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PO Box 394, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0394 Meets 1st & 3rd Monday Noon at Cherry Creek Grille

Monday, March 21, 2022

ATTENDANCE: 14 members

INVOCATION: Thanks to Al Brown for leading us in prayer.

GUESTS: Luke Colby

HEALTH REPORT:

Tim Kromminga's father passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Please keep Billie Suedekum (Kubat) and her husband in your prayers. Over the weekend their mare attempted to give birth to a filly. The filly passed shortly after birth and the mare subsequently passed as well.

JACKPOT DRAWING: Al Brown....Congrats!

QUEENS DRAWING: Bruce McCollister drew the 8 of spades.

NEXT MEETING: April 4, at Cherry Cheek (back door, north side of building, lower level)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: April 4 TBD (Bob says it will be good!)
 April 11 TBD

MARCH AND APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Bob Whitmore	March 3
Miles Schumacher	March 18
Steve Sprenger	March 20
Jerry Priebe	April 4
Abbie Pagone	April 6

MARCH AND APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

Darwin Sletten	47 years	April 28, 1975
Barry Solomon	41 years	March 23, 1981
Derry Anderson	27 years	March 19, 1995
Casey Tomac	24 years	April 20, 1998
Dana Priebe	19 years	March 31, 2003
Scott Speer	6 years	March 11, 2016

PROGRAM: Don Kearney, Director of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation

Don Shared information about improvements being made and planned for in our great city park system

- Jacobson Plaza at the Falls
 - Ice Ribbon
 - Warming house/concessions
 - All-Inclusive Playground
 - Future Spray Pad and Dog park
 - Ice Ribbon will operate from Mid-November to Mid-March
 - The Jacobson Family (Malloy Electric) are funding 50% of the project and all future repairs and upkeep
 - Construction beginning summer of '22 with opening winter of '23
- Hayward Park
 - \$2.25 Million dollar park improvements to help address the issue of the neighborhood being in an area that has limited access to park activities
 - Splash Pad
 - Restrooms
 - Walking loop
 - Playground
 - Dog Park
 - Construction begins in '22
- Mary Jo Wagner Arboretum
 - East Sioux Falls History Plaza
 - Expanded plaza area with lots of history regarding East Sioux Falls and the quarry
- Sioux Falls Skate Park
 - Drake Springs. Existing skate park equipment will be moved to Kuehn Park
 - \$2.05 million dollar project. \$800,000 paid by the city and balance by the Sioux Falls Skate Association
 - A high caliper skate park like the "Big Cities" have.
- Great Plains Zoo
 - \$8 million dollar African Exhibit upgrade
 - Bringing back the Lions and meerkats
 - Construction to begin fall of '22 or spring '23
- Downtown River Greenway
 - \$15 million dollar, Phase 3
 - Extend north from the 6th Street past the new Steel District
 - Includes the replacement of the 100 year old low-head dam.
 - Construction scheduled for 4th quarter of '22
- Tomar Tennis Courts
 - \$2.8 million dollar improvements. \$2 million paid by the SF Tennis Association
 - 12 new courts, improved parking and other park improvements
 - Scheduled for summer of '22
- Cherry Creek Bike Trail
 - This bike trail extension from Skunk Creek to Family Park is now complete
- Quality of Life Bond III

- McKennan Park Pool – To be replaced
- Frank Olson Pool – To be replaced
- Kuehn Park Pool – To be replaced
- Laurel Oaks Pool – Enhancements
- Terrace Park Pool – Enhancements
- Elmwood Golf Course - New Clubhouse and Golf cart storage
- Projecys will be staged for 2024-2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A huge **“Thank You”** for all that helped out with the Sportsmen’s Show. According to Barry Cenaiko, we did a great job and the show was a success!
- “Save The Date”. 2022 International Convention in Sioux City, IA on July 22 and 23
- NC Federation Convention will take place in Late April or Early May in Deadwood. More info to come.
- Ken Fisher, Chris Bauer and Lanny Auringer will be overseeing the awards nominations for the Club. Please contact one of them if you would like to nominate a member.
- Our Club has committed to donate \$50,000 over the next 3 years to the Veteran’s Community Project for the construction of one tiny home. If you have a desire to contribute personally to the commitment, please make checks out to Veteran’s Community Project with a memo of “Sioux Falls Cosmos”.

BRAGS & FINES: SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Barb DiSanto

- Jerry Beckler and Bob Whitmore were fined for “rushing” to the food line rather than allowing the ladies to go first! 😊
- Scott Weeldreyer bragged that he and his wife visited their son in Idlewild, CA
- Tom Nelson bragged that his son and family were featured in the recent edition of “Southside Neighborhood Magazine”.
- Jerry Beckler bragged that the USD women are in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen and the SDSU women are in the WNIT Sweet Sixteen.
- Barry Solomon paid a fine on behalf of Matt Smith who was spotted on TV helping hand out awards at the high school basketball playoffs.
- Melvina Newman bragged that the Sportsmen’s Show was a success and thanked all that helped out.
- Ludene McLeod paid for a Standing Ovation for Melvina Newman for all her hard work and leadership at the Sportsmen’s Show. **THANK YOU, MELVINA!!**
- Barb DiSanto bragged that Mary Bakker is a great friend for picking up packages while the DiSanto’s were out partying in Colorado!
- Rick DiSanto paid a self-imposed fine for sucking at NCAA bracket selections! 😊
- Rick DiSanto bragged that he and Barb went to Colorado to visit friends and celebrate an early St Patrick’s Day. Barb was turning green by 4:30 in the afternoon after the crew might have started celebrating a little early! 😊
- Bob Whitmore bragged that he was late submitting his bracket selection but is still in the running for a top finish!!
- Ken Fisher bragged that he had a kidney Stone last Monday. His first and he is hoping his last! OUCH!!