## Meadow Lake Country Club Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.

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Paul Jaspar, President Diane Dubay, Vice President JoAnn Cate, Treasurer Peter Mueller, Secretary Marvin Galts, Director Gabriel Hagg, Director Jamie Duff, Director Pete Glee, Manager

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Glacier Village Fitness Center Conference Room

Directors in attendance: Paul Jaspar, Diane Dubay, Peter Mueller, and JoAnn Cate. Gabriel Hagg, Marvin Galts, and Jamie Duff were connected by phone. Additionally: Diane Craft, Barb Riley, and Pete Glee were in attendance. Stewart Church joined the meeting from 10:13 a.m. – 11:24 a.m., and Diane Dubay left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

## Call Meeting to Order/President's Report:

Paul Jaspar called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- Paul Jaspar expressed appreciation for the efficient and prompt manner of Pete Glee's assistance and response to questions. He also thanked Diane Craft for her help with Meadow Lake bookkeeping.
- Paul Jaspar expressed appreciation for Diane Dubay having taken care of his duties while he was in Saskatoon.
- Paul Jaspar called for the approval of the meeting agenda. **MOTION: Diane Dubay moved to accept the Board Meeting Agenda, and JoAnn Cate seconded. Motion passed.**

#### Information:

Public Comments – Paul Jaspar opened the floor to public comments.

Barb Riley mentioned that she will have comments on upcoming agenda items. Also, upon review of the last Board Meeting Minutes, she wondered if Goudreau should be changed to Goudnow, and Oakmont Loop should be Oakmont Lane. Additionally, new construction on Oakmont Loop is Lot R-45 rather than Lot R-40. Lastly, Barb Riley informed the Board that the parking issue on Action Item 1 is a neutral zone rather than an allotted parking space. Paul Jaspar thanked Barb Riley for her comments.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (12/08/2018)

MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to approve the minutes of the last Board Meeting with the changes as noted and to approve the closed-session meeting from February 27, 2019. JoAnn Cate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Financial Report – Finance Committee – Paul Jaspar reported the following:

- Paul Jaspar highlighted the expenditures, making note of the higher legal fees due to a confidential matter and the additional expense for the common area maintenance due to dead tree removal.
   MOTION: Peter Mueller moved to accept the Meadow Lake P&L Statement for 8 months to date ending February 28,2019. Diane Dubay seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Paul Jaspar reviewed the MLCCE HOA Balance Sheet, noting the that \$168,000 of the Road Reserve fund is in a Certificate of Deposit for the remainder of the year. He also related that \$6,000 of the overdue

MLCCE HOA dues is stemming from the legal issue in process. Paul Jaspar recommended moving \$100,000 into a term deposit ending in January 2020. Pete Glee expressed his reservation to moving the funds into a Certificate of Deposit until upcoming projects are completed and paid this summer. Diane Dubay and Peter Mueller agreed with delaying any move of monies, especially with unknown legal costs. The issue will be re-visited at the next Board Meeting.

- Paul Jaspar raised the question as to when homeowners are charged late fees for overdue accounts. Discussion ensued regarding interest fees and liens on property. Pete Glee related that the MLCCE HOA currently does not file a lien on a property until the homeowner is delinquent \$500, and interest is charged if the homeowner does not pay dues by the next billing period. Stewart Church expressed concern over homeowners who pay late with a credit card since they not only are delinquent in payment, but also cost the HOA in credit card fees. Considering recent changes to the MLCCE HOA automatic payment system, Barb Riley wondered if some homeowners are not aware that they are delinquent. MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to start charging interest on accounts overdue by 60 days. JoAnn Cate seconded. Motion passed. MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to change the policy to file a lien after two (2) quarters in arrears. Peter Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed. MOTION: Diane Dubay made a motion to present a change to charging interest for overdue accounts after 30 days at the upcoming Annual Meeting in June. JoAnn Cate seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Barb Riley commented that the interest change to 30 days will need to be approved by 67% of all homeowners, not just the homeowners who attend the meeting. Paul Jaspar concluded his Financial Report.

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### ARB - Diane Dubay reviewed the following:

#### > New Construction

- Current 3 home builds
  - 1. Gleneagles MW-140 Hitchcock landscaping in progress with projected completion date June 30, 2019
  - 2. Gleneagles MW-61 Frampton landscaping to be finished as soon as possible in the spring. Mitigation of drainage from pipe that had been changed, to be completed then as well.
  - 3. Oakmont Loop R-45 Waters new home foundation started November 28, 2018.
- ➤ Construction window expired: Z-06/Z-07 Holliday garage build. Project submitted 2010 with construction deposit of \$5000. Numerous follow-up contacts made, most recently certified letter signed receipt October 2017 requiring completion of the project NLT October 2018. No reply from Holliday. Letter sent per BOD approved motion of December 8, 2018 notifying owner of their forfeiture of construction deposit and grandfathering of the home without a garage. Informal response from owner indicates appeal of decision will be sought.

## > Remodels and Re-Landscaping:

Current – Extend deck - material and railings as existing – D-21 – 247 Oakmont Loop. Construction is completed. Landscaping at outer edge of extended deck to be finished in the spring.

