

Woodmont Country Club

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2016

Board Members Present: Rick Devitte
Carol Belland
Sue Clarke
Jennifer Jacobson
Debra Seiler

Jim Boyd
Sharon Morehouse
Jim Wadhvani
Mitzi Gligorew

Board Members Absent: Rorie Zajac

Call to Order: Rick Devitte called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call: Jim Wadhvani called roll. There were 26 households present, which did not constitute a quorum. We now need 33 member households for a quorum. Without a quorum no voting will take place.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was amended to add a discussion on paving the North Beach road.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 2015 membership meeting were handed out to members present. They will be presented again for approval at the May 19, 2016 membership meeting.

President's Report: Rick Devitte reported we currently have 132 households in the WCC. This is an all time high. Rick then thanked :

- New member Jim Stender for all the maintenance work he has done and continues to do for the WCC;
- Brian Jacobson for his work with the boat and kayak committee and moving everyone forward to complete the rack project;
- Jim Boyd for his work with Jim Stender on numerous maintenance projects;
- Jennifer Jacobson for her excellent work on communications and our WCC website;
- the balance of the board and the many other neighbors who have volunteered their Time, Talent and Treasure over the past year.

Rick went on to report about a WCC property, a parcel at the North end of 9th Avenue. The new owners, the Conrads, are working on a project with a developer and the City of Des Moines to vacate the end of 9th Ave and a portion of 10th Ave. WCC owns property adjacent to this project. The Board is in agreement that as the project moves forward, there will be no money spent by WCC to help complete this street vacation. And, the access to the two WC parcels shall not be blocked. This is a yearlong project and the Board is discussing details on a monthly basis with all parties concerned.

Rick also thanked all the members who were involved in the proposed Valley Cities project located on an 8 acre parcel on Hwy 99 near Woodmont elementary. This was to be a methadone clinic and rehab facility. After a great many meetings with the City of Des Moines, and hearing the outcry of objections from the neighborhood surrounding the facility, Valley Cities cancelled their request with the City for this project.

Rick told members that they can now use their own electronic Bill Pay service to pay dues and boat or kayak fees. Just indicate on your service the WCC PO Box. Also, if kayak and boats fees are not paid on a yearly basis, the member will be asked to remove their craft from the rack.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Wadhvani reviewed the current budget which was handed out to all members present. He reminded the membership that our fiscal year is from June 1 to May 31 each year. Jim went on to thank Jim Stender and Jim Boyd for the money they saved the WCC by fixing the gate, this amount was well over \$1500. Also he called out the line item on his report that we have added \$4K to reserves this year. The budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 will be presented to the membership at the May 19, for their approval.

Old Business

Kayak/Boat Storage: Brian Jacobson gave a reported of the progress of the kayak/boat storage project during the last year. He quoted, "if you build it they will come", as what has happened with the expansion of the storage unit at the Plaza. The rack is currently being fully used and with more requests may need to go up one more level. He has posted household name tags on the spots. He reminded the members that new storage requires a \$25 initiation fee, and all yearly recurring storage fees are due June 1st. He also encourage stacking of kayaks or paddle boards within each space if possible. There would be no extra fee for 2 crafts in the same space.

New Business

Budget 2016-2017: Jim Wadhvani told members the new budget will be put to a final vote at the May 19, membership meeting.

Nominating Committee appointment: Rick Devitte appointed Jim Boyd and Carol Belland as the nominating committee for the Board elections to be held May 19. If you are interested in volunteering for the board, please contact these two.

Committee Reports

- **Trees and Stormwater:** Sue Clarke spoke about a new tree ordinance that has been put in place by the City of Des Moines. Permits are needed for the cutting of most trees and there are severe penalties if permits are not obtained. Sue explained that members wanting to trim or cut trees on WCC property must first obtain their own permit from the city of Des Moines, and then apply for permission from the WCC board. Permits are available on the City website. Sue

also explained that the City has a stormwater control project that includes many different areas of the city. One of them is along 8th Avenue, on upper Woodmont. The runoff in this spot may have added to the slide in front of the Morehouse property. In early 2015, a letter had been drafted by the WCC Board and sent to the City Planning Dept. with a request to move this area further up on the City's list of projects. Sue will resurrect and update letter and send to City once again.

- **Membership:** Sharon Morehouse explained that we will be sending a package of information to 46 households that are within WCC boundaries but not yet members, inviting them to join.
- **Communication:** Jennifer Jacobson reminded members to look for information about WCC events on the website at www.woodmontcountryclub.org.
- **Maintenance:** Jim Boyd gave an update on projects completed and in the works which included: fire pit liner and new brick resurface, repair of gate, repair of Plaza sign, and repair of basket ball hoop at Sport Court. He also mentioned we are paying more for grounds maintenance as we don't have as many "helpers" doing this work as we used to.
- **Social/Media:** Mitzi reviewed the Event Calendar that was available as a handout. She reminded members that all events are also on Twitter and Facebook.
- **Plaza Reservations:** Debra pointed out that the rules for club reservations are on the website, as well as a calendar of what events are planned. Members requesting use of the Plaza for an event of more than 30 people must have Board permission.

Other Business

- **Kid's Parade:** AnaLee Fluegel has volunteered to head up the Parade committee and she needs many volunteers. This is one of the larger events the WCC has each year and it takes many hands to accomplish. We also need volunteers for our Movie Night event and always for any maintenance project.
- **Paving North Beach Road:** Member Matt Small asked the membership to consider allowing the North Beach residents to pave the road. They would incur the paving costs. Rick Devitte spoke on behalf of the Board and told Matt and members present that this information and request can come to the Board for their discussion and a report will be made to the membership at the May meeting.
- **Door Prize drawing:** A drawing was held for a WCC logoed sweatshirt and t-shirt.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Carol Belland, Secretary