

Woodmont Country Club
Membership Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

Board Members Present: Jim Boyd
Carol Belland
Sue Clarke
Jan Markquart
Jennifer Jacobson

Rick Devitte
Sharon Morehouse
Jim Wadhvani
Mike Gibbons
Cara Zemanek

Board Members Absent:

Call to Order: Jim Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Jim Wadhvani called roll. There were 30 households present, which constitutes a quorum.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2014 membership meeting.

President's Report: Jim Boyd expressed his thanks to residents for the many member households being represented. Jim also took a moment to thank the volunteers for the work they do within the WCC community. Jim then continued with the following items in his report:

- Jim stated that we will have 3-4 Board positions to fill for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Later in the meeting he will name a Nominating Committee.
- There was repair done by North Beach residents to the bulkhead in December 2013. The WCC Board has agreed to pay \$1500 towards that repair.
- The discussion about expansion of the WCC will be later in the agenda under, "Old Business". There will not be a vote on this issue until the May meeting.
- The WCC Board has settled with the Dascenzos' for \$5K for the section of WCC property over which their deck extends. There was a question about this decision and should it have been an easement. Jim explained, considering the total amount of property (+/- 20 sq. ft.) the Board felt a deed would be the best for the WCC.
- Currently the WCC bylaws give the Board a spending limit of \$1K without prior membership approval. The Board is recommending this move to \$5K and will bring a motion forward to the May meeting.
- The Board has approved a \$50 fee for boat storage to begin June 1. The Board is also expecting feedback from a committee on this subject at the May membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Wadhvani reviewed the current budget, and the expected spending plan for the balance of the fiscal year which includes: taxes, insurance and gate repair. He reported there were currently 106 member households.

Old Business

WCC Potential Expansion: Jim Boyd explained steps the WCC Board has taken to look at the possible expansion of the WCC boundaries. They include:

- Sent a package of information to 41 potential households. Received 27 responses, of which 21 were yes, 5 no and 1 undecided.
- Retained a land use attorney and presented proposal and package of historical documents.

There were a number of questions including, would this jeopardize our WCC Charter and why now? A discussion ensued regarding the above. Jim pointed out that the Board will continue to do their work and we will put this to a vote of the membership at the May meeting. The land use attorney will be present to answer questions.

Plaza Boat Storage: Brian Jacobson gave a report about the work an ad hoc committee has been discussing. It included the following:

- Looking at ways to provide more storage for boats and kayaks at the plaza. Currently we have 11 slots and all are filled but one and we have several members on a waiting list.
- Committee is considering how many requests can be accommodated and building some sort of rack for kayaks and boats.
- What should WCC charge for storage of boats and kayaks?

Brian's committee will continue to work on details and bring their recommendations to the May membership meeting.

New Business

Bylaw Amendments and Budget Motions: Jim Wadhvani discussed three motions and two bylaw amendments that will be brought forward to the May meeting. They are:

- Motion 1 – Establish maintenance reserve of a minimum contribution of \$1500 per year added to the budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion 2 – Establish expense for 100 year anniversary celebration of \$2,000. Motion passed, with 1 opposition.
- Motion 3 – Set aside \$2500 in the budget for gate repair. Motion passed unanimously.
- Raise Board spending limit from \$1,000 to \$5,000 – this is a bylaw amendment and will come to the May meeting for a vote.
- Expand WCC Boundaries – this is another bylaw amendment and will be presented in May.

Draft Budget 2015-2016: Jim Wadhvani continued with a review of a draft budget. Aside from the above items, projected spending will be close to the current year. Current reserve is approximately \$22K. Brian Jacobson reminded the Board and

members that the Sport Court will soon need to be resurfaced and we will need to dip into our reserves for this work.

Nominating Committee Appointment: Jim Boyd asked for volunteers to head up a nominating committee for the open board positions. Edie Staiger and Calvin Gilgoria were appointed. The membership will be asked to vote on a slate of candidates at the May meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Trees:** Mike Gibbons reported we have spent about \$1700 on tree removal in the past year. Also the City of Des Moines has instituted a new tree cutting policy. The Board will be mindful of this with new requests.
- **Social:** Sue Clarke and Edie Staiger gave an overview of the 100 year anniversary event to be held on July 25. Also AnaLee Fluegel has volunteered once again to work on the Kid's Parade event. She welcomes all the help she can get. Steve Edmiston and Terry Donohue made a quick presentation on the June 21, Maury Island Incident event that will be held at the Plaza
- **Membership:** Sharon Morehouse welcomed new members Catherine Delos Trinos, Mac Lapthi, Becky Powell and Joe Shannon.
- **Communication:** Cara Zemanek reported the website and Facebook page have been updated with the 2015 Event calendar.
- **Maintenance:** Jim Boyd reported funds had been spent on mudslide and bulkhead repair. He thanked Hank Kessner for building the new octagonal table at the Plaza and Rick Devitte for getting a good deal on 6 new wooden tables. Work yet to be done is electrical repair at the Plaza and a bridge over the mudslide at Bootlegger Trail

Other Business

- **Dog Debris:** Ruth Cogzell initiated a discussion about what can be done about owners cleaning up after their dogs on the Plaza lawn. A lively discussion ensued and the outcome was to speak directly to dog owners and to get new signs for the lawn area.

Adjournment: It was moved and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

Carol Belland
Secretary