Diane Dubay concluded the ARB report. Paul Jaspar asked for clarification on the Holliday garage build issue. Does the MLCCE HOA Board have to give them a window of time to appeal the decision? Pete Glee responded that the Board had previously confirmed action of forfeiture of the deposit, negating the need to allow time for a response. MOTION: JoAnn Cate motioned to move the \$5,000 deposit from Holliday into general funds as a forfeiture of the deposit. Peter Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

#### BIM – Jamie Duff reviewed the following:

1. Yard Lights: The remaining yard lights that need repainting will be completed in the spring. Ann Stephens is taking an inventory of lights that are not working. Owners will be contacted to verify that there is power to the post.

## 2. Armstrong Park:

The bid of \$3,840.00 for Biggy's to complete the scheduled work in Armstrong Park has been accepted and work will progress in the spring.

#### 3. Tree Removal:

We will again review common areas and owner properties in the spring, for dead or downed trees. Cleaning up common areas with dead brush and downed trees will be looked at as well.

#### 4. Road Maintenance:

The bid for chip sealing Pine Valley Loop and Court is being submitted at this meeting. The bids for resolving the drainage issue along Gleneagles Trail is also being presented.

#### 5. Entrance to Mountain Watch - Phase I:

The plan for the HOA entrance at Gleneagles Trail and Meadow Lake Drive will be finalized in the spring and sent out for bids.

## 6. Properties with Viewing Platforms in Mountain Watch - Phase I:

The viewing platforms on 3 properties in Mountain Watch need maintenance or need to be removed. The owners will be contacted to either complete maintenance on them or remove them. Paul Jaspar asked if there is any liability to the MLCCE HOA for unmaintained viewing platforms. Pete Glee stated that the platforms are on private property and the liability lies with the homeowners.

## 7. Landscaping Contract and Weed Control Contract:

These contracts will be reviewed and decided upon in the next few days.

Paul Jaspar asked who was taking care of the front entrance to Meadow Lake. Jamie Duff stated that it is the responsibility of the BIM Committee. Barb Riley informed the Board that the Meadow Lake Water and Sewer had contracted to have the pump houses and utility building painted this spring. Stewart Church mentioned that the lighting of the sign is insufficient; Peter Mueller suggested lights placed above the sign and moving the sign at an angle for better visibility. Pete Glee recounted the problems working on this area due to restrictions from Meadow Lake Water and Sewer, DEQ, and the Golf Course. Peter Tracy said that the Golf Course would take care of the area. The location of the sign is not MLCCE HOA property; while MLCCE HOA can offer to upgrade the sign and landscaping, MLCCE HOA needs approval of the Golf Course. The BIM Committee will discuss the issue at their next meeting.

Jamie Duff concluded her BIM Committee Report.

## **Finance Committee - During Financial Report**

#### Social – Suspended/No Chairman – No Report

➤ JoAnn Cate offered to accept the position to chair the Social Committee. MOTION: Gabriel Hagg made the motion to accept JoAnn Cate for the position as Social Committee chair. Marvin

Galts seconded the motion. Motion passed. MOTION: Marvin Galts motioned to restore the \$1,500.00 budget to the Social Committee. Diane Dubay seconded. Motion passed.

## **COPS** – Pete Glee related the following:

Pete Glee asked the Board Members to review his notes presented from the COPS meeting on February 28, 2019. Another meeting is planned in the next few weeks. Pete Glee stated that he had no response from Chris Walters. Peter Tracy does not want representation of the Golf Course. Barb Riley is interested in joining the COPS Committee. Peter Mueller asked if there were any Directors of the COPS Committee. Paul Jaspar suggested that Peter Mueller be the Director. MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to appoint Peter Mueller as Director of the COPS Committee. JoAnn Cate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Community Amenities - No Report**

Pete Glee mentioned that Barb Riley and Shannon Bowerman were interested in joining the Community Amenities Committee. MOTION: JoAnn Cate motioned to appoint Peter Mueller as Director of the Community Amenities Committee. Marvin Galts seconded. Motion passed.

## Manager's Report - Pete Glee reviewed the following:

#### Administrative:

- a. Ann Stephens has been contracted through LC Staffing to be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays to answer phones, greet owners/visitors, and do special projects.
- b. Wireless router: Ethernet hub purchased enabling 2 wireless networks putting Shannon on separate network.
- c. Credit Card processing through First Data is in place and will be available for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter billing owners will be notified. Fees are approximately ½ of what Payline charged. Fees will be absorbed as per Board's December motion. Presented again to membership at Annual Meeting.

