2019 Tin Cup Civic Association

 Annual Membership Meeting

The Meeting was called to order on July 27th, 2019, at 1:05pm by president Tom Carroll. There were 27 people present with 37 paid dues, thus a quorum met. The By-Laws define our quorum as 20% of paid members present.

Introduction of new members: Kim and Paul Bell, who bought a cabin on Amer. Mt.

Sally Kuisle, Secretary, read the notice and Proof of Mailing. Members were notified of the Meeting through the 2019 Spring Newsletter received either my email (88) or postal mail (55). The Meeting poster was also put up on the Town Hall 2 weeks prior to the Meeting.

The 2018 Annual Meeting minutes were read and approved unanimously by voice vote.

 President’s Report by Tom Carroll

Treasurer’s Report: by Joe Grenawalt

Starting Balance was $10,935.57 Final Balance is $9,806.28

CD balance is $65,068.00

Special purchase: Fire Wagon construction $989.62

The full report will be in the 2019 TCCA file.

A member asked what the Safety Deposit Box was for and the answer is original Tin Cup Papers.

What’s the website cost about? A 5 year contract for website design and maintenance.

Committee Reports:

Dance Committee- Sally is chair by default. The Friday Family Night and Dance has had a large attendance, 100 folks is the average, this year with nice donations ($333 so far). A special thanks to Rainbow residents, Sara and Shawn McCormick and Janie Mueller, for hosting this wholesome Tin Cup tradition. A new CD player and microphone are needed. Sally and Carl will research and purchase.

Chapel Committee- Sue S. wants to thank the Chapel folks that have helped set up for services. Newt Cole was here July 7th with 122 people in attendance.

Cemetery Report- Chair Cheryl Rieger gave her report.

There have been $900 in memorial fees and $141 from the Donation Box this year.

The “No Smoking” bucket is still being used with no cigarette butts found in the cemetery.

Last year’s cemetery cleanup was very successful with the focus on Protestant Knoll.

The fence was mended and slash was chipped -16 people attended the cleanup.

Cheryl sent out questionnaires to old timers asking for their memories of the cemetery. There were many replies with conflicting opinions. A special letter from Frank Seeton was read (we will post it on our website). Cheryl also checked the Archives in regard to the controversy of which knoll is Catholic Knoll vs Boot Hill. Frank reminded us that historically there were no cemetery knoll signs. Cheryl posed the question, do we want to take down the 4 signs? The discussion did not lead to a vote, so the 4 signs remain.

Bill McAuliffe wants better signs to the cemetery from Cty Rd 765. Two signs were approved.

Cheryl proposed a large arched sign at the cemetery foot bridge stating “Tin Cup Cemetery”. Kelli wondered if we approve the larger proposal for a big sign/Arch, we could then take down the 4 old signs. Cheryl will investigate the design and cost, to present next year.

Another cemetery topic- Would we like to pursue a tree removal and cleanup program that is currently being offered through the West Region Wildfire Council? Partial reimbursement is possible. Membership is interested in perusing this wild fire mitigation and Cheryl will investigate this opportunity. Several members are interested in donating $ to help with the costs. Cheryl reminds us to be realistic with the amount of work needed using volunteers. Sally mentions that the Cemetery’s trees are full of dwarf mistletoe. Cheryl proposes first working on Protestant Knoll. She thanks everyone for their help with the cemetery.

Election of Directors;

We have two BOD positions open- Janet is stepping down and Tom is willing serve another term. Kelli nominated Ken Alexander from the Wright/ Jail cabin.

Sue nominated Tom Carroll. With a unanimous vote, both Ken and Tom were elected.

Old Business

Water Ditch Committee- Wendy Trentaz is present. Jeff Haynes is the other committee member. The committee is still evaluating work needed on the ditch behind the Crosby cabin- Jeremy will give a bid later this summer.

Wendy reports that there was a lot of help this year in opening the ditch. Folks did a great job cleaning out willows and debris in front of their property. The chipper was not used.

Bill Mc. says the Pond water level has been the best in 15 years. They even have a duck with ducklings. Joe mentions that with differences in the weather (ex: the dry 2018 vs the wet 2019 late Spring conditions)– the Water Ditch Committee will be in charge of the actual ditch opening and closing dates.

Forest Service Plan- Joe Grenawalt

This is the GMUC “Forest Plan’s” first update since the ‘80s.

