

September 27, 2023 Gold Ridge Forest Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Jack Mermod at 6:00pm. Directors attending: Jack Mermod, Mark Weiner, Bill Simonson, Chris Soule – via Zoom, Leah Van Meter- could not attend due to work.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Mark Weiner-motion to approve August 31, 2023, meeting minutes, second-Bill Simon, all in favor, motion passed.

Director Reports

Finance-Mark Weiner-GR debit card was hacked in the amount of \$2300. Directors are considering changing to a credit card. Our bank reversed the fraudulent charges in full. Mark reviewed the finance reports issued.

The bear was installed on the front deck of the Lodge, lots of positive feedback from members.

Work continues on the 2024 Budget, Mark is reviewing different options, and has been reviewing each line item in our accounts and categorizing with the bookkeeper.

Greenbelt

Chris Soule-I have been working closely with Adam from A-Team and we are taking care of some hazardous trees, and also determining if the tree is in the green belt, or not.

I am also working on getting quotes from tree contractors for clearing.

Recreation

Leah Van Meter is absent, her report postponed until the October meeting. The pool closed on Sunday, September 24th was the last day, we will be shifting to winter mode.

Fire Safe Council

Sherry Hawk reported on the Dumpster Day, September 23rd, not as many turned out this year, will work to schedule next year earlier in the season, hopefully June. Shout Out to the volunteers that helped: A-Team – donated chipper and labor at no charge to Gold Ridge, also Dominique Smith, Pat and Bob Schoggins, Jack Mermod, Mark Weiner, and Joan Scheppelmann. Sherry and Sean Hawk drove to near-by neighbors with pick up truck and picked up debris to load. Also, the debris piles on south Onyx, brush left by PG&E was cleared. Half the pile on Topaz was picked up, Mark Weiner will remove the remainder. Request to put up defensible space signage in 3 locations to remind owners and residents to remove flammable brush and weeds from the roadside; tabled until next month.

Open Forum

An open forum was held, where members were given an opportunity to address the Board.

Old Business

After the Recreation Rules 30-day comment period, they will be posted on the website.

Book Club will meet October 11th at 6:00pm and again on October 12th at 10:00am

The Craft Faire is Saturday, October 14th, 10:00-3:00pm at the Lodge.

New Business

Discussion of pool hours, use of cabana, access to bathrooms, pool gate access deferred to the October meeting.

Pool Furniture

Umbrellas are on sale now.

Mark Weiner-motion to approve purchasing 3 umbrellas up to \$200, second-Bill Simonson, all in favor, motion approved.

Cabana kitchen

Take out of reserves to no longer repair/replace, not used.

Mark Weiner-motion to approve de-commissioning kitchen in cabana, second-Jack, all approved, motion passed.

GRF Approval sign-Deposit

It is not necessary to post signs, if approval is questioned, contact the office.

Jack Mermod- motion to approve discontinue, second-Bill Simonson, all in favor, motion passed. Members with deposits on file will be issued refunds.

Reserve CD

Jack Mermod-I would like to research getting higher interest rates, take some reserve funds, \$175,000 and split into several CDs for higher interest rates.

Mark Weiner-motion to move up to \$175,000 of reserve funds to FDIC CD's, second-Jack Mermod, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.