

Squad Leader Meeting Minutes 1/12/2020

In-person attendance: Squad 3, Squad 6, Squad 8, Squad 12, Squad 13, Squad 16, Squad 18, Squad 30, Squad 40, Squad 44, Alanon I. Zoom attendance: Squad 7, Squad 91, 2pm Newcomers.

- We need 6 nominees to run in the board elections for the three vacating positions. Qualifications are to be a current pledging member and to have three continuous years of sobriety. Please email newhopealano@comcast.net or see a board member in person if you are interested.
- We requested emails from squad leaders. If your squad leader did not attend and would like to be added to the email list to be reminded of meetings and receive minutes, please email newhopealano@comcast.net.
- Please refer to our website www.newhopealano.org and our Facebook page named New Hope Alano to receive the most current news. The website also has the most current meeting information.
- We continued room rent discussion, please see December 2020 notes for additional details.
- Pledges: Please remind your squad that pledging to New Hope Alano benefits the building and helps pay bills. Being a current pledging member is also a requirement for being able to run as a nominee and/or vote in the upcoming board elections.
- Monetary Contributions: The board is continuing research for electronic options that will be concluded soon. For now, please use the following methods:
 - In person – Drop in the safe, please label with type of contribution (pledges, rent, donation). Pledges and rent need to be labelled with your name and squad number.
 - By mail: New Hope Alano
 7550 Bass Lake Road
 New Hope, MN 55428Please use the same methods above to label accordingly.

- John Olsen Memorial Fund: Our member and friend John Olsen passed away on December 27, 2020 and some of our members want to assist his family with the cost of the obituary. We have agreed to collect the donations here at the club, the coffee kitty is temporarily set up to accommodate them.
- Suggestions for the board meeting: Consider new carpeting, raffles to raise money.
- We are always in need of more trusted servants to be keyholders at the club and fill in for board duty. Please see a board member if you are interested.
- Our plow people do not maintain our sidewalks, please be mindful of helping with shoveling and salting if you arrive at the club for your meeting. The supplies are located in the front doorway.
- As a reminder, the following bylaws were effective with the board election in May 2020:
 - Revise Article II, Section 3: Alanon and Adult Children of Alcoholics members are associate members.
 - Revise Article II, Section 1(C): Change the minimum pledge from \$5 to \$7.
 - Revise Article VII, Section 7.1: Reduce the number of Board Trustees from 9 to 7 by removing the offices of Assistant Maintenance and Assistant Action and Activities.
- Squad 16 has split and there is now a new squad 91 on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM that is currently Zoom only. Please see the Meeting sections on the website for their information.
- A member wanted to share that we have had a lot of newcomers since we have reopened and that it can be hard for them to connect with reduced attendance and meeting offerings. We want to encourage our members who are healthy and do not live with high risk/vulnerable people to attend meetings in person so we can continue to help the newcomer.