

## Woodmont Country Club

### Membership Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Rorie Zajac  
Carol Belland  
Mary Eun  
Debra Seiler  
Sharon Morehouse  
Jeremy Brewer  
Nancy Kennedy  
Rick Devitte  
Sue Clarke  
Jennifer Jacobson

**Board Members Absent:**

**Call to Order:** Rorie Zajac called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Roll Call:** Members signed in upon entry to meeting. There were 49 households represented, and 35 were needed for a quorum. Rorie Zajac pointed out that the WCC membership was at an all time high of 141 households.

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved with one add – updated information about boat/kayak storage by Brian Jacobson.

**Minutes:** Carol Belland presented the minutes from the March 2019 meeting. Minutes were approved as presented.

**President's Report:** Rorie Zajac expressed her gratitude to members and Board for all their help during the previous year. She asked all Board members and those club members who had contributed maintenance labor or help on any of the WCC events to stand also. The audience applauded these members. Rorie then discussed recent work the Board had completed:

- Rorie pointed out that the WCC reserves at an all time high. This prompted a recent Board discussion about creating a hierarchy of needs based on wants and wishes to improve WCC facilities and events. In the past month, Ryan Crompton had created and sent a survey to members asking what member ideas were for WCC improvements.
- The survey helped the Board develop a Capital Project Plan which will be presented by volunteer Ryan Crompton.
- Based on the Capital Project Plan a proposed Budget for 2019-2020 was created.
- Rorie also spoke of the Boards discussion about establishing a treasury reserve of \$25,000. This has been incorporated into the 2019-2020 budget which will be presented in the Treasurer's report.

Rorie then introduced Ryan Crompton to present survey results, responses and long range capital plan.

Ryan is new to the WCC and has been volunteering to help the Board in the area of club improvement ideas and creating this survey. The survey was available to all member households and 28 households responded. The survey information Ryan presented is available on the WCC website in the section with WCC minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Eun reviewed the current report which was provided to the members. She reported that donations were higher than previous years and spoke to items that were included in the special projects category including the new Roy Olmstead monument and the need to hire a commercial firm to remove mountain beavers. Items in the larger expense categories were also provided on the report. She pointed out the WCC savings account currently has a balance of \$25,000.00. This was based on the Board's discussion to create this as a minimal reserve moving forward. Mary answered member questions about the reserve and specific spending items. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented.

**Budget 2019-2020:** Mary Eun presented the WCC 2019-2020 budget. She reviewed the proposed income and expenses and items the Board is considering for projects during the coming year. Mary pointed out the Board is very frugal and decisions to spend are carefully considered in all categories. Mary asked for comments from the members.

Brian Jacobson questioned the increased tree budget to \$8,000; was the Board being too aggressive with cutting trees on the bluff and would we really spend this amount during the next year? Mary pointed out the amount spent on tree/vegetation cutting during the 2018-2019 fiscal year was \$8717. The Board felt, considering the high cost of tree maintenance and cutting, \$8,000 was an appropriate amount to set aside for the next year. Also – during the past several years the Board had spent very little on tree maintenance. Jim Wadwhani asked if the Board felt we had enough in the treasury already to handle any emergencies.

Sue Clarke spoke about the current tree trimming project on the bluff property and the costs involved, not only for trees but the requirement by the City for a geo tech and arborist report prior to applying for a permit. Jeremy Brewer spoke about mountain beaver control. There were several comments about the destruction the mountain beavers have caused on the bluff and members felt further work needed to be done to repair the damage.

Ryan Crompton then presented a long range spread sheet that indicated we would spend our way through our reserves if we did not raise dues/initiation fees. Mary and Ryan spoke to the fact that the Board had considered how to approach raising dues and the amount needed. The last time there was a dues increase was 2003. Rorie explained the Board had considered the consumer price index (CPI) and found that the \$50 increase in dues followed right in line with this index.

Mary then presented the following motion: *The Board proposes an increase in the new member initiation or reinstatement fee. The proposed change is an increase from a on-*

*time fee of \$25, to a one-time initiation or reinstatement fee of \$200 to join the Club. This change would be effective immediately, May 16, 2019.*

The motion was amended by Jim Wadwani to decrease the amount to \$100. A discussion ensued and y members felt \$200 or \$100 did not incentivize new members to join. A vote was taken and this amendment failed. Jim Stender then made a motion of reducing the initiation fee to \$25. A vote was taken and this amendment failed.

After much discussion by the members a third vote was taken, as initially presented by the Board, and the above motion passed as stated. Vote was 1 abstention, 10 no, 38 yes.

Mary then presented the following motion to increase dues: *The Board proposes an increase in the annual Membership renewal fee from the current fee of \$175 (\$125 for seniors) by \$50 per household, to \$225 (\$175 for seniors) effective fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020.*

After another in-depth discussion about increasing dues, the motion passed with a vote of 0 abstention, 4 no and 45 yes..

A notice of the above actions will be sent to all members via email.

**Board Elections:** Nominating Chair Rick Devitte presented the current slate of candidates for Board positions for 2019-2020. He thanked Rorie Zajac for her work on the Board as President, Mary Eun as Treasurer and Carol Belland as Secretary. Rick explained that he, Rorie, Mary will be leaving the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of Nominees as presented. Motion passed. New Board officers will be as follows: Jeremy Brewer, President, Carol Belland, Vice President, Eileen Clemans, Treasurer and Kjersten Johansen, Secretary.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Trees** Sue Clarke reported bluff trimming that was accomplished and what yet needed to be done. The current permit from the City is open until October 31, 2019. Sue requested members email her regarding concerns they may have and the Tree Committee will discuss these issues. A new Tree Policy which follows guidelines required by the City will be printed in the new directory available later this year.
- **Membership:** Sharon Morehouse spoke to the concern that we still have at least 40 eligible households that have not joined the WCC. She explained she has gone door to door and many of these households are not interested, are rental units or vacant lots. She encouraged all members to talk to neighbors about the benefits of participating in WCC events.
- **Communication:** Jennifer Jacobson told the membership WCC Friday emails will increase as it is the busy time of year. She encouraged members to consider participating in the many events to be held this year. She also told members we will be printing a new directory toward September. If members have changes in directory info they are to contact Jennifer.

- **Maintenance:** Jeremy Brewer reviewed what was accomplished during our spring clean up day. He also reviewed a few projects that will be accomplished this year. The Al Smith stair repair will be the major project and Jeremy is looking to begin this on Saturday June 15. Those interested in volunteering for this project should contact Jeremy. Jeremy also suggested a floating dock is a future project members may want to consider. This would be placed in the summer months and stored in the winter.
- **Social Media:** Nancy Kennedy reviewed the event calendar handout. This will be posted on the WCC website also. She spoke of a new event, the WCC Non-motorized Boating Regatta. This will be held Saturday July 4 at 11 AM. Bill Kennedy then added the destination will be the beach at Salty's. All are invited, with any floating non-motorized craft. Nancy also thanked Karin Stender for again volunteering to lead the Kid's Parade on August 3. The theme this year is Superheroes!! Help is needed for this event and members are to contact Karin directly. She also indicated Fred Andrews will be teaching tennis again for kids and adults. Those interested should contact Fred.
- **Plaza Reservations:** Debra Palmer Seiler thanked Jennifer Jacobson for the great job on creating the automated calendar system for Plaza reservations. This form is located online at the WCC website. Days that are currently reserved will appear on the calendar. She also reminded members that park at the Plaza for events should not block the North Beach road. This must remain open at all time in case of emergencies.

#### **Other Business**

- Brian Jacobson explained that there is not a plan to expand the boat/kayak rack at this time. Each space can hold 1 rowboat, 2 kayaks or 3 paddle boards. All spaces are currently taken. If there is an increased request for space, Brian and the Board will take into consideration increasing rack space or holding a lottery for those wanting additional space.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted

Carol Belland, Secretary