

## Woodmont Country Club

### Membership Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2016

**Board Members Present:** Rick Devitte  
Carol Belland  
Jim Wadhvani  
Jennifer Jacobson  
Debra Seiler

Jim Boyd  
Sharon Morehouse  
Rorie Zajac  
Mitzi Gligorea

**Members Absent:** Sue Clarke

**Call to Order:** Rick Devitte called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

**Roll Call:** Jim Wadhvani called roll. There were 36 households present, which constitutes a quorum.

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was amended to add an announcement by Jan Anderson.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 2015 and March 2016 membership meeting were handed out to members present. They were approved as presented. Because we did not have a quorum at the March 2016 meeting, the May 2015 minutes were not approved at that time and were presented for approval in May 2016.

**President's Report:** Rick Devitte thanked the Board for a great year. He also thanked all the members who have donated their dollars and time to numerous projects and events. He commented that he felt living in the WCC was like living in a retreat. He then went on to explain current projects and thanked others to include:

- Sharon Morehouse for her work contacting "lost souls", those neighbors that have never been or previously were WCC members and inviting them to join once again.
  - AnaLee Fluegel for her great work on the Children's Parade and t-shirts and sweatshirt sales during the last year.
  - Jennifer Jacobson and Mitzi Gligorea for their broadcast message via email and social media to keep WCC members up to date on events and neighborhood new items.
  - Debra Palmer Seiler for her great job on creating the Plaza reservation calendar online. She has made it easier for members to schedule their use of the Plaza.
  - Rorie Zajac for her writing and communication skills on several pieces of communication the board had, including the Conrad property expansion.
  - Sue Clarke for her work with the Conrad property and street vacation request.
- Other items Rick reported to the members were:

- Tree trimming – the Board looks at each request for trimming on WCC property and he reminded the members that Des Moines now has a new tree ordinance that must be observed.
- Conrad Property – the Board replied to the City of Des Moines that we were not in favor of the vacation of the street end on 9<sup>th</sup> avenue.
- Future dues increase – the Board will look at a nominal increase during the next year to cover the increased maintenance the WCC is now paying. Ultimately this is because we are getting fewer volunteers during our Spring and Fall clean up days.
- Bootlegger Plaque – there has been a request to commemorate the old pier post with a plaque dedicated to Roy Olmstead, notorious bootlegger captured on WCC property. This will be a donation from WCC members.
- Car decals – the board is considering decals for member cars so these can be easily identified when parked at the Plaza.
- North Beach stairs – the repair of these stairs will be a major maintenance project and the Board will be address getting bids for this repair work.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Wadhvani reminded the membership that the WCC fiscal year is May 31, through June 1 of each year. Dues for each year are dues June 1. A report that included the current budget as well as the projected budget for 2016-2017 was given to members. There are currently 132 households. Additional income during the past year came from: \$1800 kayak and boat space rental fee and \$1750 net gain from the Bootlegger bash.

## **Old Business**

**Kayak/Boat Storage:** Brian Jacobson reported on the progress of the kayak/boat storage project during the last year. There has been a new electronic form created and posted to the WCC website for boat and kayak registration. Once there is verification of payment, a sticker will be added to the member's assigned spot. We are in need of adding another 24 inch level because of increased demand. Brian will be working to add this in the near future.

## **New Business**

**Budget 2016-2017:** Jim Wadhvani reviewed the proposed budget for 2016-2017. He reviewed the changes made from year to year. He moved that the budget be accepted with a second from Nancy Kennedy. The budget was passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee appointment:** Jim Boyd presented the slate of candidates for the board for the year 2016-2017. We have two new board members, Mary Eun as Treasurer and Jeremy Brewer as an at large Board member. The slate was approved as presented.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Trees and Stormwater:** Carol Belland updated the membership on the storm water drain project on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the method to request tree cutting on WCC property. The tree cutting permission form is located on the website.
- **Membership:** Sharon Morehouse reported on her membership campaign. She had mailed or handed out about 40 letters inviting neighbors to join and also to come to the May meeting. We have had little response to date and none of those households receiving this invite were in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- **Communication:** Jennifer Jacobson reminded members to look for information about WCC events on the website at [www.woodmontcountryclub.org](http://www.woodmontcountryclub.org) .
- **Maintenance:** Jim Boyd gave an update on projects completed including gate repair, basketball hoop at the Sport Court, electrical work at the Plaza, and renovation of the fire pit. There is still more work to be done on the slide on the Bootlegger Trail and the Al Smith and North Beach stairs. Volunteers for any of these projects should contact the Board.
- **Social/Media:** Mitzi Gligorea reminded members to check Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates regarding WCC happenings.
- **Plaza Reservations:** Debra Palmer Seiler reminded members that the Plaza reservation form is online at the WCC website. There is also a calendar that indicates booked dates for the Plaza.

#### **Other Business**

- **Kid's Parade:** AnaLee Fluegel has volunteered to head up the Parade committee and she needs many volunteers. The Parade is scheduled for August 6 at 10 AM. This year is a Nautical theme. Volunteers are needed to make cupcakes and those attending should bring a salad. Contact AnaLee directly to volunteer.
- **Celebration of Life:** Jan Anderson invited WCC members who knew long time resident Jerry Geffre to a celebration of his life on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Plaza.
- **Judson Park Event:** Virg Staiger announced that on Saturday June 4 8-11AM there would be a pancake breakfast at Judson Park to benefit their foundation. All are invited.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Carol Belland, Secretary