

**Woodmont Country Club**  
**August 14, 2008**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**

Michael Fuller called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The meeting was held at the Kennedy's home.

**Roll Call:** Michael Fuller

**Board Members Present:** Michael Fuller  
Brian Jacobson  
Nancy Kennedy  
Carlotta Smith  
Adrienne Worah  
Steve Swank  
Evelyn Meyers

**Board Members Absent:** Edie Staiger  
Kelli Devitte  
Dave Babbitt

**Guest:** Robin Bartlett

**Introductions:** Michael introduced Robin Bartlett to the Board members.

**Approval of Minutes:** The June 12 Board Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board.

**Woodmont Directory Review:** Robin Bartlett presented the 2008-09 Woodmont Directory for our review. She has done an incredible job on this project! Further suggestions/revisions to the directory were made by board members. Special kudos to Edie Staiger, Nancy Kennedy, Adrienne Worah, and Kelli Devitte for their contributions in preparing the directory! We look forward to the finished product.

**President's Report – Dascenzo Report** (Michael Fuller): Michael, Steve, and Evelyn visited with the Dascenzo's on July 2. We reviewed the deck situation and discussed possible ways to reach resolution. Donna Dascenzo agreed to visit the city officials along with Michael to be sure they were hearing the same thing at the same time. They had hoped to do this fairly soon, but Donna has suffered an injury to her foot which she sustained while cleaning her house gutters. She requested that Michael go ahead and speak with city officials. Brian Jacobson has agreed to accompany him, and they will report back to the Board in September. Mediation was also discussed with the Dascenzo's and they are open to that. Steve Swank has offered to check on mediation fees. Brian pointed out that mediation is not one of the options given to the Board for consideration. This action would require a membership meeting.

**Compliments:** Michael expressed his appreciation to various club members for their support of the Woodmont Country Club:

- Thank you to Janet Sorby for her work to make the Kids' Parade a success!
- Thank you to Brian Jacobson for his hard work on the landscaping at the tennis courts and for conquering the gate code!
- Thank you to Adrienne Worah for her efforts in making and maintaining a great website!
- Thank you to Edie Staiger for keeping us "in the black" and for her help with the directory!
- Thank you to Nancy Kennedy for her efforts with the potlucks and for being a great proofreader!
- Thank you to the Board for sponsoring a very successful Father's Day Brunch!

- Thank you to Robin Bartlett for her hard work on the directory!
- Thank you to Kelli Devitte for her help with the directory!
- Thank you to Adrienne Worah, Edie Staiger, and Nancy Kennedy for their work on the directory!
- Thank you to Steve Swank, Edie Staiger, Adrienne Worah, Carlotta Smith, Nancy Kennedy, and Kelli Devitte for their work on the map project!
- Thank you to Carlotta for keeping the Board on track with agenda items!

**Property Tax:** The Club's property assessments on two parcels were changed this year (effective next April). Valuation was increased on one parcel from \$185,000 to \$274,000. Valuation was decreased on another parcel from \$31,000 to \$20,000.

**Treasurer's Report:** Edie was absent from today's meeting.

#### **Goal Setting – Board:**

- Adrienne Worah suggested that we streamline membership business processes. She would like assistance with the website, possibly using Dreamweaver, so the process could be transitioned to new users. She would like exact expectations for changes to the handbook and the website. Brian volunteered the use of his Dreamweaver software. Nancy Kennedy is willing to look at the process and possibly assist Adrienne.
- Nancy Kennedy suggested we have job descriptions for Board member roles giving their responsibilities, etc.
- A club member suggested that historical signs be placed on club property; e.g., the base of Bootlegger Trail.
- Evelyn Meyers suggested a written history of the Woodmont Club. It was reported that there is such a history, and that it could possibly be placed on the website.
- Carlotta Smith reported a problem with ivy growing rampant. Goats have been used in some areas to eat back the ivy, and this may be a possible solution.
- Edie Staiger sent written word that she would like to encourage more neighbors to get to know one another--maybe a "block party" so neighbors could meet their immediate neighbors. Also, we could possibly schedule a few Friday early evening events at the plaza, such as card games, bingo, or something other than food to get people to socialize.

