



# USELESS BAY COLONY

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## USELESS BAY COLONY BOARD MEETING

9 November 2023 – revised

The Regular Board Meeting of the Useless Bay Colony was called to order at 4:59 pm by President Debbie Nordstrom via ZOOM.

Present: Bob Bagshaw, Susanne Hollyfield, Jake Mast, Debbie Nordstrom, Lailla Petersen, Anne Preston, Patty Sievers, Diana Smyth

Donckers signed off after discussion of Club contract. Nordstrom signed off at 5:52 pm. Petersen signed off about 6:35.

Absent: None

Guests: Bob Stewart, UBC resident on Shore Avenue. Ron Donckers, former President of the Board.

A quorum of 5 was met.

**MINUTES** - Hollyfield – The Minutes from the October meeting were approved as written.

Introduction of Bob Stewart – He spoke of his past achievements and accomplishments, and of Whidbey as being a complement to his lifestyle. The Board discussed their goals and priorities with Stewart, who then signed off from zoom.

Motion to approve (Hollyfield, Mast) Bob Stewart as a new Board Member passed unanimously. Welcome!

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Petersen – UBC financials – Payables are \$2,808.74. Motion to pay the payables passed. (Preston, Sievers)

Petersen moved that we get one or two CDs for a year at Savi Bank, for a total of \$100,000, with signatories to be Petersen, Hollyfield, and Bagshaw, all Board officers. Secretary will prepare a proper letter with these approved Minutes for the bank to authorize this. (Bagshaw seconded.) Approval was unanimous.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Nordstrom – She offered information on a webinar that may be useful to the Board as we update our documents: Educational Course Webinar (HOAleader.com/Foundational Webinar November 16, 2023) - \$139 with recording, \$99 without – Nordstrom proposed that Hollyfield attend that webinar. Motion passed for Board to pay for this education. Hollyfield will inform others of this opportunity offline, as they may want to participate also.

**VP REPORT - Bagshaw** – He reviewed the attachments that he previously sent, and urged each member to read them.

Golf Agreement – Bagshaw gave an update on continuing negotiations with the Golf Club. Nordstrom discussed edits to the contract. Bagshaw emphasized that he wanted to avoid accidental cost increases.

Financial Billing – Discussion ensued about the Club's billing individuals for usage fees versus the Colony's billing of homeowners. Petersen said a lot of details need to be worked out.

### **ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE – Smyth –**

Porta-Potty at Beach – The pumping truck to maintain Porta-Potty at the beach was unable to reach it to do regular maintenance, as the access pathway was not drivable. Smyth investigated a solution. The ruts on road can be filled in to make beach road passible for the pumping truck. Cost would be \$2500 – \$3000, and should be a long-term solution. Motion was made (Preston, Bagshaw) for construction/repairs of porta-potty access road. Unanimously passed.

Ward Lane/Soundview – It will cost about \$1200 to dig out problem drainage areas and install barrier cloth and rocks. There may be tall grasses to cut down as well. Motion was made by Sievers, seconded by Preston, to spend funds to do this, and unanimously passed.

**AMBASSADOR PROGRAM** – Jake Mast – He continues to find new ambassadors, and was heartily congratulated for the Ambassador Social that he and Sievers hosted at the Club last weekend.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Cerny Project Offer – Caddy Place – Wanting to resolve this issue now, Smyth moved that the Board would offer Cerny option 1, the sale of land of 1789 square feet as shown on survey document. This is conditional upon two requirements: 1) that Cerney get Island County approval, and 2) that the Sievers family approve the sale. Sievers seconded.

Sievers will compose a letter for the Board's file stating that "we have reviewed the minutes of November 9th Board Meeting and approve the sale of Parcel #1 (Adjustment Area Option 1)."

Those approving were Sievers, Smyth, Bagshaw, Hollyfield, Mast. Abstaining: Preston, Petersen.

The next regular Board meeting will be **14 December 2023** at 5pm. As the Board does not usually meet in December, the agenda will determine if the next meeting will be held in December or January.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Susanne Hollyfield  
Secretary

### **Addendum to Minutes**

**The following Board members have approved the Minutes above by email on 10 November 2023:**

Bob Bagshaw - yes

Susanne Hollyfield - yes

Jake Mast - yes

Debbie Nordstrom - yes

Laila Petersen - yes

Anne Preston - yes

Patty Sievers - yes

Diana Smyth - yes