#### **Action Items from last meeting update:**

- 1. ACTION: Pete Glee will write the Meadow Lake HOA office landlord to request him to present the issue to the Owners of Building 1 for discussion and decision on allowing an unused vehicle to be parked for the winter in a guest space. Have not pursued at this time as higher priority items exist.
- 2. ACTION: Pete Glee will contact Peter Tracy or Kyle Long to remedy the fence issue. Not Completed at this time Will contact them when spring has arrived.
- 3. ACTION: Pete Glee will find out if the new weed product is effective. Received update on effectiveness of current weed product and forwarded to the BIM Completed
- 4. ACTION: Pete Glee will purchase and have the storm door installed at the entrance for the Meadow Lake office. Completed
- 5. ACTION: Pete Glee will research the legal authority of the assignment/default of timeshare votes. I've approached the timeshare sub-associations for documentation they might have authorizing MLDC as managing agent to cast the unassigned Unit Representative votes. To date no documents have been found. Continue to research.
- 6. ACTION: Pete Glee to contact bookkeeping firm regarding option to contract bookkeeping services with Diane Craft. Diane is contracted through Frontier Figures Completed

- 7. ACTION: Pete Glee to investigate the extra expense for berm removal with Biggy's Landscaping and report back to the Board. First couple of years no extra charge due to the limited number of "no berms". This year there are 90+ addresses with "no berm" designation so we are being charged as requires second smaller truck and driver to clear. Completed
- 8. ACTION: Pete Glee will review the Cyber-Security insurance documents and institute the requirements to confirm that the Meadow Lake HOA is properly insured. Locked office, and computers secured logins and antivirus protection were only requirements Completed
- 9. ACTION: Paul Jaspar will work with Pete Glee to adjust the Equity items on the Balance Sheet. Completed 10. ACTION: Paul Jaspar will work with Pete Glee to move the rent payment for the sub-lease to the proper account. Completed
- 11. ACTION: Pete Glee will investigate options to use a payment processing system through First Interstate Bank. ACH processing through First Interstate in place and active. Completed
- 12.ACTION (& AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION): ARB/Pete to institute the forfeiture of the \$5,000 construction deposit, release the requirement to install a garage, and write a letter to the homeowner informing them of the Board's decision. Letter sent received phone call objecting to action owner plans to send another letter requesting refund Completed
- 13. ACTION: The BIM Committee will be completing an inventory of lights that are not working and asking homeowners to verify power to the post Assigned to Ann Stephens Completed.
- 14. ACTION: Armstrong Park The BIM Committee will have additional landscaping done in the spring as soon as weather permits, and upon BIM approval of changes. Also, one of the benches from Pine Valley will be moved to Armstrong Park in the spring. Contract signed Completed
- 15. ACTION: Gabriel Hagg will talk with the City of Columbia Falls as to the process to remove the current traffic circle and replace it with stop signs, and Pete Glee will follow-up with Gabriel Hagg regarding his research into the issue. Gabe's Action Item
- 16. ACTION: Pete Glee will follow up with Barb Riley to see if there is any response from Bruce Lutz/SiteScapes regarding a map update. Contracted with Ann Rhodes to complete map. Had gotten confirmation from Gil Lynch that he had no concerns with us utilizing the old map Completed
- 17. ACTION: Pete Glee will gather the remaining bids pertaining to the Gleneagles Drainage Project and send them to the Board for review and decision. Follow up reminders to Hamilton Construction to bid if they still had an interest in the project were not answered They did not submit a bid Completed
- 18. ACTION & MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to (1) determine the snow removal expense for lower Golf Course Drive, and (2) once the value is determined, to offer a counter proposal to MLWHOA to pay for the snow removal of lower Golf Course Drive, and (3) to require MLWHOA to provide better signage to deter use of upper Golf Course Drive by Meadow Lake HOA homeowners. Proposal presented to MLWHOA and they accepted. Cost is \$55/time plus sanding if needed Completed
- 19. ACTION: Pete Glee will email the Community Standards to Peter Mueller for review, and Peter Mueller will make revision suggestions to the Board for consideration. Completed.
- 20. ACTION: Pete Glee will continue to develop the website revision. Committee consisting of Diane Dubay, Jamie Duff, and myself have met with Ann Rhodes. Update and discussion during website agenda item.
- 21. ACTION: Board Members to give thought to the Strategic Planning Initiatives and submit their input via email. Sent to Board Completed.
- 22. ACTION: Pete will draw up an amendment to the office lease for approval by the Board and the landlord which will provide for recapturing the lease hold improvements by way of the accumulating 12.5% equity from the lease payments during the life of the current lease, and any subsequent leases; until such time that the property would be sold. If property is sold to the HOA, this accumulated equity will be used to reduce the sale price of the unit. Met with Mr. Lindblad to present proposal. He rejected the proposal. Completed

Pete Glee asked the Board members to review the action items and entertained questions.

Paul Jaspar inquired as to the expense to MLCCE HOA for berm removal. Pete Glee stated that Biggy's Landscaping charged \$5 per driveway, which amounted to \$1395 on the February invoice. He related that berm removal has not been charged back to homeowners. Diane Dubay noted that the expense has significantly increased. Barb Riley stated that from a security standpoint, berms should be cleared to prevent theft. Stewart Church highlighted that since there are minimum summer maintenance standards, why not have berm removal as a minimum requirement in the winter? Paul Jaspar asked if CCR's need to be changed to require driveway maintenance. Pete Glee said that the driveway maintenance is in the Community Standards, and he suggested referring the issue to the COPS Committee for discussion and presentation at the Board Meeting in June.

Regarding Action Item 15 fort the traffic circle at the Mountain Watch intersection: Gabriel Hagg related that the City of Columbia Falls does not regulate the traffic in the area, but they would suggest installing stop or yield signs to control the intersection.

