

Woodmont Country Club BOD Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5, 2023

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

Attendees: Brian Jacobson, Gary McLean, Ali Saccone, Susan Cwiertnia, Jim Stender, Dan Himelic, Dan Wahlstrom, Vicki Andrews, and Mary Paynter

General:

- Approval of Agenda
 - There was a minor correction of the date on the agenda. Jim made a motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Dan H.
 - Motion was approved unanimously.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Motion was made to approve meeting minutes from November 3, 2022, meeting by Ali. Mary seconded and the motion was approved.

President's Report (Brian)

- At the end of November, a boat capsized in front of Woodmont Beach near the end of the bulkhead wall. Terry Donohue assisted the passengers and later helped with the recovery of the boat. The boat passengers thanked him with \$200 gift cards which in turn, Terry donated to the Club.
- Brian has looked at the Treasurer's financial reports and bank records and everything appears to be in order.

Treasurer's Report (Vicki)

Vicki provided a summary of the year-end Treasurer's Report:

- Income was up a bit due to new initiation fees and 2-3 new members creating a new net income of \$39,470
- Expenses are \$15,187
 - Our Liability/Commercial property insurance expense was \$150 more than we budgeted. Insurance costs in our area in general have increased by 30%. Vicki plans to shop around to see if there are better rates.
 - Social Expenses exceeded budget by \$225 at the end of the holiday events

- We paid property taxes of \$3,438 and are still waiting for results of property tax appeal
- Checking account balance is \$32,733 and Savings account balance is \$43,109. The Board discussed the possible investment of some Club funds into short-term CD or Money Market accounts.

Gary motioned for the Treasurer to report back to the Board at the next meeting with recommendations for investments. Dan H. seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Club Rules- Everyone has reviewed a draft of the Club rules that will be published in the new directory. Brian suggested the following changes:

- In General Rule #5, we left off “no dumping on the bluff”. Proposal to add, “Including without limitation to the bluff and plaza fire pit”.
- The Rule about Fishers and Crabbers dumping entrails is currently under “Plaza”. Brian suggests that we move this under General Rules creating a total of 11 rules there.
- Tree Rule- add a sentence in the printed Club Directory, “See Club website for Tree Request Form”. The website version of the Tree Rule would then say, “Click here for Tree Request Form”.

Jim made a motion to accept the rule changes as proposed. Mary seconded the motion the motion which was approved unanimously.

Directory- The Board discussed any typos or corrections found on the final review. They also agreed to list contact information for the Board as the general Woodmont Country Club Hotmail email. A quote of \$262 was received from the company that previously printed the directory. Board members will assist with distribution of the Directories to club members once the printed versions are received.

Ali made a motion to proceed with printing the Directory. Dan H. seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Plaza Entry- Brian met with the City of Des Moines to discuss the proposed plan for the new plaza entry sign. The City said that the Board would need a Structural Engineer to sign off on the plans due to seismic concerns. Since then, Brian has been searching for Engineers and has identified one so far. He said that he could review and help with the design but needed to know what type of stones would be used for the sign. Brian recommends looking at and choosing which stones to use.

Gary made a motion to authorize Brian to engage the services of an Engineer for the design purposes of the sign not to exceed \$1200. Dan H. seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

New Business

Annual Meetings- It is time to start planning our annual membership meetings. The Board viewed dates for the 3rd week of March for the first meeting and the date of 3/21/2023 was suggested. The Board also considered dates for the May meeting which was more challenging due to schedule conflicts. The date of 5/16/2023 seemed to work the best.

Potential locations for the meetings were also discussed with convenience and cost considered.

Gary motioned for the first Annual Meeting to be held on 3/21/2023 and then announce the second meeting date of 5/16/2023 and see what the Membership says. Ali seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Plaza Management (Dan H.) – Nothing to report. Dan briefly mentioned some rain damage to the North Beach road which the homeowners plan to address at a later date.

Maintenance (Dan W.) – Dan plans to start a list of projects needed for this year. He plans to ask for suggestions and will also try to match the needs to the neighborhood volunteer talent. He will put this in the Blast. Dan would also like to start organizing a Spring Clean up which is normally held on Arbor or Earth Day. This will be April 22, 2023

Communications (Mary) – Nothing to report.

Membership (Ali) – Nothing to report.

Property Interests (Gary)

Social (Karin) – In Karin's absence, Brian reported that she is already working on summer activities. The holiday events went really well.

Trees (Jim) – The bluff survey is ongoing but not finished. Jim plans to urge the arborist to complete this work by end of February. Jim is also still working to finalize the Tree Rule to include feedback from the committee and would like to include a link to the City form. Jim continues to work on the four active tree requests:

- Dixie Small's request was sent to the City but not accepted. Per the city code, an arborist's report is required. Both the Dixie Small and Liz Nakabayashi requests will require additional information of an arborist report for city approval.

- Jim removed some ivy from a tree that Kjersten Johansen was concerned about and we are still waiting for information on another quote with her tree request. She has indicated that she will resume pursuit of the additional quote information in the Spring.
- Received a request from Mary Mikel DeLacy which Jim recommends that the Board approve. This request will also require additional arborist report information to send to the City.

Jim motioned to approve the tree request and send a letter to Mary Mikel DeLacy with the additional requirement by the City to include an arborist report. Ali seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Dan W. made a motion for trimming of alder tree(s) on club property near the overlook and for Jim to get a bid and arborist report for the trimming of those tree(s). Dan H. seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.