

March 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by president, Jack Mermod at 6:02 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

February 28, 2024, with addition of summary of Executive Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024.

Online Dues payments vendor

Member Payment Plans

Member Discipline - Late Dues

Personnel Issues- Hiring Pool Attendants

Potential Liability Issues – Re: Newsletters

Jack Mermod-motion to approve February 28, 2024 with amendment of Executive Meeting summary on March 7, 2024 summary, second-Bill Simonson, all in favor:

Mermod-aye, Simonson-aye, Weiner-aye, Soule-aye, motion passed.

Director Reports

Finance-Mark Weiner-We have moved \$60,000 reserve funds to El Dorado Savings CD. Per our CC&R's, p. 16, Article IV, section 9... CD's and money market accounts selected by the Board shall be located within the County.

The Board worked together to agree on newsletter publications.

The Board is required to review monthly reports according to civil codes statutes 5500, 5501, and to be noted in the meeting minutes per CA State laws and Davis Sterling which regulates all common interest developments in CA. and per GR legal counsel.

2/29/24	Operating Funds Balance	\$253,000
	Reserve Funds Balance	\$234,000

\$24,000 more compared to February 2023.

Legal expenses are \$3,746, we plan to try to cut back on contacting attorneys.

We held an executive session on January 19, 2024 and met with the legal counsel which resulted in resolving disputes.

Browning Reserve site study is scheduled for this year, cost \$2,200, we will meet with Mike McDermitt. We will send an agreement with the information requested and hope to be scheduled soon.

We are looking at credit card processing per our bookkeeper's proposal to use Quick Books merchant services and will save money cutting back on her time entering individual payments on each member's account.

Book Club- Our next meeting is March 29th at 6:00pm, we are using the Library's book club program and receive 6 books loaned for free.

Announcement:

Our local Pollock Pines Library branch will be closed beginning April 1st for the ADA restroom remodel.

Greenbelt

Chris Soule-we have not been able to do anything during winter weather, with the warmer weather coming and drying out, we will start working on areas C-17, C-12, C-3.

USDA grant maintenance is required for C-1, C-5.

Recreation

Jack Mermod- Starting the first week of April we are working on de-winterizing the pool, cleaning and getting the pumps running. We will be interviewing pool attendants; we currently have 4 applicants and one returning.

Fire Safe Council

Pat Schoggins-The next meeting is Monday, March 25th, at the Lodge at 6:30pm.

Sherry Hawk will be meeting with Mark Egbert.

Jack Mermod and Bill Simonson met with Sherry Hawk to learn more about the USDA program requirements.

Dumpster Day is planned for Saturday, June 1st at the Lodge, and hope to plan another in September.

Open Forum

Members addressed the Board about matters involving owning property and/or living in Gold Ridge Forest.

New Business

Mark Weiner-Employee Handbook-Leah Van Meter researched and wrote the handbook and covered all topics needed for our employees. I propose 2 changes to the current draft: Bereavement Leave-limit 5 days paid leave, and limit 2 per year. The board may not approve the leave if abused.

Mark Weiner- move to adopt the Employee Handbook with the changes noted, second- Jack Mermod; all in favor: Mermod-aye, Weiner-aye, Simonson-aye, Soule-aye, motion passed.

Greenbelt Tree Removal Bids

Jack Mermod- We currently have 7 hazardous trees in the disc golf course and one in the greenbelt. We have quotes from Cornerstone, A-Team, George Staddan Professional Tree Care. All three bids were for the same work to

Quotes discussed at length,

Jack Mermod -motion to approve using Cornerstone as our primary contractor for one year, second- Chris Soule, discussion, call for vote: Mermod-aye, Soule-aye, Weiner-nay, Simonson-aye, motion passed.

Wood Behind Lodge

Jack Mermod-the plan to have Sean help with splitter and cut and split to make it easier for members to come and collect it for firewood. If not, all removed, we can chip it by June before our insurance renewal.

Updated Collection Policy

Mark Weiner-The policy was last updated 2 years ago, prior to our Bylaws update. We have included with the statement of delinquent dues the process to give required notice to suspend recreation privileges for delinquent members. We will send out to members for 28-day minimum period prior to board adoption.

Mark Weiner- motion to approve collection policy, second-Jack Mermod, discussion; all in favor: Weiner-aye, Mermod-aye, Simonson-aye, Soule-aye, motion passed.

Board Policy-Attorney Contact

Mark Weiner-we have spent a fair amount on legal advice, in order to limit future spending, I propose a policy to have quorum from the board of directors approving attorney contact which results in incurring high fees.

After the November 30, 2023 board meeting with the member feedback challenging the election's validity and passing the Bylaws, and then cancellation of the December newsletter due to a dispute between board members agreement on content, I propose the board adopts a policy to agree on attorney contact.

Mark Weiner- motion to adopt the following, unless it is an emergency, before the president contacts an attorney, the president shall consult with and receive approval from the board of directors in a regular open meeting, or a scheduled executive meeting.

Second- Jack Mermod. Discussion: Bill Simonson and Chris Soule both asked to table this vote until next month to allow them more time for review.

Bill Simonson-motion to delay vote until next month, second- Weiner, all in favor: -Mermod-nay, Simonson-aye, Weiner-aye, Soule-aye, motion passed, table until next month.

Budget Adjustment

Mark Weiner-motion to table #6, budget adjustment, second-Simonson, all in favor: Weiner-aye, Mermod-aye, Simonson-aye, Soule-aye, motion passed.