

July 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by president, Jack Mermod, at 6:02PM. Directors attending: Jack Mermod, Mark Weiner, Joan Fuquay, Chris Soule-via ZOOM, Bill Simonson absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Jack Mermod-motion to approve June 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes approved with addition of add 0 to Finance Report, second-Mark Weiner, all in favor, all approved.

Jack Mermod-motion to approve July 13, 2024 Annual Membership meeting minutes, second-Joan Fuquay, all in favor, motion approved.

Director / Committee Reports

President -Jack Mermod-We have approved a Recreation Improvement Committee, head of committee is Pat Schoggins, we are looking for 2 more volunteers, we will send an email to members.

Finance-Mark Weiner-reviewed the monthly reports provided by our bookkeeper, we are financially sound, we are good shape.

We are moving forward with the new collections process; GR sent the second letter with a deadline of July 30th to pay in full or contact the office with payment plan request. If no response is received, member's FOB will be deactivated 5 days after July 30th deadline. The next step will be according to statutes to send a pre-lien letter including the required 10 items per CA law. The delinquent balance was reduced by \$12,000.

Book Club

Gentleman from Moscow by Amor Towles, Discussion Friday, August 23rd, 6:00PM at the Lodge.

Greenbelt

Chris Soule-Planning tree work in the recreation area at the end of summer.
C-13 & C-14 coming up hope to be funded by RSC and Fire Safe Council.

Recreation

Jack Mermod-We had a surprise inspection from Steven Wharton, EDC, we had a few minor issues with the small pool and the big pool was closed for one day due to suction inlet missing a cover, it was installed in 20 minutes. The water chemistry was good, compliments on a clean pump room.

Gym

Jack Mermod-the pool attendants are cleaning and organizing, we plan to open soon. We will send an email to members with instructions for obtaining access.

Fire Safe Council

Sherry Hawk- I received an email from Mark Egbert, we are hoping to get C-13. C-14 plus 3 other areas adjacent to Gold Ridge funded.

El Dorado County has recently been named a Fire Risk Reduction area, which should allow a decrease for homeowners insurance by an additional 10%. EDC was one of six counties in the state. Due to the huge efforts of ALL Fire Safe Councils in the county. We have a meeting August 5 at noon for more planning.

We have had several issues posted on Gold Ridge Chat page that have been researched. People complaining live near the creek, and we are prohibited, cannot work within 100 feet of a creek. We have trees cut by PG&E that have fallen into Gold Ridge greenbelt areas, we are working to continue to contact them to clean up.

We had 2 fires recently, Moccasin and Pay fire, notification systems working.

RAVE, and Watch Duty has a perimeter map of fire evacuation warnings and mandatory orders.

Our two recent fires in our county, Moccasin & Pay, were handled quickly. Notifications from Watch Duty – with perimeter maps that offer frequent updates and evacuation warning and mandatory orders zones, in/out egress of fire, type in your address. Those with defensible space- saved. Neighborhood Radio watch was first to notify me on the Ridgeway Fire.

Jack Mermod-Also El Dorado County Sheriff-OES-Office of Emergency Services uses the Alert Notification System "RAVE". The reflective address street signs are recommended for first responders finding address in remote areas.

Open Forum

Members opportunity to address the board with any comments/concerns.

Annual Membership Survey

Mark Weiner- we are looking at creating an updated tree removal policy to address some recent issues regarding removal of healthy trees for solar system installation and to create more defensible space; and possibly change the requirement for permission to remove dead trees. GR will also need to research timber harvest plans requiring permits and inspections from foresters for removing trees.

The GRF approval sign is no longer required. The board determined there was a lot of time spent on processing deposits and issuing refund checks by our bookkeeper and office manager and cut hours paid to bookkeeper to save money.

Mark Weiner-motion to appoint a board member, Joan Fuquay to lead committee to research/review and create new rules regarding hazard trees, effect on neighbors, input, and guidance. Second- Joan Fuquay, discussion, call for vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Outside Vendor-Pest Control

Jack Mermod-I have not had time to review quotes, motion to table this until next month, second- Joan Fuquay, all in favor, motion passed.

2025 Budget Planning Workshop

Jack Mermod-We want to begin planning for the next two months to prepare to pass the budget at the October board meeting. The workshop will be an Open Board Meeting, Town Hall format to discuss a working draft per Davis Sterling.

Budget Planning meeting - Tuesday, August 27th, 6:00 at Lodge.
Regular Board meeting – Wednesday, August 28th, 6:00 at the lodge.

Craft Faire-Chili Cook-Off

Mark Weiner-motion to approve \$200 budget for organization, marketing for Chairperson
Joan Scheppelmann, second-Jack Mermod, all in favor, motion passed.
Chili tasting ideas discussed.

Annual Member Survey

Jack Mermod-I would like to create an online survey, with 10 questions or less, and to promote participation offer a \$100 gift card for our local restaurant, Fifty Grand. Discussion,
Also add the survey to the September newsletter to be mailed.

Sample questions-responses to rate

1-Satisfied?

2-Improvements you would like to see

3-Thoughts on tree removal?

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm