



EAGLE VILLAGE AERIE #3171

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A special meeting of the combined Aerie, Auxiliary, & Riders #3171 was called by Worthy President Jim Broadbent at the request of the Trustees on June 26, 2019. WP Jim called the meeting to order and stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to dispel rumors and to involve the members in issues facing the Aerie.

WP Jim stated that this meeting would not include a discussion about smoking in the Aerie. That will be a topic later in the year when the snowbirds return. There have been rumors that the Aerie would be closing within 3 months. This is absolutely untrue. The Aerie is having financial issues and our expenses are higher than our income, so during the summer months we have to do some cutting back and we need to look at ways to save money. We need to cut back on expenses and members need to support activities at the Aerie.

Due to the lack of patrons in the Aerie following the Queen of Hearts, there will no longer be a band. This Thursday, some members donated funds, so Messenger will play this week, as scheduled. The Sunday Karaoke and the Pavilion will be suspended for the summer.

The Aerie closing hour will be changed to 9:00PM. Bev has returned to the kitchen for 1 month to help determine how to cut back in that area. She and the trustees will be looking for other ways to run the kitchen and the dinners. After the month, they will re-evaluate the kitchen. We may have Auxiliary volunteers take the dinners on Wednesday & the Aerie take the Friday dinners. Leasing the kitchen is even being looked at. This week will be the last Fish Fry. There will be a Friday night dinner, but the items will be changed. All dinners will be evaluated. Carry-outs will include a 25 cent charge for containers.

Volunteers are seriously needed for Sunday breakfasts and other kitchen duties. There is a volunteer signup list near the kitchen window. We need the support of the members to volunteer to help with cooking, cleaning, covering the door, etc., for the Sunday breakfasts & other meals.

The Eagle Riders said they have rides coming up that either start or end at our Aerie, which adds to our business. Hewie Poplock suggested that since the Aerie & Auxiliary are now meeting on alternate Tuesdays, that we have a combined meeting on the 5th Tuesday of months where one exists. This happens 5 months a year. Eliminating December, we would have 2 joint meetings in the remainder of 2019 & 4 joint meetings in 2020.

We have over 600 members and only a small percentage of them support the dinners & activities. We need to get them in the Aerie and support us. We are losing \$3-4,000 every month. Several suggestions were made about possible activities to get members to come to the Aerie. It was stressed that a volunteer leader and other volunteers are needed to help at activities. We had a good crowd at the Aerie for Feather Your Nest just prior to the meeting. Bingo has started on Monday afternoons. Darts is scheduled for Wednesday nights.

Guy "Harley" Owens volunteered to start a pool group with the hopes to join a pool league. Pool players interested need to contact Guy at 941-357-3007.

The meeting ended on a positive note that the members want to help & that volunteers are needed. The Trustees and officers are open to ideas. Volunteers are needed to organize & help with all activities.

There will not be a newsletter for July. This report will be considered the monthly newsletter. Please check the Aerie #3171 Facebook Page and the Aerie #3171 website for updated information about meals & events.

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