

Community Relations Committee Minutes

January 23, 2025 – 10:00am

Previous **Meeting Minutes** were approved.

Attendance standards for the Committee were discussed. The Committee has the authority to approve or deny a requested excused absence. A Committee Member's 3rd unexcused absence will be considered resignation from the Committee. It is important to attend meetings for continuity of rules and policy discussions, and to maintain a manageable quorum.

Committee members were welcomed to the first meeting of 2025. The Committee did a round of introductions.

First on the agenda was an update from the Lawrence REALTORS® Community Foundation (LRCF). Chairperson Greta Carter-Wilson provided a financial recap of grants awarded in 2024, gave an update on the newly adopted LRCF Bylaws, and announced to the Committee that an open position is available for a REALTOR® member on this year's LRCF Board of Trustees.

Next, Staff provided Committee members with an update on the Lawrence Lights – Making Spirits Bright Fundraiser. An Income/Expense report was provided to all Committee Members. Additionally, it was announced that the LBOR will discontinue our involvement with Lawrence Lights in 2025. Volunteers who are interested are still encouraged to support the event, which is hosted by SERTOMA.

Next, Committee members received an update on the Poker Fundraiser. Chairperson Scott Boling shared details of this year's event, which will be held on June 21st at Maceli's. This year the event is expanding to include Bingo, as well as Blackjack. The next meeting of the Poker Committee is on March 11th at 1pm at Maceli's.

Next, the dates for the Red Cross Blood Drives were announced. The LBOR will continue to host 3-Day events this year.

Next, Committee members received an update on the Charity Classic. Co-Chairpersons Jill Stueve and Secily Rees provided information about the 2025 event. Target dates are October 20th or September 29th. The LBOR will investigate the best options based upon other fundraisers, including the LHBA tournament, as well as possible calendar conflicts such as the KAR Annual Conference. Jill and Secily shared information with the Committee about a recent meeting with GolfStatus.com, a third-party that LCC is using to help put on events in 2025. The LBOR is not required to coordinate with GolfStatus.com but is evaluating the pros and cons of involving this third party to help with the event. Volunteers interested in helping with the Charity Classic are encouraged to let Jill, Secily, or Rob know.

Next, the Committee was asked for any additional insights or input from Committee members. Also, Co-Vice-Chairpersons are needed for 2025. Co-Vice-Chairpersons will become Co-Chairpersons in 2026.

Having reached the end of the meeting, the next meeting was announced for 10am on Thursday, February 27th at the LBOR Office.

Meeting Adjourned.