Paul Jaspar asked if we bill Meadow Lake West for snow removal. Pete Glee related that the Board voted to pay for the snow removal at the last Board Meeting in December. He stated that Biggy's Landscaping will continue to keep two separate contracts for the snow removal.

Paul Jaspar asked about the policy to tender bids for MLCCE HOA projects. Diane Dubay stated that there is criteria for bids, and Pete Glee mentioned that three (3) bids are required; Board members do not have to accept the lowest bid. MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to review and/or create a policy to tender bids. Diane Dubay seconded. Motion passed. ACTION: Pete Glee to review documents and/or create a policy to tender bids and to send out the Board for approval.

Lastly, Paul Jaspar asked for clarification on Action Item 22. Pete Glee stated that the action was complete since Mr. Lindblad rejected the MLCCE HOA proposal.

Pete Glee concluded his report.

## **RCI – Peter Mueller**

Paul Jaspar related that the RCI issue with timeshare owners is beyond the scope of MLCCE HOA discretion but allowed a brief presentation by Peter Mueller. Peter Mueller expressed his distress over the changes with RCI in costs associated with RCI points. Barb Riley stated that MLDC is the negotiator for RCI & Resort operations. Paul Jaspar suggested approaching Gil Lynch at MLDC since MLCCE HOA is not involved with timeshare rentals.

#### **Discussion and Action:**

#### 7. Meadow Lake Golf Course Closure

As an information item only, Paul Jaspar related that he had arranged a meeting with Travis, Nordic Trails, Pete Glee, and himself to discuss the closure of the Golf Course to cross country skiing. Discussion ensued as to the damage caused by persons on the golf course greens, the winter access policies of other golf courses, and possible cross country and snow shoeing areas for Meadow Lake homeowners. Meadow Lake Golf Course will not allow access for the rest of the winter, and they will review the damage in the spring to see if future access will be granted.

## 8. Community Standards revision

Peter Mueller related that he had reviewed MLCCE HOA governing documents and decided that it would be best to leave the Community Standards as they are. He emphasized that that the MLCCE HOA is primarily responsible for the roadways and regulating their use. Paul Jaspar asked if it would be worthwhile to have Karl Rudbach look at it. Diane Dubay suggested limiting the expense for Karl Rudbach to \$500.00 MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to have Karl Rudbach review the MLCCE HOA Community Standards with a \$500 legal expense limit. Marvin Galts seconded. Motion passed.

#### 9. Host All Association Board Social

Pete Glee informed the Board that the Fireside Room is available. The MLCCE HOA spent approximately \$420 for the Board Social last time. JoAnn Cate offered for the Social Committee be responsible for organizing the gathering. The Board accepted her offer.

## 10. Review and Decision on contractor bid for Gleneagles Drainage project

Pete Glee reviewed the bids. Peter Mueller felt that Finmark was the most thorough. Diane Dubay expressed reservations about Finmark since she has observed their construction work in Meadow Lake and feels that they are spread too thin and delay completion of projects. Barb Riley related her concern over Cutting Edge extras that could greatly increase the cost, and she suggested a contingency cap in the final contract. Pete Glee said that TD&H Engineering recommended Hamilton Excavating & Cutting Edge. He reminded the Board members that TD&H will also oversee the project as part of their original bid. MOTION: Marvin Galts motioned to accept the bid from Cutting Edge once the contract includes monetary caps for the unknown contingencies. Peter Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed. ACTION: Pete Glee to negotiate with Cutting Edge on monetary caps and to finalize the contract.

## 11. Review and decision on repair work and chip seal of Pine Valley Loop and Court

Pete Glee drew attention to the bid by Pavement Maintenance Solutions. He explained that T-Bend will need to fix issues from the standing water, and then the chip seal can be completed. MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to accept the bid for Pavement Management Solutions to chip seal Pine Valley Loop and Court. Gabriel Hagg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Pete Glee to meet with Jared at T-Bend to obtain the cost to fix the standing water issues and to submit the information to the Board by email.

## 12. Review and approval of Election Committee Members

MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to accept Carol McElwain, Peter Mueller, and Mike Schardt as Election Committee Members. Jamie Duff seconded. Motion passed.

## 13. Review and approve COPS Committee Member

MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to approve Theresa Carpenter, Barb Riley, Paul Jaspar as Director, Dan Singer, Joseph Schmier, and Chris Walters (with his approval) as COPS Committee Members. Marvin Galts seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION: Pete Glee to verify Chris Walters approval to join the COPS Committee.

## 14. Strategic Planning Review

Paul Jaspar reviewed the Strategic Planning Review changes as noted. **MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to** accept the Strategic Planning Review Annex A & Annex B as presented. JoAnn Cate seconded. Motion passed.

## 15. Website Revision Update - Pete Glee reviewed the following:

Diane Dubay, Jamie Duff, and Pete Glee met with Ann Rhodes of Rhodes D Signs to discuss the website revision. Pete Glee presented the bid from Ann Rhodes to the Board. MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to accept the bid from Ann Rhodes of Rhodes D Signs and to proceed with the website revision. Marvin Galts seconded. Motion passed.

## 16. Committee Membership/Volunteer Opportunities

Paul Jasper related that the Board is attempting to encourage more participation in committees and volunteer opportunities. Peter Mueller proposed involving directors of the sub-associations. Paul Jaspar suggested sending personal invitations to sub-associations.

