

Woodmont Country Club BOD Meeting Minutes

September 29th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Attendees: Brian Jacobson, Vicki Andrews, Gary McLean, Karin Stender, Jim Stender, Dan Wahlstrom, Ali Saccone

General:

- Approval of last Meeting Minutes: Gary made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 7th as amended. Vicki second the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

President' Report:

- Brian thanked the board for its support for our community events organized around the bylaw amendments. The amendments all passed.
- Brian got a call from a neighbor to the Sports Court reporting kids throwing the shuffleboard pucks around and damaging the court and the equipment. It was the son of a member and his friends. Brian had a conversation with them and stopped the behavior. Board members discussed to notify his parent. Dan W made a motion to have the president write a letter to the parent about the complaint received and damaged done. Karin second the motion. Motion passes.
 - Dan will draft a write up for the Friday Blast about proper conduct and behavior in the Sport Court encompassing the need to be vigilant of own children playing without supervision.
- There was yet another accident at the corner of Marine View Dr. and Woodmont Dr. where Dan's truck was severely damaged for the second time while parked in his driveway.
 - Dan continues to work with the city and putting pressure on the city council proposing a more permanent physical barriers an that corner. Perhaps city council can request more funding for next year for a permanent solution. Gary suggested to see what other jurisdictions have done ei; Mercer Island and others to get something beyond reflectors to avoid accident an injury.
- Brian reported that he had reviewed the financial records with Chase Bank since the previous Board Meeting and he had no concerns.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicki shared the report as of August 30th, 2022

Total Income YTD: \$38,445

Total Expenses YTD: \$32,381

Checking Account Balance: \$40,746

Savings Account Balance: \$43,018

Vicki mentioned the club will have more expenses going forward and no more income, except for any new members. She also mentioned the Savings account interest earnings is extremely low and we should look for possible alternatives for higher rates.

Total donations for Plaza tables: \$6990 - Total expenses for tables: \$8612 = Net expense \$1622

Unfinished Business:

- **Tree Rules Policy and Procedures:** The committed is lead by Jim Stender, including Karin, Ali, Susan (who had to drop out halfway through) and Melody (who also dropped out before the first meeting).
- Jim read and introduced the rules write-up. He explained that under "Process" in the write up, it tries to follow the city of Des Moines forms. Also mentioned that there are arborists specifically trained for "dangerous trees" if needed. Jim said that arborist Anthony has already looked at the area. The club's bluff must be made a priority and put its interest first. Gary suggested some edits to the write up and gave a copy to Jim.
- Dan suggested if trimming is for club's benefit, the cost may be shared. If the work needed is brought up by the BOD, the board does not need to follow the process as it has the club's best interest.
- People have broken the rules by cutting and topping trees without approval and to their sole benefits.
- Gary made a motion to return to this subject on the next BOD meeting: Approve the subject matter and new policy with final language to be reviewed and approved by the board. Second by Karen
- Further discussion: Brian commented bullet point 3 and 4 should be separate document.
- Dan mentioned: perhaps the rules should limit the actions to dangerous trees and that should be mentioned in the document

- **Directories:** The club is due to put out a printed directory.
- Gary suggested that Bylaws and rules should be added on the printed directory.
- Gary made a motion to create a subcommittee to recommend streamlining and format the rules to be included in the directory. Karin second the motion.
- Committee to be formed with Gary, Brian and Ali so far. Brian will reach out to absent board members to ask if they would like to join.

New Business:

- Vicki suggested to place a sign “private Beach” sign on the beach
- Vacancy: Board has a vacancy due to the resignation of Brad Holmes as of September 1st, 2022. As per the Bylaws the board is to appoint a replacement. It was suggested to look at previous applicants and consider names of people that would be a good fit with longevity and history in the neighborhood as possible candidates.
- Board received a request from North Beach for maintenance that was sent to the City of Des Moines. The city needs a letter from the board acknowledging there is a legal easement, and that North Beach HOA is being granted permission to do the necessary maintenance, providing they also have authorization from the city of Des Moines. Letter to be brought to the board’s next meeting on 10/13/22 for review and consideration.
- Celebrations and Condolences: Gary had proposed in the previous meeting to create a “Hearts and Flowers Fund” where cards or flowers could be sent to members for condolences or celebrations, such as births, deaths, etc. Gary made a motion to include this task with the Membership Chair. Motion was passed by Jim
- Non-member use: The club received a letter asking for clarifications about guest privileges. The board intends to discuss messaging around this topic and can be sent to the membership this fall.
- Karin made a motion that the president should write a letter to non-members using club facilities. Second by Ali.

In the interest of time, it was suggested to table the remaining items for the next meeting:

- Trees: a new request was received – consult Arborist Anthony.
Gary made a motion to put the two tree requests under unfinished business for the next meeting in order to tackle them first. Dan second the motion.

Next meeting is scheduled for 10/13/22. Vicki will host.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm