



August 10, 2020

Dear Members,

As you know from the email sent to all Surprise Aerie members on May 17, 2020, the Surprise Aerie was scheduled for a tentative reopening date of September 4, 2020. However, that will not be able to happen.

One of the main reasons is that our volunteers are not comfortable coming back at this time with the Coronavirus still active - and without our volunteers, there is no way the Surprise Eagles can reopen.

As you all know, the Surprise Eagles is a 100% volunteer organization, and since its inception in 2011, we have been operating with a small, but very dedicated volunteer base.

In order to keep our club going, we **NEED** volunteers -- to help with cooking, prepping food, serving food, door greeting, building cleaning, bartending - and also taking Officer positions.

It is so important for each of us to try and support our club with pitching in and helping - that is the only way our club will survive.

Since the Surprise Eagles closed March 17, 2020, we were not able to do our Officer nominations at our April 28, 2020 meeting. Due to the fact that the Coronavirus pandemic closed all the Eagle clubs, the Grand President of the entire Eagles organization sent a communication detailing an alternate procedure for holding Officer nominations when the Eagle clubs reopened - our Aerie Secretary sent that information to all our Surprise Aerie members on April 2, 2020.

We will follow that alternate procedure for holding Officer nominations. So, the first meeting after re-opening, nomination of Officers will be held; the second meeting after re-opening, elections will be held, if needed; at least five days after elections, the installation of new Officers will take place. In the meantime, all current Officers remain in their positions.

As the April 2, 2020 email stated, there will be nine Officer positions opened for nominations - out of 12 total Officer positions. Without our Officers, and without our volunteers, the Surprise Aerie cannot operate.

I, like so many of you, miss my home away from home and my Eagles family. Hopefully, we won't be closed too much longer, and we can return to normal sooner rather than later. We will keep everyone updated as soon as we have more information.

In closing, as the Aerie President, I am asking all of you to please volunteer and keep the Surprise Eagles going. If you would like to volunteer with cooking, prepping food, serving food, door greeting, building cleaning, bartending - or are interested in taking an Officer position, please send an email to: foe4534@gmail.com.

Please stay safe.

Asa Branham, Jr.

Worthy President

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