## 17. Social Committee – Previously discussed

## 18. Review of Meeting Schedule for 2019 meetings

- June 1, 2019 Annual Meeting and Board Meeting following
- Paul Jaspar thanked Pete Glee for the new Meadow Lake map. Pete Glee mentioned that Barb Riley, the hotel, and the golf course have copies, and the map will be posted on the website.
   ACTION: Pete Glee will send out an electronic version of the map to all Board Members.
- Peter Mueller said that Patrick Malone wants to address the MLCCE HOA after the All Board Social. Pete Glee stated that MLCCE HOA can only listen since sub-association issues are not the concern of MLCCE HOA.
- Barb Riley informed the Board that homeowners in The Woods, Phase II of Mountain Watch have intentions to join the master association.
- JoAnn Cate emphasized the All Board Social needs to be at least two hours to make it worthwhile; she feels that 5pm – 7pm would be adequate.
- Marvin Galts and Gabriel Hagg both agreed to submit their names as Board Members for reelection.
- General meeting concluded, Barb Riley left, and the Board continued to discuss a confidential matter in a closed session.

## 19. Adjournment

MOTION: Peter Mueller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. and JoAnn Cate seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. ACTION: Pete Glee will contact Karl Rudbach to have him review the Community Standards documents, with a limit of \$500 for legal expenses.
- 2. ACTION: Pete Glee to meet with Jared at T-Bend to obtain the cost to fix the standing water issues and to submit the information to the Board by email.
- 3. ACTION: Pete Glee to verify Chris Walters approval to join the COPS Committee.
- 4. ACTION: Pete Glee will send out an electronic version of the map to all Board Members.
- 5. ACTION: Pete Glee to review documents and/or create a policy to tender bids and to send out the Board for approval.

6. ACTION: Pete Glee to negotiate with Cutting Edge on monetary caps and to finalize the contract.	

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Saturday, June 01, 2019 **Time:** Following the Annual Meeting

Place: Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge, Whitefish

Board of Directors in attendance: Diane Dubay, Peter Mueller, Jamie Duff and JoAnn Cate. Paul Jaspar was connected by phone. HOA Manager Pete Glee and Diane Craft were also in attendance.

**Call Meeting to Order:** Paul Jaspar called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

Opening Comments: Paul Jaspar thanked Pete Glee, HOA Manger, for his work organizing the Agendas and supporting

documentation for the Annual Meeting and the Board Meeting.

#### **Discussion and Action:**

## 1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (03/09/2019)

Paul Jaspar asked for a motion for the approval of the Meeting Minutes from the Board Meeting held on 03/09/19. MOTION: Diane Dubay moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from 03/09/19, Peter Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### 2. Election of New Officers

Since the quorum requirement was not met and the Annual Meeting was not held, Paul Jaspar asked if new officers could be appointed. Pete Glee proposed waiting until the September Board meeting. Regarding the budget, Pete Glee noted that the bylaws state that the Board could continue with the budget from the previous year but cannot increase the budget by more than 15% in any 12-month period. Paul Jaspar wondered if any members other than Marvin Galts or Gabriel Hagg would like to run for Board positions. Pete Glee related that there were a few write-in ballots. Paul Jaspar requested Board Members who would like to change offices on the Board notify Pete Glee before the September Board Meeting. ACTION: Pete Glee will discuss the issue of the election of new Directors, and budget with the lawyer, Karl Rudbach. MOTION: JoAnn Cate motioned to appoint Marvin Galts and Gabriel Hagg to the vacated positions on the Board. Peter Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### 3. Appointment of New Committee Chairs

Paul Jaspar suggested deferring the appointment of new committee chairs until the September Board Meeting. Pete Glee informed the Board that James Ablett expressed interest in joining the Finance Committee. Paul Jaspar asked Pete Glee to give James Ablett an application. Paul Jaspar also mentioned that he would like to meet with both James Ablett and Pete Glee to discuss the position. **ACTION: Pete Glee will offer an application for the Finance Committee to James Ablett and schedule a meeting in June.** 

#### 4. Selection of Board Meeting Dates for upcoming fiscal year:

Discussion ensued as to the lack of participation in the Annual Meeting. Diane Dubay reiterated Barb Riley's statement that the Board Meetings for the Timeshares conflicted with the Meadow Lake HOA

Annual Meeting. She suggested better coordination with the other Meadow Lake Homeowner Associations in the future.

Board Meeting Dates Selected as Follows:

- > October 12, 2019
- > December 14, 2019
- March 21, 2019
- Annual Meeting on June 6, 2020

#### Other Items:

- 5. Closed Session Discussion
- 6. Closing Comments:

Paul Jaspar quickly reviewed the budget for the next year and stated that there would be a small surplus. Since Legal fees were an unknown item, legal costs would be dispensed from the stabilization account. Diane Dubay asked what the Board can do with the 2019-2020 budget if the Annual Meeting was not held. Paul Jaspar stated that the Board will continue to spend funds based on the 2018-2019 budget.

