

Neighbors and Newcomers

Executive Board Minutes

July 27, 2026

In Attendance: Mary Ann Webb, Jan Bernhagen, Denise Kozon, Mary Wieczorek, Barb Patterson, Brenda LaVigne

Opening: The meeting was held at Jan's house. She opened at 10:00 by passing out copies of the minutes from the July 23 Board of Directors meeting and her agenda. Mary Ann also passed out her agenda.

Old Business: The minutes were reviewed since they were not posted online. Terri Curran does not know how to do that and has resigned as Webmaster. She will take on another position and Publicity was suggested since she did such a good job in the past. We are now without a Webmaster. Gary sent Terri a plethora of material to read regarding Blue Host and they planned to meet, but the job of Webmaster is overwhelming. Brenda suggested asking Gary to run the website for us for \$100 per year if we remain an active club.

The dilemma regarding the Red Shed check has been resolved. Barb will write a new check.

New Business: Normally the purpose of this meeting would be to determine donations, and whether to keep or raise dues and lunch fees. However today we will be voting on whether to dissolve the club. If we decide not to dissolve we need to determine whether we are able with our diminished leadership to hold the September and October meetings, and we need to pay the Post Office, POW Camp, etc. We owe the POW Camp a \$340 deposit for the December meeting.

We are short one Executive Board member (president since Jan has been sworn in as vice president, not president), and of the 21 positions on the Board of Directors only 13 are filled. It has been less than 24 hours since the email went out asking those on the current roster to respond if they are not planning to return for the 2026-27 year. This was in an effort to update the roster. Already 13 have responded that they will not be renewing membership.

Since most of the Board of Directors have agreed to serve for one year only, at the end of May we will only have 6 of the 21 Board members. Last year the Board decided not to dissolve the club but volunteerism has gone steadily downhill. Brenda has sent several emails over the last six months asking members to step up and she has not gotten a single volunteer. We had about six new members last year. We've had lots of visitors but they don't return.

There was a bit of clarification on duties. We have two assistant treasurers because Denise is being trained this year and will become treasurer next year when Barb's term concludes. Liz

only agreed to one year so in '27-28 Denise will need an assistant. The treasurer is responsible for the membership spreadsheet which is brought to each meeting. She needs to read the reservation list and make a note on the sheet as to which lunch guests need to pay their dues before they can pay for lunch. The hospitality chair oversees all of the volunteer committees. Volunteers need to know who they are reporting to and Hospitality needs to supervise them.

A decision was made to dissolve the club by a 3-1 vote. Brenda and Mary Ann are not on the Executive Board and had no vote. Next action is to bring the decision before the Board of Directors for their vote. That board will meet on Friday, Aug. 7 at Mountaineer Realty 1-3 p.m.. One member of each volunteer committee was invited to the July 23 Board meeting since it was informational only. They will not come to the August 7 meeting because they have no vote. Immediate past president attends Board meetings but has no vote. Brenda will work on an email to send to Board members asking them to respond to her with their vote if they are unable to attend the meeting. If the Board of Directors decides to dissolve we will craft an email to members offering a refund of 2027 dues to those who have already paid, Brenda thinks we should be able to get a refund from Blue Host if we dissolve.

Since we have a non-functioning Board, the vote today and by the Board of Directors will hold and does not have to go to the membership. Since Jan has not stepped up to president we are non-functioning. She will remain as vice president but if we decide to re-organize she will not serve as president. She has not had the planned year of learning and cannot undertake the task of restructuring. Mary Ann said that she will not be a member of the club if we decide to reorganize. It will be a big job.

Should the Board decide to dissolve we have to write a letter of dissolution and wait 45 days for approval by the Attorney General and the Secretary of State before we can begin the process of dissolving a 501c4.

A detailed discussion occurred concerning restructuring of the BOD offices and committees. As no one has volunteered to any of Nominations e-mails to step up to fill positions, it is the conclusion of this committee that the time has come to dissolve the Club. Many of this year's positions were only filled for 1 year. At the end of May 2027, there will be 6 positions filled out of the 21 positions open at that time. We feel the recommendation to the BOD due to being a non-functioning Club is all that is left. If the vote of the BOD is to dissolve, there is a legal and lengthy process to start.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wieczorek, Secretary