

**Willow Valley Club Association**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 10, 2026, 9:00 AM  
549 Gordon Drive, Mohave Valley, AZ 86440



- 1. Call to Order:** The board meeting was called to order by Sue Steeber at 9:00 am.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Sue Steeber led the pledge of allegiance; 10 out of 13 board members were present making it a quorum.
  - b. Roll Call:
    - i. Sue Steeber, Carla Awtry, Lisa Eilar, Karen Summitt, Andrea Pewsey, Mark Aery, Paul Merz, Lou Michels, Ted Martin Ron Mick.
    - ii. Absent: Chris Elvert, Ken Koch, Randy Burton
  - c. General membership in attendance: 18
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes for December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
  - a. The meeting minutes are sent to the Board of Directors to review prior to the meeting. Copies were provided to members and are available on the website and in the office. A motion to approve December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes were made by Ted Martin, and seconded by Carla Awtry, and carried.
- 3. Approve Treasurer Report for November 2025**
  - a. A member asked a question about investing money in a short-term CD instead of a savings account. The member noted the potential to earn more interest and offset losses. Carla Awtry said that the Board of Governors has not been interested in this in the past. The possibility of raising the breakfast price was discussed. Andrea Pewsey asked if we are making a profit? Carla Awtry said that the current profit is around \$100. Carla Awtry said that the people in charge of the breakfast don't want to raise the price. Carla said the dates for the Board of Governor's meeting are not yet available. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Carla Awtry and seconded by Ted Martin and carried.
- 4. Standing Committees**
  - a. **Building and Maintenance** – Paul Merz
    - i. Grass is still being mowed about once a month.
    - ii. There is a potential project to run a fourth irrigation line and transplant Australian bush grass to improve the appearance of the bank between Dike Rd and the grass area. The goal is erosion control and aesthetics. Concerns were raised about the maintenance and growth rate of the transplanted grass.
    - iii. Trees were donated and planted in the beach area.
    - iv. Rocks were used to fill in damage caused by rain that breached the Dike Rd.
    - v. Electrical work is planned, including adding 40 amps to each of the commander posts. Materials have already been purchased.

- vi. There is a plan to skirt the top of the second canopy over the picnic tables with corrugated metal. Chris Elvert has a contact who can provide the materials.
- vii. Sue Steeber asked Paul Merz if there is a problem with the marina side by side and Paul explained that there is a maintenance issue with the marina side by side. Scott said the side by side was not running before he left for vacation. Paul and Lou removed the plastic panels to access the engine.
- viii. Compression test showed only 50 pounds per cylinder, then 70 after spark plug replacement. Standard is 140-160. Paul noticed it was smoking but seemed fine when collecting trash. Paul suggests letting it go, despite the low compression. Repair estimates were \$3,500, while parts would cost \$350. Paul is hesitant to do the repair himself due to the motor being part of the frame. He suggests replacing spark plugs annually if needed.

**b. Publicity and Entertainment – Carla Awtry**

- i. New line dancing Monday's and Wednesday's at 9:30 am in the clubhouse.
- ii. Instructor from Los Lagos and Bullhead Fitness. Free, with optional donations.
- iii. Card ladies are playing cards again with new members.

**c. Recreation and Entertainment – Carla Awtry**

- i. Not much planned this time of year.
- ii. Super Bowl party is in the works, funded by donations from previous football events.
- iii. Playoff game this Monday with pizza. Additional championship weekend event planned.

**5. Strategic Planning – Karen Summitt**

- a. Strategic plan updated with new tasks.
- b. Board training is suggested for new members. The college offers training for various types of boards (fire, HOA, nonprofits, for-profits). Karen said that she and the chief have attended a board training course. The training covers traditional duties, statutes, and laws. There is a cost associated with the training.
- c. The board wants to revisit making the marina beach a family swimming beach.
- d. Ted Martin suggests creating a multi-year plan (1 year and a five-year plan) for big projects to better manage spending and prioritize projects. Karen Summitt said that would be a question for the Board of governors.

**6. New Business**

- a. **Review 2026 BOD meeting schedule**
  - i. Andrea Pewsey made a motion to approve the 2026 BOD meeting schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Michels, and motion passed.
- b. **Approved new clubhouse TV \$1400.00**
  - i. Request to purchase a new \$1400 television for the room. The current TV is difficult to see from the back during events like Monday night football and the Super Bowl.
  - ii. The proposed TV is a 100-inch model.
  - iii. There are plans to move TV's around.
    - 1. **TV Discussion**
      - a. A discussion about the TV placement and size occurred.

- b. A motion was made to raise the current TV instead of buying a new one.
- c. The motion was made by Karen Summitt to raise the TV up and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carla Awtry and carried.

c. **Candidates for District 3**

- i. District 3 has been vacant for the term of 2025 – 2027.
- ii. Don Martorano is interested in filling the position until 2027.
- iii. A motion was made to appoint Don Martorano Director of District 3.
- iv. Sue Steeber made a motion to appoint Don Martorano District 3 Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Eilar and carried.
- v. Don Martorano was sworn in as Director of District 3 by Mark Aery.

Lou Michels brought up a discussion on erosion control

- Concrete is being used to combat erosion from the postdoc down to the ramp.
- Members have been donating concrete.
- Concerns were raised about using concrete instead of natural rock.
- Some members prefer natural rock for aesthetic and environmental reasons.
- There is a discussion about a long-term solution versus a temporary fix for erosion
- Andrea Pewsey said, “Do you want to spend \$300,000 on our peninsulas and all our erosion that's happening, or we want to keep putting a band-aid on?”

## 7. Old Business

a. **Launch Task Team – Sam Eilar**

- i. Bids for ramp and dock will be available next month.
- ii. Town hall meetings will be requested to discuss the bids.
- iii. Environmental concerns regarding materials in the river:
- iv. Sam Eilar saw red brick and block at the dock ramps, which doesn't look as natural as concrete.
- v. All materials have lime in them, which is against environmental regulations because it leaches out.
- vi. Sam does not know who is putting the red brick in the river.
- vii. Discussion on who was putting the red Brick and rock in the marina. No one knew who was doing it.
- viii. Cameras are available to review and identify who is putting the materials in the river.
  - 1. Army Corps Permit:
    - a. Sam stated the Army Corps permit is renewed.
    - b. The permit expires this month.
    - c. The permit renewal is "in process."
    - d. A letter confirming the renewal is needed. Pat Kerr and Sam Eilar are responsible for obtaining it.

Line Dancing Concerns by member Linda Fetterman:

- Linda Fetterman is concerned about Robin Hutchinson, the new line dance teacher.
- Linda claims Robin was a bully at a previous gym, and Linda and others quit to avoid her.
- Linda was "accosted" by Robin at Old Town Saloon.

- Linda requests a sign-in sheet for the line dance class to monitor attendance and ensure members aren't outnumbered by guests. She is also concerned about parking issues due to Robin's large following.
  - The Boards Response to Line Dancing Concerns and Discussion
    - Andrea Pewsey stated that sign-in sheets are not required for other community events like Monday night football or beach parties.
    - The board will address any issues if they arise, such as overcrowding or parking problems.
    - Carla Awtry does not control how people behave in the building during classes, unless they become unruly.
    - The board has received positive feedback about the line dancing classes and there have been no issues so far. 22 people attended.
  - Respect and Conduct
    - Andrea Pewsey states, "you can't come into an event already abrasive like you're towards us right now."
    - There needs to be respect for all adults.
    - If someone is abrasive, it may not be a good idea for them to attend the class.
  - Rental Rules and Accountability
    - The room was rented by a member for the classes, but the instructor is not a member.
    - If someone gets out of line, the member who rented the room will be disciplined because it is club property.
    - If someone mistreats club members at a club event, the board will take disciplinary action against the club member or the person who approved the person coming in.
  - Member Responsibility and Contracts
    - Members can invite someone to come in if they don't have the experience of doing something themselves.
    - The person who rented the room has to have a member agreement that states the rules.
    - There is no contract because it is a community event and there is no fee.
  - Incident Report
    - If something happens, a form is signed and given to the office, who brings it to the board.
    - Linda Fetterman apologizes if they came across as abrasive.

8. **Adjourn:** 9:42 am