

Record of Proceedings

Regular Meeting of the Spanish Peaks MLS Board of Directors

November 14, 2023

(This Meeting was Virtual, via GoToMeeting)

President Doug Petersen called the meeting to order at 11:31 am

Roll Call: Board Members present for the roll call were: Doug Petersen – **President**, Sharon Sciacca – **Vice President**, Joette Schalla – **Secretary-Treasurer**, Jim Kenton – **Past President**, Loni Pincoski, and Deborah Ferrari. Board Members Crystal Martinez, Michelle Shrout, and Nicole Sudderth were absent. A quorum of the Board was present.

ED Terry Amalfitano was also present and recording the meeting.

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence

Executive Director Update:

Terry gave the report on the status of the Spanish Peaks MLS, updating the Board on recent activity, membership numbers, and general wellbeing of the entity. She discussed recent video presentations the MLS had received that related to the current ongoing legal issues regarding commission structures. The Board expressed an interest in viewing the videos and she advised she would forward them after the meeting. The Board also discussed the addition of an electronic payment fee of \$25 to the 2024 renewal payment buttons on the website. **A motion was made by Joette**, seconded by **Sharon**, that going forward, electronic payments would be billed an additional \$25 fee. There will be no additional fee for checks. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Action Items:

Ratification of Member Vote for New/Continuing Board Members

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by **Sharon**, that the Board approve the election by the members of Cynamin VanLue, and the re-election of Doug Petersen and Jim Kenton. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 12, 2023

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by **Joette**, that the minutes for the September meeting be approved. **The motion passed unanimously.**

1 **Budget/Financials Review, combined with Discussion/Approval of the 2024 Budget:**

2 The President called for any discussion or questions on the most recent financial statements, as
3 well as the proposed budget for 2024. The Board discussed the member dues amounts and other
4 ways to fairly increase membership revenue. It was noted that appraiser dues for our MLS were
5 quite a bit lower than surrounding MLS's and that they had not been increased in some time. **A**
6 **motion was made** by **Sharon**, seconded by **Joette**, that the dues for Affiliates be increased to
7 \$300 annually. **The motion passed unanimously. On a motion** by **Jim**, seconded by **Sharon**,
8 the Board voted that the October Budget and Financials be approved, as well as the Budget for
9 2024, amended for the Affiliate dues amount. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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11 **Formal Board Approval of New Board Members:**

12 Terry notified the Board of new MLS Members since the September 12, 2023 meeting:

13 Suzanne A Lucero, Employing Broker, Rocky Mountain Realty, Pueblo, CO
14 Kimberly Weiler, Broker Associate, Rocky Mountain Realty, Pueblo, CO
15 Evanna Betcher, Broker Associate, Capture Colorado, Cuchara, CO
16 Jacqueline Gamboa, Broker Associate, Code of the West, La Veta, CO
17 Karen McAnally, Capture Colorado, Cuchara, CO

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19 **A motion was made** by **Sharon**, seconded by **Jim**, that the new MLS members be approved.

20 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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22 **Remaining 2023 Calendar Discussion:**

23 The final meeting for 2023 will be the Annual Meeting on November 28th, 2023, to be held at
24 Gagliardi's 489 in Trinidad. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and spouses and significant others
25 are invited.

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27 **Date for Next Meeting and Virtual/In-Person Discussion:**

28 The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, January 9, at 11:30 PM. The
29 meeting will be held virtually. The Board requested that Terry make an effort to plan 1 or 2 in-
30 person meetings in 2024.

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32 **Preliminary 2024 CE Class Discussion:**

33 Terry advised the Board that Bob Howe, our presenter for the last two years, was considering
34 whether he would be able to put on our class this year. It is a long drive for him. As Doug has a
35 prior business relationship with Bob, he offered to contact him and see if he is willing to present for
36 us.

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38 **Any other new business to come before the Board:**

1 Terry advised the Board that Michelle Shroust had offered to review the current Rules and
2 Regulations to see if any parts needed updating. The Board was appreciative of her offer and
3 requested that Terry convey that and ask her to perform the review.

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5 **Any other thoughts and comments from the Board:**

6 As there was no further business to come before the Board, **a motion** was made by **Jim**, with a
7 **second** by **Sharon**, that the meeting be adjourned. **The motion passed unanimously.** The
8 meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

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10 Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Terry A. Amalfitano, Executive Director

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12 *A copy of the proceedings of this meeting will be made available to any member of the MLS*
13 *upon a written request to the Executive Director, Spanish Peaks MLS, PO Box 1182, La Veta, CO*
14 *81055, or spanishpeaksmls@gmail.com.*