

Kelso Senior Center Association – Board Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Guy Tow called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.
Directors attending in addition to Tow were Rich Carle, Carla Gibson, Kathleen Johnson, Melody Kessler, Christie Mather, Gloria Nichols, Chris Poole, Vic Roberts, Dick Sims, and Jan Trussell.
Jerry Lappe, Marie Muller, Sandy Sims, and Joy Walker were absent.
Others attending were Brent Carpenter, Jim Hill, Melinda McCrady, and Mara Walton.
2. Guest/Member input – Melinda McCrady addressed the Board on behalf of Cowlitz County Food For Change. They want to rent the Center on Sundays from 12:00 to 3:00 pm to feed local people who are hungry. Jim Hill offered to open the Center and provide a donation of \$25/Sunday for the first two months of the agreement. It was moved by Rich Carle, seconded by Jan Trussell, and carried to approve the Food For Change organization to use the Center on Sundays starting May 4th for no charge but with an expected donation not to exceed \$25 per day of use.
3. Secretary’s Report: Minutes of the March 20, 2025, meeting were distributed previously by email. It was moved by Vic Roberts, seconded by Chris Poole, and carried to approve the minutes.
Rich Carle reported that he has filed the 1st quarter report to the Gambling Commission.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Chris Poole discussed the 1st quarter 2025 financial statement that showed a net loss of \$4,257.98. The negative amount continues to reflect the \$5,500 purchase of new Bingo equipment. It was moved by Vic Roberts, seconded by Carla Gibson, and carried to approve the 1st quarter financial statement subject to audit.
5. Activities/Events –
The Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) seminar scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, was canceled due to lack of participants.
6. Group Reports (*only news, issues, or concerns will be reported in these notes*)
 - a) Bingo – Joy Walker has been in hospital and could not be contacted today. Mara Walton reported that attendance has been good and the new equipment is working perfectly. A remote monitor was installed on the north wall in the Main Hall and another is proposed for the south wall. All changes to the facility need to be documented and approved by the City.
 - b) Coin Club – Gloria Nichols said that the Kelso Library has provided a new book on Paper Money that is very good. There is a Coin show at AWPPW Hall on Saturday, April 26.
 - c) Dementia support group (Hope) – Rich Carle reported that there have been 5 or 6 folks each meeting. He encourages caregivers to attend to receive education and relieve stress.
 - d) Demo Women – Carla Gibson said that the Suffragette Tea was so well-attended that they had to turn away some people.
 - e) Kiwanis – Guy Tow reported that Jerry Lappe has resigned from the KSCA Board.
 - f) RSD – Vic Roberts said there will be a 72nd Anniversary dance tomorrow evening.
 - g) Water Color – Kathleen Johnson said that the folks currently attending are very professional and produce quite worthy pictures.
 - h) Other groups – Sandy Sims has been purchasing coffee and filters. Christie Maher has been doing the laundry. Coffee grounds need to be disposed of and not stored at the Center.
 - i) Spring Rummage Sale (Downsizing Sale) is set for May 31. – Kathleen Johnson showed a draft flyer for comment. Jim Hill offered to do a PSA on local radio. President Tow approved a 10% discount for members renting tables at the event.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Planning Committee – The KSCA needs to maintain momentum in attracting public and private use of the facility. No committee meeting is currently scheduled.
- b) Rental/Cancellation Policy – Kathleen Johnson is still working on this.

8. Old Business:

- a) Restroom for Blue Room/South Hall – The old Bingo vanity will go into the restroom as a baby changing station. There is still no progress on a course of action for clean-up and repairs.
- b) Islander Group – they will meet monthly on the 3rd Sunday from 12:30 to 6:30 pm. We will need to provide staffing during their meetings.
- c) Inventory Status – Kathleen Johnson recruited a crew to check on the recently donated wine glasses to decide whether to sell or keep them. Carla Gibson suggested storing them upstairs for use at a future mocktail party. The building inventory is in progress.

9. New Business:

- a) It was moved by Sandy Sims, seconded by Chris Poole, and carried to appoint Melinda McCrady to serve out Jerry Lappe's term on the KSCA Board. Sandy Sims will notify her and Make sure she becomes a member.
- b) Security Cameras – Carla Gibson said we need to be aware of activities inside or outside that may be a nuisance or worse. The City has a Nuisance Abatement Unit that should be notified to deal with incidents whenever noticed. Jim Hill said that security cameras are currently a political nightmare and he thinks we should not pursue them at this time.
- c) Jim Hill will meet with City personnel to determine the cost and feasibility of a new dutch door in the Blue Room for concessions sales. He also will meet with Monica Seidl of CWCOG about writing a grant request for a new hood and possibly a new dishwasher/sanitizer to make the kitchen more useful and competitive.
- d) It was moved by Dick Sims, seconded by Melody Kessler, and carried to obtain another debit card. There are only two active ones currently, those assigned to Dick Sims and Rich Carle.

10. Around the Table

An article of interest in the AARP newsletter, The Perfect Scam, was suggested for all to read.

Garbage should not be thrown into a bare bucket. Folks emptying a garbage pail need to replace the plastic liner. Or if you see the liner is missing, please replace it before disposing of trash.

The Coin Club buys their own coffee per Gloria Nichols. Groups using the Center during business hours should encourage their folks to donate to the coffee fund.

Dick Sims would like to obtain an account with Amazon that may save some money for many purchases. He will report details at the next meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th, 2025, at 9:30 am in Catlin Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Carle

Rich Carle – Secretary