

Record of Proceedings

Regular Meeting of the Spanish Peaks MLS Board of Directors

July 11, 2023

(This Meeting was Virtual, via GoToMeeting)

President Doug Petersen called the meeting to order at 11:30 am

Roll Call: Board Members present for the roll call were: Doug Petersen – **President**, Sharon Sciacca – **Vice President**, Joette Schalla – **Secretary-Treasurer**, Jim Kenton – **Past President**, Loni Pincoski, and Deborah Ferrari. Board Members Crystal Piercy, Michelle Shrout, and Nicole Sudderth were absent. A quorum of the Board was present.

ED Terry Amalfitano was also present and recording the meeting.

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence

Executive Director Update:

Terry gave the report on the status of the Spanish Peaks MLS, updating the Board on recent activity, membership numbers, and general wellbeing of the entity. She noted that she had not heard back from our Broker of the Year, John Raye, regarding a bio and photo that we could use for his announcement article. Sharon volunteered to contact him to see if he wanted an article.

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 14, 2023, and electronic minutes of May 5, 2023.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by **Sharon**, that the minutes for these meetings be approved. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Budget/Financials Review:

The President called for any discussion or questions on the most recent financial statements, 06/30/23. There being none, **Jim then made a motion** that the Financials be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by **Sharon** and **passed unanimously**. A notation was made for Terry to prorate the member dues after the first quarter for the 2024 Budget to more accurately reflect the amounts we can expect to receive after the dues begin to be prorated during the year.

1 **Formal Board Approval of New Board Members:**

2 Terry notified the Board of new MLS Members since the March 14th meeting:

3 Todd McManus, Employing Broker, eXp Realty, Englewood, CO

4 Renee Hassebroek, Broker Associate, ReMax Associates, Pueblo, CO

5 James Willcox, Broker Associate, Bachman and Associates, La Veta, CO

6 Bernhard Keil, Appraiser, Quantum Metrics Appraisal, Indian Hills, CO

7 Liz Zupan, Broker Associate, Capture Colorado Mountain Properties, Cuchara, CO

8 Brice Ingo, Broker Associate, ReMax Associates, Pueblo, CO

9 Michael Wood, Appraiser, MVW Appraisals, Colorado Springs, CO

10 Joseph Stefanec, Broker Associate, Keller Williams, Pueblo, CO (officing in Trinidad)

11 Lisa Lane, Broker Associate, Code of the West, La Veta, CO

12 Matthijs Uijterschout, Employing Broker, Blanca Peak Realty, La Veta, CO

13 Stephen Arnold, Employing Broker, The Hancock Group, Rocky Ford, CO

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15 **A motion was made** by **Joette**, seconded by **Sharon**, that the new MLS members be approved.

16 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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18 **Enhanced Photo Imagery Discussion:**

19 The Board discussed the issue of the more prevalent use of enhanced imagery photos by some
20 members of the MLS. While such photos are not prohibited, they are frustrating and misleading to
21 MLS members and clients alike. It was agreed that Terry would send an email blast to members
22 kindly requesting that to maintain the credibility of SPMLS in general, the use of these inaccurate
23 photos should be limited, reduced or discontinued by SPMLS members.

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25 **Member Request for Refund Discussion:**

26 Terry advised the Board that she had had a request from a new member for a complete refund, as
27 she had quickly left the brokerage she started with when she purchased her new membership, and
28 the brokerage she transferred to was not a member. Her new employing broker was not interested
29 in becoming a member at this time. After discussion, the board agreed that it would uphold the
30 current rules and regulations, which state that no refunds will be given.

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32 **Date for Next Meeting and Virtual/In-Person Discussion:**

33 It was agreed that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board would be on Tuesday,
34 September 12, 2023, at 11:30 PM. The meeting will be held In-Person, location TBD.

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36 **Any other new business to come before the Board:**

37 As there was no further business to come before the Board, **a motion** was made by **Jim**, with a
38 **second** by **Joette**, that the meeting be adjourned. **The motion passed unanimously.** The
39 meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm.

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1 Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Terry A. Amalfitano, Executive Director

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3 *A copy of the proceedings of this meeting will be made available to any member of the MLS*
4 *upon a written request to the Executive Director, Spanish Peaks MLS, PO Box 1182, La Veta, CO*
5 *81055, or spanishpeaksmls@gmail.com.*