members; suggested including a "door prize" type of raffle
- Holiday Decorating
 - Plan to purchase the additional items early this year: fairy lights for mantles, collar for GL tree, garland for staircase, thin tree for foyer, 3M hooks

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Dueling Pianos- January 31, 6-10:30p tickets on sale Jan 11
 - On track, no update
- Comedy Night- April 5, 2025
 - Motion passed at the December board meeting
 - Office confirmed ticket sale date of March 1; Need to create EB and FB
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
 - Briefly reviewed last year's event; the event was very well attended; will look into children's entertainment again
- Beach Party- Date TBD
 - Discussed a variety of dates (June 21, June 28, July 4)
 - Discussed bands for summer events: Norton Smull Band, 3 Piece Suit, School of Rock of Randolph

Upcoming Event dates

- Dueling Pianos- January 31- Tickets on sale Jan 11
- Comedy Night- April 5- Tickets on sale March 1
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
- Beach Party- Date TBD
- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:27 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, February 5, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Roger Crook, Pat Degnan

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm

Old Business

- NYE
 - Discussed food quantity, as there were so many leftovers; will consider moving dinner from 9p to 8:30p
 - Shared different ways to modify the event to increase attendance; we have time to brainstorm, but a potential option is to offer a general admission-type of ticket at a reduced cost, which has no assigned table, no dinner, and admission starts later at around 10pm; we would still keep the dinner tickets at assigned tables
 - WC Noon Years Eve- We can close the dividers in the ballroom to protect the room set up on the lakeside, and open to roadside of the ballroom for WC to use for this event to allow for more space/capacity
- Dueling Pianos- January 31, 6-10:30p
 - 123 tickets sold, approx. \$1,500 profit
 - It was a fun night, however some people didn't understand the format of a "Dueling Pianos" event; discussed offering only once a year, or even every other year; discussed over-saturation of other 21+ events in the winter and the negative impact on HAC's 21+ events

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Comedy Night- April 5, 2025; tickets on sale March 1
 - Will email Alyssa about placing in the March newsletter and creating the FB event
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
 - Pat to reach out to DJ for availability and cost; suggested bringing back face painting and will get costs and availability from Jolene; will keep event time at 4-7p, Pat suggested a summer bingo and will look into this; Kristen will get availability and cost from balloon and bubble artist; discussed how the ticket sales of Comedy night will determine how many add-ons we can afford, since this is a free community event
- Beach Party- Date TBD
 - Discussed date options again: June 21, June 28, July 4
 - Discussed bands options for summer events; will reach out for availabilities and costs

Upcoming Event dates

- Comedy Night- April 5- Tickets on sale March 1
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
- Beach Party- Date TBD
- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:06 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, March 5, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Roger Crook

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm

Old Business

None

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Comedy Night- April 5, 2025; ticket sales started last Saturday, March 1
 - We will promote the event with signs, socials, and email blast
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
 - Reached out to a number of vendors who do have availability; will ask for invoices and secure them for the event
 - Pat connected with the DJ and he is available and sent pricing; we discussed asking him to play beyond the advertised end time of the event for the community to enjoy, as they tend to stay on the lawn after
- Beach Party- Date TBD
 - Selected June 21; will reach out to bands for updated availability and costs
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
 - Discussed hiring a fuller band that can start with acoustic for the first two hours; will reach out to KickStart/3-Piece Suit for availability, as they can do that format

Upcoming Event dates

- Comedy Night- April 5- Tickets on sale now
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
- Beach Party- Date TBD
- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:06 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, April 2, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Roger Crook, Pat Degnan

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm

Old Business

None

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Comedy Night- April 5, 2025; ticket sales started last Saturday, March 1
 - Event sold out! But can add tickets to existing tables that aren't full. The office is aware of this.
 - Discussed expected profit, and the ability to use this profit to support the Summer Kick Off
 - Set up is TBD, as the weather is looking bad and the Egg Hunt may be brought inside. We can just set up later than usual if that's the case. Will communicate with Maintenance and WC to align on this.
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
 - Discussed expected expenses and timeline of the event; should be at or under \$2,500 total
 - Finalizing contracts with vendors
- Beach Party- June 21
 - Discussed bands; will seek to hire a band for this event and the lawn party at the same time
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
 - KickStart/3-Piece Suit is available for \$800 for the four hours; committee voted 4-0 in favor of hiring
 - Discussed caterer and committee is in favor of using the same caterer as LY when time comes to hire them

