

Woodmont Country Club BOD Minutes

November 30, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendees: Brian Jacobson, Mary Paynter, Ali Saccone, Vicki Andrews, Dan Wahlstrom, Gary McLean, Mike Mesticella, Patti Petruska, and Amanda Jackson.

General:

Approval of Agenda: Mike moved and Dan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of 10-19-2023: Amanda moved, and Ali seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Passed unanimously.

President's Report (Brian)

Brian has looked at the Treasurer's financial reports and bank records; everything appears to be in order.

Treasurer's Report (Vicki)

Outstanding boat storage fee has been paid. Checks for three Tour de Woodmont hosts have been issued. Social is slightly over budget due to the extra Jam event and increase in hosting reimbursements. The budget for Social may need to be increased next year; however, expenses are well within the \$5,000 discretionary budget adjustment amount. When the CD matures in January, Vicki will not roll over into a new CD as liquidity will be needed for upcoming expenses. Some decisions about CD's will be made in February.

Executive session

Unfinished Business

Entry sign (Dan) Dan noted that he has connections to a company with a router and a software program that could make a similar sign to replace the existing entry sign; no foundation would be required. The style would match the style of other signs around our property. The Club would provide the wood. The Board expressed support for this idea and will return to this topic in January with more specifics (concept and price) and options to consider.

Watershed Property Community input via a survey is needed before considering next steps. An old appraisal needs to be updated. Brian will reach out to real estate professionals to get an update on the market value. An unresolved question is whether the lot at the north end of 10th Avenue South should be included along with the watershed property when the issue is presented for input from the members.

Committee Reports

Plaza Management (Mike)

Now that the event season is over, the recycle company should be notified so they can discontinue service and pick up the container.

Social (Sarah, via email)

Tour de Woodmont Three hosts have been lined up (Amanda Jackson and Ryan Merickel, Lee Terry, and Dan and Heidi Wahlstrom). Publicity about the event will be included in the next two Blasts. Mike will locate the signs to be placed outside the host houses. Walking is recommended, especially at Dan's, due to limited parking.

Calendar Sarah is working on next year's calendar of events and dates.

Ideas for future activities: 110 people showed up for the seal release. During discussion, we considered building on that, using nature and wildlife as a draw, and adding more refreshments. Ali will look into whale watching. Maybe the Friday Harbor Whale Museum has a traveling exhibit. Patti noted she has a 30% discount at Starbuck's.

Maintenance (Dan)

Bootlegger sign is finished and installed.

Shed door needs work in order to lock properly.

Yellowjackets may need follow-up if they re-appear in spring.

Possible improvement to the stairs (suggestion from a member).

Membership (Ali)

General principle is that in a tenant situation, we deal directly with the tenant, not the landlord.

We recognize that Ali also functions as Sunshine Chair, tracking notable events in the lives of our members. Thank you, Ali.

Communication (Amanda)

This week and next week, the Friday Blast will include plugs for Tour de Woodmont. The date is 12-9-2023 and the time is 1-4 pm.

Trees (Patti)—

Update on arborist's report: It was noted that the original purpose of the arborist's report was to create a catalog of the trees and some assessment of the health of the trees. The map with numbered trees has been shared with the community at the general meeting, but not the report itself.

The tree committee plans to meet with Anthony for further work on the report.

- Tree 84 (Overlook): Now that the required fee has been paid to the city, Des Moines will review the application for a permit to trim this tree. There is a bid of \$1400, which represents year 1 of a multi-year plan.

Mike Mestichella was recused for the remainder of the meeting.

The Tree Chair also brought three additional issues to the attention of the Board.

Issue #1 Concerns have been expressed by some North Beach residents about trees near houses, parking, trails, and wires. They are asking that the club “remove” these trees and assume the cost. Our arborist’s input is that possibly some dead limbs need to be removed. PSE visited the site and confirmed they have responsibility for some trees in the right of way.

The Tree Chair’s recommendation is that Trees 137, 157, and 158 are within the PSE right of way and we need to have PSE perform the maintenance.

Motion (Amanda, seconded by Gary): I move that the Board accept the Tree Chair’s recommendation to decline the general request from some North Beach residents to cut trees 137, 157, and 158 based on the Tree Chair’s email from PSE and discovery that the limbs in question are within the PSE right of way. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Issue #2 Completely dead maple tree, #158a, near the trail. Some North Beach residents are asking that WCC remove this tree. Recommendation of the Tree Chair is that the Board decline this request, in accordance with the arborist’s opinion, because the tree serves as habitat.

Motion (Ali, seconded by Dan): I move that the Board accept the Tree Chair’s recommendation, in accordance with the arborist’s opinion, that we decline the request to remove the tree, because it serves as habitat. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Issue #3 Some North Beach residents are requesting that Trees 141 and 134a be trimmed. The Tree Chair recommended that we decline to trim these trees because they contribute to the stability of the bank.

Motion (Vicki, seconded by Mary): I move that the Board accept the Tree Chair’s recommendation that we decline to trim Trees 141 and 134a because these two trees contribute to the stability of the bank. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Paynter

WCC Secretary