Please send your comments by July 30th.

Cottonwood Pass Update:

Bill Mc. says the construction crew that is staying at Holts reports that August 12th is the date for one lane to be open and the project is to be completely done by end of September or early October. It is presently 50% done.

2nd Bridge replacement: is “scheduled” for this fall. Bill Mc. is concerned that accidents will happen if it is a two lane bridge. Several folks wondered about the lack of guard rails on the new #1 bridge by the dump station. Roxanne says Marlene responded that it is too expensive to put rails up- she would have to do all of the county bridges.

Library Committee:

Contact Annie W. if you are interested in borrowing any Tin Cup themed books.

Wendy asked when is the next Archive presentation? Tom replied that he would need volunteers to help. Please contact Tom is you are interested in helping. It is a lot of work to set it up and then return items to the Archive building for just one person.

Additional BOD membership?

Tom- The BOD has had considerable discussions on this topic.

How do we get additional folks willing to be on the Board?

The By-Laws state that Board members have to be on a property deed.

 You can find the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws under Documents on our website. [www.tincupcivicassociation.org](http://www.tincupcivicassociation.org)

We want to encourage you to put your interested family members on your deed- this is the best and easiest way to make more members available for the Board of Directors.

Cheryl asks if we can have less that 7 people on the Board? Kelli – the Articles of Incorporation states that there will be 7 members for the Board. The By-Laws (Article IV, Section 4) do allow the number of Directors to be alter with a By-Law amendment. Bill M. remarks that if you read Bowling Hitt’s book on the history of the TCCA, they have operated without a full board in the past.

TCCA Voting Privileges:

The Board wants to clarify this topic. Currently, we are operating at $25 per member with a vote for each property that you are listed on the deed. The Articles of Incorporation states “That any record title owner of real estate ….. shall be entitled to be a member of this Corporation”.

The By-Laws state in ARTICLE III, Section 1. Voting entitlement. “……… each member shall…. be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy upon each subject property”. With increased use of LLCs and Trusts for property ownership, where there are multiple people on the deed, and multiple properties owned, the number of votes per property can become very large. The BOD is asking- Do we want to amend the By-Laws so that voting is equitable? The Board is opening this question for discussion with a possible vote at the next Annual Meeting. Remember any vote to amend the By-Laws would need to be ratified the following year.

 Here are some thoughts:

1. Current status- $25 per member and # of votes is = to the # of property deeds you are on.
2. Two votes per property
3. One person/ One vote – no matter how many properties you own.
4. Current status, but pay $25 per property

Other thoughts? Please let a board member know of your thoughts and questions.

Here are some comments from the Meeting:

“Proxies need to state how that proxy should be voted. Can we have a Meeting agenda ahead of the actual Annual Meeting?” Sally replied, that’s a great idea and the Meeting agenda will be set and communicated in the Annual Meeting reminder a few weeks prior to the Meeting.

Comments continuing: “The proxies should have the choices clear in writing.

Let’s keep the choices simple with a short list. One vote for one property sounds ‘American’.

Proxies are always going to be able to be stacked. Can we cap the number of votes per property? Can we get away with no Proxies?” Answer was that Proxies are written in the

By-Laws. Joe, as Treasurer, reminds us that dues are not a driving force in the budget.

Sue offers that new Proxies could be a “mail in” vote. Sue- let’s separate the issue of property vs votes.

New Business:

A Butterfly Talk with slides is scheduled on August 15th at the Town Hall with Bob Hammond, local entomologist and TCCA member.

Tom asks if we can look into getting the Town Hall more handicap accessible?

Jim S. agrees and would like to request that the path to the outhouse be made smoother?

Tin Cup Art Fair- Ginger and Janet organized the event where locals were inside and outside selling a variety of gifts with a nice flow of visitors. The July 4th weekend was a good date.

Let Janet or Ginger know if you are interested in next year’s Art Fair.

AED training will take place one day during the August 5th week. Let Sally know if you are interested.

Terri asks who puts the toilet paper in the outhouse? Answer- anyone that notices a shortage.

Kelli reminds us that our Pot Luck is tonight!! Please come.

The Sherriff’s SUV loaner helps with speeding and after clarifying with the new sheriff, we are being allowed to keep it. Joe has taken responsibility for moving it around.

The new Fire Trailer Demonstration will take place outside after the Meeting by Joe and Carl.

Adjourned at 2:45p