

August 28, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by president, Jack Mermod at 6:11PM. Directors attending: Jack Mermod, Bill Simonson, Mark Weiner, Joan Fuquay and Chris Soule via ZOOM.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

July 23, 2024-approved with one correction to Finance Report, last sentence, "reduced by \$12,000".

Joan Fuquay-motion to approve July 23rd BOD meeting minutes, second-Bill Simonson, all in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Board Meeting Minutes- August 12, 2024

Topic-approve purchase of lodge kitchen refrigerator.

Jack Mermod-motion to approve, second-Joan Fuquay, all in favor- motion approved.

Director Reports

Finance- Mark Weiner-2024 budget, we met for 2 hours last night working on the 2025 budget for next year, we went 2/3 through each line item. We will schedule the next budget workshop in September, request reports early from Wendy.

The next budget workshop board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00PM.

Current operating balance is \$233,000, Reserves balance is \$270,000, over \$500,000 total. We are currently over \$72,000 this year, compared to last year at this time.

Book Club Update

Mark Weiner-We had a great meeting on August 23rd, the next book chosen is The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride, the discussion meeting TBA by the end of September, or early October.

Greenbelt

Chris Soule-we have a list of hazard trees for our contractor, waiting for a break in hot weather to schedule.

Recreation

Jack Mermod- The pool will close on Sunday, September 8th, the last day of the season.

Fire Safe Council

Sherry Hawk-GRF has been awarded by RCD additional grant funds to work on C-13, 14, and the Recreation Area and Disc Golf course. They will also treat 3 other parcels north of GR on Sly Park Rd.

Programs still have funding available:

Chipping-free, hazardous tree removal can be free or up to 25%, low income, and senior program offering defensible space clearing. You can find them on the EDC website and a link for GRF website.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan- all county meetings scheduled locally in Pollock Pines on October 5th. A survey for all residents, Gold Ridge, Pollock Pines, and El Dorado County to participate.

We would like to request GR send letters to the owners of vacant lots that need to be cleared. If you are able, offer to help neighbors if they need it.

The new EDC ordinance is to be finalized and distributed soon.

Open Forum

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

Old Business

Pest services Bid- quotes discussed, Jack Mermod- motion to approve Koby pest service for 4 months, spray every other month from April through October, second- Mark Weiner, all in favor, motion passed.

Termite Inspection Bid -discussed-Joan Fuquay-motion to approve Prospector Termite Control, second- Jack Mermod, all in favor, motion passes.

Website Referral Request-Colleen Ferrari

Proposal by member Colleen Ferrari to add to GR website local community resources and tips for living in Pollock Pines, ex. Bear trash prevention, snow tips, etc.

Mark Weiner-motion to approve Joan Schepplemann to add to GR website as long as GR does not endorse local businesses, second-Joan Fuquay, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Director Officer positions-Discussion and vote

Mark Weiner-I would like to move out of Finance.

Joan Fuquay- I would like to move in to Finance.

Mark Weiner- I would like to create a new position-Communications Director-to respond to membership and individual's concerns.

Jack Mermod-motion to approve positions:

Jack Mermod-President & Recreation, Bill Simonson-Vice President & Secretary, Chris Soule-Greenbelt, Joan Fuquay-Finance, Mark Weiner-Communications-second-Bill Simonson, all in favor Motion passed.

Recreation Rules Proposed Update

Jack Mermod-I propose a change to the last page, #8-small single-use sunshade only on grass area or at the discretion of pool staff with consideration of pool occupancy. Second-Bill Simonson, discussion, call for vote: aye-Jack Mermod, Bill Simonson, Chris Soule, Mark Weiner, Nay- Joan Fuquay, motion passed.

Pet Policy

Jack Mermod-motion to change Recreation Rules to No Pets Allowed with the exception of Pet Policy Statement, second-Bill Simonson, all in favor, motion passed.

Pool Season

Jack Mermod-motion to close pool on Sunday, September 8th at 7:30pm, second-Bill Simonson, all in favor, motion passed.

Dogwood Garden Club Request to use the Lodge and waive rental fee.

The Dogwood Garden Club requested to use the Lodge on November 4, 2024 for a one-time three-hour meeting. Discussion of other lodge users.

Mark Weiner-motion to approve no charge for Dogwood Garden Club Lodge use, second- Joan Fuquay, Discussion, call for vote, Mark Weiner-aye, Joan Fuquay-aye, Bill Simonson-abstain due to wife's membership of Dogwood Garden Club, Jack Mermod-nay, Chris Soule-nay, motion fails to pass.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.