#### **Concerns at Membership Meeting: (Carlotta Smith)**

1. **Bulkhead Gravel:** Lakehaven redid the sewer, and threw in pea gravel. This was ineffective, and we requested and received larger sized gravel. The drain is now underground. Will storms cause more damage? It was suggested that we observe and take pictures.
2. **Advertising Community Meetings:** Concern was expressed that placing public notices about proposed meetings "lets the world know that we're not at home." It was suggested the sign not be posted on Marine View Drive. Email is a good way to advertise our meetings. Also, the dates are announced in the Club Newsletter.
3. **Hoop Damage:** It was reported that kids have been observed hanging from the hoop. Brian checked the hoops. They are okay, and they have a lifetime guarantee. Nancy reported that the lock at the courts is difficult to use. Brian will check the lock.

### **New Business:**

- **Plaza Electrical Box** – Michael Fuller: We have had problems with electricity when plugging in multiple items. This needs to be checked out. Brian will contact Richard Norby for his opinion. We may possibly need a larger or an additional breaker.
- **Signage & Use of Plaza Concerns** – Nancy Kennedy: The old sign at the plaza should come down. The times stated conflict with club rules. It was suggested that a new sign be mounted on the bricks at the entrance to the plaza. It was also suggested that a sign be placed at the tennis courts stating rules and listing donors. There is an old sign at the tennis courts which may be used as a decorative piece, possibly with the notation, “Sign from original tennis courts.”
- **Fires on the Beach** – Michael Fuller: A beach fire was reported to Michael. According to club rules, beach fires are not permitted, so Michael asked the participants to extinguish the fire. We discussed the rule. No one was aware of when it was passed, or why. We understand the rule for the fire pit within the picnic area, but feel beach fires should be allowed. The motion was made by Brian Jacobson and seconded by Steve Swank that the rule about beach fires be eliminated from the club rules. It was so passed.

### **Other Business:**

- **Dogs at Plaza:** Concern was expressed over an unfortunate incident which took place at the most recent potluck. The Board decided that the incident was a one-time matter, that the adults involved were responsible dog owners, and that no further action needs to be taken.
- **Maintenance:**

Brian Jacobson was asked by a property owner for help in removing ivy and laurel from along the Bootlegger Trail. The Club does not have a budget to remove the plant growth. Carlotta has reported that the City has also declined responsibility for removing plant growth in the access area.

Brian is repairing the trail stairs.

Brian reported that people are dumping clippings over the edge of the overlook. He will place a “No Dumping” sign at the overlook.

The pipe is broken at the Al Smith Stairs. The City does not necessarily feel that it is its responsibility to make the needed repairs. Michael will send a letter to the Director of Public Works to add a little pressure to the situation.

Nancy Kennedy has requested that we reschedule some meeting dates. We will discuss this at the next meeting when all are present.

Nancy stated that we need to consider purchasing new tablecloths and coffeepot for the plaza. Nancy's request will be placed on the September agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Michael Fuller:**

\_\_\_ Accompany Brian on a visit to the City of Des Moines to discuss Dascenzo property issue.

\_\_\_ Send a letter to the Director of Public Works, City of Des Moines, asking for repair to the broken pipe at the Al Smith Stairs.

**Brian Jacobson:**

\_\_\_ Accompany Michael on a visit to the City of Des Moines to discuss Dascenzo property issue.

\_\_\_ Check the lock at the tennis courts.

\_\_\_ Mount a new sign at the tennis courts stating rules and listing donors.

\_\_\_ Contact Richard Norby about the Plaza electrical box.

\_\_\_ Take down the old sign at the plaza.

\_\_\_ Mount a new sign on the brick column at the entrance to the plaza.

\_\_\_ Determine where to place the old sign at the tennis courts.

\_\_\_ Place a "No Dumping" sign on the trail overlook.

**Adrienne Worah**

\_\_\_ Review Robin's edits on Club Directory and the impact on other documents.

\_\_\_ Continue discussions with Nancy relative to her interest in working with the WCC website.

**Next Meeting – September 11, 7 p.m., Adrienne Worah's home**

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Meyers  
Secretary