7. Adjournment: Paul Jaspar adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. ACTION: Pete Glee will discuss the issue regarding the election of new Directors, and budget with the lawyer, Karl Rudbach.
- 2. ACTION: Pete Glee will offer an application for the Finance Committee to James Ablett and schedule a meeting in June.

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 AM

Place: Meadow Lake HOA Office, 521 St. Andrews Dr., #114

Director's in attendance: Paul Jasper, Diane Dubay, JoAnn Cate, Gabriel Hagg and Jamie Duff. Additionally, Ann Rhodes, Pete Glee, Ann Stephens, Barb Riley, and Sue and Tim Hetzel were in attendance.

## Call Meeting to Order/President's Report:

- Paul Jaspar called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- ➤ Paul Jaspar introduced Ann Rhodes, who would update the Board on the current status of the new web site before continuing with the agenda items.
- ➤ Paul Jaspar praised Ann for the new web site design. Ann noted the old site was hard to negotiate and the redesign will help user with the additional new pages that have been added. The biggest hurdle to date is the "pay online" button. Pete is continuing to review options for a solution that will include SSL protection and minimize the HOA participation. Ann does not advise the new web site go online without "pay online" being completed. Ann proceeded to click through all the links/pages available for users, explaining each section and answering questions.
- ➤ Paul Jasper requested that Item 10 of the agenda be deleted. **MOTION: Diane Dubay** moved to delete line item 10 from the Board Meeting Agenda, Gabe Hagg seconded. Motion passed.
- ➤ A document draft from the Strategic Planning Meeting was presented.
- ➤ A card for Mrs. Gregory was passed around for signatures. Mr. Gregory was a past president of the Board of Directors and instrumental in the development of several of the HOA documents. A donation in lieu of flowers will be made to the Columbia Falls Veteran Home in the amount of \$200.00. Pete Glee to deliver the check.
- > MOTION: Paul Jasper moved to donate \$200.00 to the Columbia Falls Veteran Home in the name of Russ Gregory, JoAnn seconded. Motion passed.

## **Information:**

**▶** Public Comments – Paul Jasper opened the floor to public comments.

Barb Riley mentioned that she will have comments on upcoming agenda items. Sue and Tim Hetzel asked that their comments be delayed until later in the agenda.

➤ Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (06/01/2019)

It was noted that the year on page two should be changed from 2019 to 2020 for the March 21 Board of Director meeting.

MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2019 with the changes as noted and to approve the closed-session meeting from June 1, 2019, Jamie Duff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Financial Report - Paul Jasper

➤ Paul Jasper reported that the MLGR issue is on-going. A trial was held on September 6, 2019 with no decision to date. It could take several months for a decision from the Justice. Paul requested Pete rename road reserves to Reserves on the Balance Sheet for Parkside Credit Union.

MOTION: Paul Jasper motioned to approve the Financial Report as given and Gabe Hagg seconded. Motion passed.

# **Standing Committee Reports:**

# **ARB** – Diane Dubay reviewed the following:

## > New Construction

- Completed 2 homes:
  - 1. Gleneagles MW-140 Hitchcock Project satisfactorily completed.
  - 2. Gleneagles MW-61 Frampton project satisfactory completed.
- Current 4 home builds:
  - 1. 164 Oakmont Loop R-40 Waters, single family home plans approved, and construction started November 28, 2018; completion November 30, 2019.
  - 2. 271 & 275 Oakmont Loop D-27 and D-28 Westcraft townhouses; plans approved, and construction started May 2019; completion May 30, 2020.
  - 3. 1221 Oakmont Lane MW-76 Jesset, single family home plans approved, and construction started July 10, 2019; completion July 31, 2020.
  - 4. 104 Oakmont Loop 16A Gouw, single family home plans approved July 2019 and construction started August 2019 completion June 1, 2020.
- Potential four new applications anticipated for next season build at this time.
- > Completed remodels/repair/painting and re-landscaping, 8 properties:

- 494 St. Andrews Dr. Real Estate office repainted and full re-landscaping of yard surrounding building.
- 839 St. Andrews Dr. Refreshed rock in landscaping.
- 850 St. Andrews Dr. Building and entry doors repainted.
- 879 St. Andrews Dr. Remove and replace back deck and railing.
- 1024 St. Andrews Dr. Added rock to landscaping.
- 709 Augusta Loop Replace front entry walkway.
- 137 Oakmont Loop Install awning over back patio door. Remove a vinyl privacy screen. Install a wrought iron fence with gate.
- Meadow Lake North Whisper Village sign replaced and raised above the shrubs to provide clear view of the sign.

# ➤ Ongoing remodels/repair/painting and re-landscaping, 7 properties:

- 828 St. Andrews Dr. Replace siding and add cultured stone wainscoting to front. Project started September 13, 2019; anticipated completion November 2019.
- 848 Condos on the Green This project started as water damage repair, requiring replacing of some siding and repainting. Additional problems were discovered, and this project has expanded to include repair of some rotted sub-walls. The owners are deciding whether they need to take off all the siding, do the repairs, and install all new siding. The ARB will be notified when this decision has been made. The owners will submit the materials and paint choices for review and approval. Repair timeline to be decided.
- T-29 thru T-32 Project started as a repaint of entire building and the replacement of some gutters. Water damage was found which increased the amount of repair needed before painting could commence. Anticipated completion November 2019.

MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to approve the ARB Report as given and JoAnn Cate seconded. Motion passed.

# BIM – Jamie Duff reviewed the following:

➤ Yard Lights: The inventory of yard lights not coming on at night is close to completion. Inventory is difficult as some are on randomly, therefore owners must be turning them on and off manually. Owners will be contacted to verify that there is power to the post. There are 14 not lit at this time in Mountain Watch, Pine Valley Loop, along Seminole, Augusta Loop, and St. Andrews Drive from the entrance to the intersection of Pine Valley Loop.

- ➤ **Armstrong Park**: Biggy's completed the work in Armstrong Park. Four of the bushes have died, so will be replaced in the spring.
- ➤ **Tree Removal**: We have removed 32 dead or downed trees from the common areas and owner's properties. There are about 10-15 more dead or dying trees needed to be marked, bid and removed.
- ➤ **Road and Sign Maintenance**: Gleneagles Trail drainage project has been completed and from owner comments appears to be working well. Replaced several damaged and faded road signs.
- ➤ Properties with Viewing Platform in Mountain Watch Phase I: Two of the three viewing platforms in Mountain Watch needing maintenance have been removed by the owners. The third one will also probably be removed.
- ➤ **Snow Removal Contract**: This contract renews this year. The decision as to whether to remove berms or leave them up to the owners will be decided at this meeting as a later agenda item.
- ➤ Weed Management: The control of noxious weeds in Meadow Lake is making progress, the undesirable weeds, and general weeds along roadways continue to be a problem that has been referred to the contractor for a more aggressive approach. Several vacant lots in Mountain Watch had an infestation of Oxeye Daisy so were sprayed.
- ➤ Entrance to Mountain Watch Phase I: The design plan for the HOA entrance to Gleneagles and Meadow Lake Drive is close to being finalized and should be ready to send out for bids. The design will include these features:
  - Utilize native plants that should not need watering once established.
  - Have a structure over the mailbox and bulletin board areas.
  - Area will not need electricity.
  - Will have tall grasses around utility boxes.
  - Possibly add a couple of trees but not to block view for traffic at intersection.
  - No sign as already a monument sign on other side.
- ➤ Discussion was held among the Board and guests regarding the removal of trees on personal property. Is it an owners' responsibility/liability problem to have diseased and dying trees removed? Should the HOA have a contractor look at trees before removal? Pete will be the first line of contact for tree removal, diseased and/or dying trees but if the tree removal is for aesthetic reasons the removal will be referred to the ARB. Sue Hetzel commented in her view, there is a fine line between personal property decisions and HOA property rights. Gabe Hagg shared there is an argument to taking down trees because of fire danger and fire hazard.

MOTION: JoAnn motioned to have the BIM Committee review and make recommendations to the Board regarding tree removal. Jamie Duff seconded. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Jamie Duff motioned to approve the BIM report as given and Gabe Hagg seconded. Motion passed.

## **Finance Committee**

- ➤ Paul Jasper stated the main concerns of the Finance Committee at this time are:
  - Online credit card processing and recommendations to the Board.
  - Transactional audit and the costs to the HOA.
  - Terms of reference will be reviewed, and the committee will make recommended changes to the BOD as necessary.
  - Potential review of the HOA budget
  - Members of the Committee are Paul Jasper, James Ablett, Dallas Claypool and Marvin Galts.

MOTION: Paul Jasper motioned to approve the Finance Committee Report as verbally given and Diane Dubay seconded. Motion passed.

➤ Public comment from Barb Riley commented that all the members of the Finance committee were from Canada.

## **Social Committee**

➤ JoAnn Cate reported the Social Committee recently held a meeting to reestablish the committee. The committee decided to limit the number of events held each year as trying to do one a month was not feasible. The committee will be doing the Rib Fest and St. Patrick's Day events this year. Each event will charge a small amount to help plan and control attendance to the event. The garage sale was successful, and the committee decided to plan this event every two to three years. JoAnn indicated it has been difficult to find people to chair events.

MOTION: JoAnn Cate motioned to approve the Social Committee Report as given and Diane Dubay seconded. Motion passed.

## **COPS** Committee

➤ Pete Glee informed the committee that a COPS meeting had been held recently with positive feedback. Main concerns were lack of security and why was the previous

security stopped. What level of security does the HOA want to provide? Will the new owners of the golf course participate in the security program? Do we use MLDC as our primary security and hire Grizzly on special weekends and holidays? MLDC is not licensed to come on property and issue tickets. A discussion was held on whether snow clearing of all driveways would be prudent to deter vandalism. The demographics of the community has changed over the last 10 years with more families being full time residents.

# MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to approve the COPS Report as given and Gabe Hagg seconded. Motion passed.

➤ Public Comment from Tim Hetzel suggested the HOA investigate initiating a Neighborhood Watch program. The Neighborhood Watch program is a legal and registered entity and would require the HOA joining the program. Another option would be to install cameras at the entrance to monitor who is driving onto the property at night.

