



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



October 2011

Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, Vintage on Whitney Way,
Madison



President John's farewell address



President Jacci See listens to past president John, then it's Governor Bonnie Spindler's turn. Her installation was very "reflective".



And the gavel is passed on!!



From the sublimeto the ridiculous!

The STOC Annual Induction Banquet was held on October 6 at The Vintage as we kicked off the new year by moving to our new luncheon location. Following a good meal, Past-President, John Scherer recognized several members for their contributions over the past year. SWIS District Governor, Bonnie Spindler, performed installations of Club officers and board members for the 2011-2012 year. Bonnie noted that Carole has accepted a new role with the SWIS District this year as the first ever JOOI Lt. Governor. Bonnie also reminded attendees that the 2012 OI Annual convention will be held in Milwaukee in July of 2012. Jaci wrapped up the evening with her goals and plans for the upcoming year.



President Jacci shares her visions and goals for the coming year.

Thank you, Sauk Trail Optimists, for a wonderful welcome at our installation banquet last Thursday, October 6! And thank you to all our fellow Optimists who have agreed to assist this year as officers and board members:

Vice President - Gene Spindler

Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Wortinger

Past President – John Scherer

Board Members: Mary Schwartz, Carol Klopp, Ray Schmitz, Darrin Sharp

We certainly have a working network and friendship within our organization and with that, we will succeed in getting new members to join us.—that is the key and our focus this year as we continue to service Youth. I know that our new location at the Vintage on Whitney Way will also be beneficial to our meetings—with more space and a buffet menu, our meetings will allow more time for fellowship as well as be an effective venue for our speakers.

I am looking forward having your input as to speakers, fundraisers and events, so please contact me. You all are invited to join us for board meetings, at 7:30 a.m. at my office at 7979 Greenway Blvd (on the east side of the Beltline, the corner of Greenway and High Point, with entrance being on High Point—the lower level). Do come and participate in the plans for our new year. I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year!

See you soon! **Jacsi**

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2011-2012

President
Jacsi See

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John Scherer

Vice President
Gene Spindler

Board of Directors
Mary Schwartz
Carole Klopp
Darrin Sharp
Ray Schmitz

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
First Weber Office – October 13, 2011 Board Meeting Summary**

Board Members and Officers in Attendance: Jacci See, Gene Spindler, John Scherer, Bob Wortinger, Ray Schmitz, Mary Schwartz, and Darrin Sharp. A motion made/passed to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 Board Mtg, no revisions.

Financial Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the year-end financial statements and related reports. The operating account showed a net loss of \$740 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, primarily due to a decrease in membership dues revenue from the prior year. The Youth Foundation showed revenues of \$7,496 and a net income for the year of \$3,426. As of September 30, there was \$9,573 of cash and investments available in the Foundation account for STOC youth activities.

The proposed operating budget was presented. Due to anticipated decreases in membership dues revenues and meals revenues, the budget showed a net loss of \$1,000 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. After a discussion regarding various alternatives for addressing this deficit including the fact that STOC's last dues increase was in the 1990's, a motion was passed to increase STOC quarterly dues by \$5 to \$40 per quarter (\$25 for spouses) effective immediately with an additional \$5 per quarter increase approved for the 2012-2013 year (subject to review if the operating fund shows final net income for the 2011-2012 year). With this change to the anticipated dues revenues, the projected operating budget shows a net loss of \$400 for 2011-2012. A motion was passed to approve the 2011-2012 operating budget. It was decided that donations and scholarship payouts will be reviewed by the Board semi-annually. As a result, the current budget for the Youth Foundation will be discussed and approved at the Board's March meeting.

Mary reported that she is near completion of the audit of financial activity for 2010-2011. She presented one policy change for Board approval – Beginning immediately, all cash proceeds related to STOC fundraisers should be run through the Club Treasurer, who will provide regular summaries of cash received to the activity chairperson for better tracking. This is already in place for most fundraising activities, but not all. This motion was approved.

Board members discussed a proposal to revise the drawing approach at weekly STOC meetings. While each attendee will continue to put \$1 into the weekly drawing, \$6 (50% of the lunch fee) will be paid out weekly to a member who is present at the meeting regardless of the number of attendees. All proceeds greater than \$6 will be put into the Foundation. For the past year, drawings and fines resulted in a donation of \$175 to our Foundation. A motion to adopt this new approach was passed.