Upcoming Event dates

- Comedy Night- April 5- SOLD OUT
- Summer Kick Off- May 25
- Beach Party- June 21
- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, May 7, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Pat Degnan, Roger Crook, James Lambariello

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm

Old Business

- Comedy Night- April 5, 2025
 - The event sold out with 190 tickets; we were not able to add any more tables, but if an existing table wanted to add 1-2 chairs, we were able to accommodate
 - Received a lot of positive feedback about all three comedians! We have passed this information to our vendor.
 - At the end of the event, a non-ticketed person entered the ballroom and aggressively approached a ticketed guest of the event. The host was able to intervene, and along with other ticketed guests, were able to de-escalate the situation. **HAC is requesting to have security staff on duty at all HAC events for the protection of our guests, or whatever alternative solution is proposed by the E-Board.**

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Summer Kick Off- May 25
 - Discussed expected expenses and timeline of the event; expected to be at or under \$2,500 total
 - Finalizing contracts/paperwork with vendors
 - Reaching out to teen volunteers for help with tattoos, popcorn and snow cones
- Beach Party- June 21
 - Motion to hire Norton Smull Band for \$500 to play this event; committee voted in favor (4 in favor, 0 opposed)
 - Will ask the concession stand to open for this event
- Lawn Party- August 31
 - Will present a band next month to hire, will find food trucks to attend
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
 - Discussed replacing this with another event; committee agreed to keep this event as Comedy Night
 - Committee discussed replacing January's Deuling Pianos with Murder Mystery instead
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
 - No update

Upcoming Event dates

- Summer Kick Off- May 25
- Beach Party- June 21; tickets on sale May 24
- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 pm

Minutes written by Kristen Neu (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger Crook (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, June 4, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Roger Crook, Pat Degnan

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Old Business

➤ Summer Kick Off- May 25

- Received consistent, positive feedback; plan to increase hotdog purchase by 30% next year; had plenty of chili/relish/sauerkraut/popcorn; need to replenish snow cone syrup for 2026, and popcorn flavoring for Labor Day event
- Have sent volunteer letters to the teen volunteers for their community service
- Discussed investing in a studier, larger capacity snow cone machine that can handle our usage needs; will research and potentially purchase

New Business & Upcoming Events

➤ Beach Party- June 21

- Norton Smull Band is playing; concession stand will be open; liquor license extension is in hand

➤ Lawn Party- August 31

- Motion to hire Acoustica for \$850 to play this event; committee voted in favor (4 in favor, 0 opposed); this will be an FYI to the board
- Have begun reaching out to food trucks for this event

➤ Comedy Night- Nov 1

- Motion to hire Antonio Camacho for \$3,750 to provide three comedians for Comedy Night on Nov 1, 2025; committee voted in favor (4 in favor, 0 opposed); ticket prices to remain the same at \$35/\$45
 - Will present motion at June board meeting, and ask for exception to section P to sell member & guest tickets at the same time

➤ Holiday Party- Dec 13

- Reviewed quote from caterer with a reduced food quantity
- Confirmed that DJ Tom is available; discussed doing both DJ and a live band
- Discussed offering a “general admission” type of ticket (in addition to the regular full dinner ticket); this ticket would not include dinner or assigned seating, but would include coffee/dessert and the live band, would cost around \$15/20

Upcoming Event dates

- Beach Party- June 21; tickets on sale now
- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 pm

Minutes written by Kristen Neu (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger Crook (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, August 6, 2025

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Roger Crook, James Lambariello

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Old Business

- Beach Party- June 21
 - Total of 178 tickets were sold (37 in office, 141 on EB). Event was profitable.
 - Lucked out with great weather, band was great, bar did well, snack stand did well. Successful event overall!

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Lawn Party- August 31
 - FYI for the band is going to the board this month, food truck is Why Not Burger, ice cream truck will come by as well
 - Will email the volunteer list to assist with popcorn, tattoos, balloon decorations, and will check on stock of these items
- Comedy Night- Nov 1
 - No discussion, all tasks complete for this event
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
 - Idea was discussed to recognize community volunteers at this event for their service from the year

Upcoming Event dates

- Lawn Party- August 31
- Comedy Night- Nov 1, tickets on sale Oct 4
- Holiday Party- Dec 13
- NYE

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 pm

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