# **Community Amenities** – No report

# **Manager's Report** – Pete Glee reviewed the following:

## **Administrative:**

- ➤ It is working out well for Ann Stephens to be here to answer phones, greet owners/visitors and do special projects. Helps me a lot. Diane Craft continues to come in on Wednesday mornings for the bookkeeping.
- ➤ My office computer's operating system will need to be upgraded to Windows 10 as Microsoft's support for Windows 7 is expiring. As it is an old computer it may be time to upgrade it as well. My printer is having some issues as well. The scan feature is showing signs of wear as evidenced by your packets today.
- ➤ The computer that Ann Stephens and Diane Craft share is running on Windows 10, but it also may need upgrading. Their printer is relatively new and isn't having issues.
- ➤ The office space is working out very well.

# **Action Items from last meeting update:**

Action: Pete Glee will discuss the election of new Directors, and budget with the lawyer, Karl Rudbach. **Completed:** Mr. Rudbach's review and response was that the Board acted correctly in appointing Marvin Galts and Gabriel Hagg to fill the vacant positions until the next Annual Meeting. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget as approved by the Board for submission to the 2019 Annual Meeting is valid to be utilized as the operating budget for this fiscal year as it represented no increase from the last fiscal year's budget.

- Action: Pete Glee will offer an application for the Finance Committee to James Ablett and schedule a meeting in June. **Completed**. James Ablett has been approved by the Board to sit on the Finance Committee.
- ➤ Mr. Glee conclude his report.
- ➤ Paul Jasper asked that Pete Glee provide the Finance Committee with the cost of upgrading the computers and printer as reported above. The Finance Committee will provide the Board with their recommendations for the expenditure.

MOTION: Jamie Duff motioned to approve the Manager's Report as given and Gabe Hagg second. Motion passed.

# **Community Standards**

- ➤ A letter from Karl Rudbach, dated October 10, 2019 was presented for discussion regarding the Community Standards document.
- A discussion was held regarding "berms" left during snow removal. Winter 2017/18 the HOA contracted with the contractor to remove small berms for approximately 30 homes. Winter 2018/19 the list grew to approximately 90 homes. Community Standards require the owners remove the berms.
- ➤ The county has specifications/recommendations for berm removing and Pete Glee will contact them for input.
- ➤ Pete Glee will contact Biggy's regarding berm removal standards and report back to the Board with his findings.

# **Welcome Baskets Program**

- ➤ Pete Glee notified the Board that the HOA Office will be preparing the Welcome Baskets and Cindy Cook will be delivering to new residents.
- > Definition of new residents/owners was defined.
- ➤ Paul Jasper requested that a volunteer application be included in the baskets.

# Review and Decision Building Standards update Appendix H

➤ Diane Dubay proposed changes to Section III, paragraph 4.4 Utilities and Sanitary Facilities. Barb Riley commented to the Board that water hook up might not be available in 45 days. Diane revised the paragraph to eliminate the reference to water. There was a short discussion regarding utilities being connected from adjoining properties, no change made.

MOTION: Diane Dubay motioned to approve the Building Standards modified paragraph 4.4.1, and Appendix H as amended, and JoAnn Cate seconded. Motion passed.

# **Review Bid Policy**

➤ No changes made.

## Review and Decision to Increase Annual Allocation to Road Reserve

➤ Refer to Finance Committee for review and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

# **Review Meeting Schedule for 2019/2020 Meeting**

- ➤ Change Board Meeting Schedule website to read <u>www.ml-hoa.com</u>
- ➤ JoAnn Cate advised the Board Members that her annual Christmas party was the same date as the next Board Meeting.

## Adjournment

- ➤ The Board took a brief recess while non-members including Ann Stephens, and Pete Glee departed, and the Board resumed in a closed-session.
- Adjournment: Paul Jaspar adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

# **Action Items**

- 1. **ACTION** Pete Glee will contact Columbia Falls Veteran Home for directions on where to send donation in memory of Russ Gregory.
- 2. **ACTION** Pete Glee will correct the Meeting Minutes of 06/01/2019 to reflect year 2019 to 2020
- 3. **ACTION** BIM to continue inventory of yard lights that are not coming on at night.
- 4. **ACTION** BIM to have Biggy's replace bushes at Armstrong Park in the spring that have died.
- 5. **ACTION** BIM to continue inventory of dead trees for removal.
- 6. **ACTION** BIM to monitor third viewing platform in Mountain Watch.
- 7. **ACTION-** BIM continue to finalize and send out for bid, plans for entrance to Mountain Watch at Gleneagles Trail and Meadow Lake Drive.

- 8. **ACTION** BIM to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding tree removal.
- 9. **ACTION** Pete Glee will continue working with the COPS Committee.
- 10. **ACTION** Pete Glee will provide the Finance Committee with the cost of upgrading the computers and printers for the office.
- 11.**ACTION** The Finance Committee will provide the Board with their recommendations for the expenditure of the office computers and printers.
- 12.**ACTION** Pete Glee will contact Biggy's regarding berm removal standards and report back to the Board his findings.
- 13. **ACTION** HOA Office will prepare and distribute Welcome Baskets to new residents.
- 14.**ACTION** Finance Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board on whether to Increase Annual Allocation to the Road Reserves.
- **15. ACTION** Pete Glee to update website on the Board Meeting Schedule to correct web site address.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Stephens and Pete Glee, manager.