John reported that he has received concerns from club members regarding the change approved by the Board in September to Club Policy 6 regarding eliminating pre-billed meals. It was indicated that this new approach will present problems for some because their employer pays for their meals and they would prefer the old method. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was passed to stay with the new approach of paying on the day of the lunch beginning this week. However, any member who would like to continue our old practice of being billed for three pre-billed meals each quarter and then pay for additional meals used in the following quarter will be offered the opportunity to do so by notifying the Treasurer of that intent prior to Saturday, October 22.

The Board discussed the September 30, 2011 accounts receivable listing. Two members have been contacted regarding outstanding balances remaining due from the last quarter. A motion was passed to approve the September Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report

Bob reported that Jim Campbell indicated in late August his intent to leave STOC due to other professional and person obligations. Bob also noted that Paul Gilbertson recently renewed his annual Friend of Optimist membership through OI. Club membership as of September 30, 2011 is 29 regular members plus 1 FOO.

Meeting Schedule for the Upcoming Year

The Board discussed a number of matters relating to our meeting schedule, including the fact that the Vintage has another commitment every Wednesday evening which would preclude us from continuing our schedule of holding evening meetings the first Wednesday of each month. It was noted that having a larger meeting area should provide opportunities for holding joint meetings with other clubs and provide opportunities for more popular speakers. Board members also discussed the possibility of assigning each club member to be responsible for bringing in 2 speakers for club meetings.

The conclusion was to eliminate our current practice of holding a monthly evening meeting. Meetings will be held weekly at The Vintage for lunch beginning at 11:45. If an opportunity for a special meeting or presentation arises at another time that will be considered in place of a lunch meeting and noted to the membership with advance notice.

Jacci will meet with Rick Conne to discuss the best schedule for continuing our practice of recognizing Students of the Month.

Committee Reports/Board Assignments

The Board discussed assignments for continuing Committee chairs and Board liaisons.

- Social Committee – Ray-Board liaison; Allison – Chair
- Membership Committee – Mary-Board liaison; Need a Chair
- Service/Volunteer Committee – Carole-Board liaison; Bonnie and Pat – Co-Chairs
- Fundraising – Darrin-Board liaison; Kathy and Kevin – Co-Chairs

Next Board Meeting

Discussed schedule for future Board meetings. They will normally be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM at Jacci's First Weber office. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3. Bob Wortinger, Sec/Treas 10-11.

Childhood Cancer Meal Serving

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. November 20th is the Sunday where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM. Check your schedule if that date would work for you

Bonnie Spindler 833-7244 blspindler@charter.net Service Event Coordinator

ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

Oct. 21-22, 2011 1st Qtr Conference, Baraboo

Feb. 10-11, 2012 2nd Qtr Conference, Middleton

May 11-12, 2012 3rd Qtr Conference, Wilderness-Dells

Aug. 24-25, 2012 4th Qtr Convention, Sheraton, Madison

**HAPPY October
BIRTHDAY
Rick Thomas – 10/20**

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2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs

Volunteer/Service

Carole Klopp-liaison
Bonnie Spindler
Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising

Darrin Sharp-liaison
Kevin Campos
Kathy Johnson

Social

Ray Schmitz-liaison
Alison Scherer

Speakers

Chairs?

Membership

Mary Schwarz-liaison
Chairs?

Scheduled Games per UW Tickets

It's been a great year thus far at Stand"A", but we've got 2 games left, and you guessed it...I need HELP!

The next game, November 5th against Perdue is okay for now with who we have coming...I could use 5 JOOI students rather than 4, as Beloit can bring only 6 people....The challenge is the last game, November 26th against Penn State. We have no one to share the stand with, as both Janesville and Beloit cannot make it, that leaves us with needing 14 people! We can have half and half, (7 adults and 7 students). I'm hoping the JOOI team can come up with 7 and I can find 4 adult club members to fill out the staff. My son B.J. and his friend Jake will be with me, so club members I MUST hear from 4 of you!!!! We need you. **Steve Bailey**

The Optimist Creed

Promise yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all you friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others at you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.