

Kelso Senior Center Association
Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – President Tow called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.
Directors attending in addition to Tow were Rich Carle, Kathleen Johnson, Melody Kessler, Christie Mather, Marie Muller, Gloria Nichols, Chris Poole, Vic Roberts, Dick Sims, Sandy Sims, and Jan Trussell. Carla Gibson was absent.

Others attending were Brent Carpenter, Dian Cooper, Jim Hill (pt), Monica Seidl, and Mara Walton
2. Guest/Member input – N/A
3. Secretary's Report: Moved by Chris Poole, seconded by Vic Roberts, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025, meeting as published via email.
4. Treasurer's Report: Chris Poole discussed the June 2025 financial statement that showed a loss of \$1,057.55. She said that more rentals would be helpful to turn the figure positive. Moved by Vic Roberts, seconded by Jan Trussell, and carried to approve the statement subject to audit.
5. Activities/Events –
 - a) Spring Downsizing Sale May 31 – Kathleen Johnson reported that the event is considered a success in spite of relatively low turnout on a busy weekend. She acknowledged that it was a huge effort and thanked all who helped, especially those who cleaned up afterwards. Chris Poole said that net income was somewhat greater than \$300.
 - b) A grant request was submitted by Dian Cooper to the Cowlitz Tribal Council on behalf of KSCA. The amount requested is \$150,000 over a 3-year period. Jim Hill, a member of the Native American Congress, said he would write a letter in support of the grant.
 - c) There was a front-page article about Spray Park construction on May 31 in the Longview Daily News. It said that it would be completed by July 18th, but recent delays will probably push that date into August. The Dutch Door previously promised for concessions sales has been scuttled in favor of a serving shelf in the window.
 - d) The Longest Day is an observance to honor caregivers of those with dementia, on or about the summer solstice on June 20. KSCA activities the week of June 15 will observe the event with fundraisers to benefit the Alzheimer's Association at Bridge, Bingo, and others.
6. Group Reports –
 - a) Bingo – Marie Muller stated that a 3rd caller is needed and expanding games to Friday is on hold until that need is filled. Rich Carle said that he has renewed the Annual Gambling License effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
 - b) Bridge – Rich Carle said a pair of snow birds has returned to help attendance.
 - c) Chair Yoga – Debbie Russell N/A
 - d) Coin Club – Gloria Nichols said all is well.
 - e) Dementia support group (Hope) – Rich Carle reported that a small group attends regularly.
 - f) Demo Women – Carla Gibson N/A
 - g) Mahjong – Gloria Nichols said that two tables have been attending.
 - h) Kiwanis – Guy Tow said they are looking for more (younger) members.
 - i) R-Square-D – Vic Roberts reported RSD is on the summer dance schedule. Round Dance is off and Square Dances are now twice monthly until September.

Group Reports – (continued)

- j) Water Color – Kathleen Johnson said that sign-ups are being accepted for the second series of classes starting July 4th. Krista Mead is considering having classes focused on different skill levels.
- k) The Longview Early Edition Rotary Club is now meeting here on Tuesday mornings.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Planning Committee – N/A
- b) Rental/Cancellation Policy is on hold pending review with the City Manager.

8. Old Business

- a) Restroom for Blue Room/South Hall – Guy Tow reported that a gallon of paint was delivered to cover graffiti on the walls. There are a lot of miscellaneous items that need to be moved into appropriate storage or disposed of. A changing station installed in there would need prior approval from the City.
- b) Access to the Blue Room was discussed. The western approach needs a ramp, and double handrail is being looked at by the City. Monica Seidl said retired Civil Engineer Chris Collins has volunteered to design the ramp.
- c) City Rental Agreement – Guy Tow will call the City Manager to schedule a meeting to discuss potential revisions. Waiting on input from the City Attorney.
- d) Inventory status is in progress according to Kathleen Johnson

9. New Business

- a) Two vacancies on the KSCA Board were noted: those of Jerry Lappe who resigned and Joy Walker who passed. Guy Tow said that Dian Cooper and Monica Seidl had been nominated. Moved by Vic Roberts, seconded by Sandy Sims, and carried to appoint Cooper to serve out Lappe's term and Seidl to serve out Walker's term.

10. Around the Table

A coffee pot was left on over the weekend and cups were left in the sink. Staff needs to pay attention to the coffee maker status and wash all dirty cups. Encourage folks to use disposable cups to avoid the need for dish washing.

Monica Seidl mentioned several agencies that may be helpful in providing front desk staff including LCC, Love Overwhelming, and Goodwill (they have restarted their program).

The front door is a significant obstacle for wheelchairs. The City will be asked to install a hook to use to keep the door wide open during nice weather. Also helps with deliveries.

Jim Hill noted that the City will use a high pressure washer to clean the sidewalks this summer.

The Longview Early Edition Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:00 am will feature a speaker from the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to tell about their resources. The KSCA Board is invited.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10th, 2025, at 9:30 am in Catlin Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Carle

Rich Carle – Secretary