



Merry Mountain Owners' Assoc. Inc.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Saturday, 20 November 2021, at 9:30 am **Merry Mountain Village Office and via ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER: 0930, members present President Mike Padilla, Jack Colombo Member at Large, Rand Colling Vice President, Jamie Ellis Treasure, Al Lardizabal Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rodney Ames, Mike Pettigrew, Dennis Chesney, Judy Goldberg, Gina Ellis, Jill McCarthy, Chris Hernandez, Monique Hernandez, Matt Marcher, Tamara Welton, Kathy Lardizabal, Mary Lou Lauck, Ewing Wever, Matt Marcher, Jack Colombo, Rand Collins, Susan Houle, Jill McCarthy, Alejandra Pugnaliu, Raul Pugnaliu, L. Chisy, Peggy Simeroth Ames, Tammie, and Ralph Oseguera, Leonard.

OPEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD The President of the Board will invite anyone who wishes to speak on a matter not already on the agenda to do so at this time. Mike started the meeting with the funds for the fire house. (Comments to be held to 3 minutes) Rodney Ames asked the status of the LeFevre investigation. Rodney thanked us for our efforts. Mike Pettigrew asked about the CC&R update.

Hignell representatives in attendance: Christina Allmon.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of 25 September 2021 – Approval
2. Minutes of July 24, 2021, Annual Meeting - Approval

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Review of Financial Statement
Jamie Ellis provided the treasure's report.

Bank balances:

Alliance Bank is our new bank.

Alliance Operating = \$100,134.92

Alliance payroll = \$15,922.74

Alliance reserve = \$50,000

Chase #1 = \$20,237.50

Chase #2 = #31,751

Wells Fargo reserve = \$73,221.25

Jamie Ellis stated that we had complete confidence in Hignell. He stated that he was delighted as to where we are heading.

He is currently working on delinquent issues. He is also working on the budget process for 2022.

Someone attempted to access a closed Wells Fargo that once belonged to the association. We did not lose anything as the account had been closed. He worked with the Wells Fargo fraud team and had nothing further to report. We do not know whom may have attempted to access the account.

Rodney Ames asked about the office having more coverage to help people, access to forms. Judy Goldberg suggested a mailbox for ARC forms. Jack Colombo offered to set up a container outside the Village Office door to provide forms for easy access.

Delinquent assets and write-off:

2. Delinquent Assessments/Write Offs

Jamie provided an overview of the lots in trouble.

Jamie discussed a credit pre-paid visa account with a \$2,000.00 limit for the maintenance crew so as not to wait around for funds. It would expedite work and the visa card would be monitored and receipts would be required.

3. Motion was made for the credit cards and the board unanimously approved the measure.

4. Jack Colombo provided a description of a trailer for village work costing approximately \$5591.00 delivered. Jack provided a description of the trailer and how it would be used in the village. A general discussion took place among the members regarding the trailer. The board made a motion to approve the purchase. Mike made a motion to purchase the trailer and the board again unanimously approved to purchase the trailer.

Mike Padilla addressed the fire house issue. Mike stated that our lawyer stated that our HOA should not have the fire house for liability issues. A separate board was suggested to work with Merry Mountain. Liability issues prevents us from taking on the firehouse and Mike stated that a separate board was required. Mike opened the issue to the floor. Rand Collins stated that the county would provide insurance. Legal issues were addressed. Liability issues were addressed. Judy recommended that we set up a new board and let them determine the issues at hand and let them resolve the insurance issues.

It was determined that we ask for a non-profit board. We determined that a meeting would be required to proceed. Matt Marcher agreed to head the meeting looking into setting a new board at the fire house. The meeting was scheduled for 11 December, at 1000, at the fire house for the initial meeting.

MANAGER REPORTS:

Drainage. Residents are responsible for their own drainage. Drainage ditches will require lots of hand work to clean them up. Merry Mountain maintenance crew will take care of the common areas.

Maintenance yard security. Getting power up is a priority. Should be powered by next week for motion lighting and camera system. We requested a quote for fencing.

Matt stated that the bobcat is broken and hopefully fixed this coming week.

ADA: Entrance to the village office, by Mike Padilla. He addressed placement of the pad. Our bathroom is not ADA approved. We will investigate how to come up to ADA requirements.

Picnic common area clean up: Mike Padilla stated that our goal is to have a covered stage. We will continue to flatten out the area with rock for future events.

Equipment to sell with member approval: Mike Padilla addressed the sale of used Merry Mountain equipment. Judy Goldberg addressed potential sale prices. Mike Padilla provided the board with a list of potential sale items. Mike Padilla made a motion to sell excess equipment, Rand Collins seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the motion to sell the gear.

Mike Padilla asked when we could burn the green piles. Matt Marcher stated that we could not burn yet. We cannot go to open burn yet as Butte County has not approved our burn permit as of this date. We agreed to burn twice a year vice once a year to keep the burn piles down in size.

Snow Removal. Rounds as required. People can't park on streets during snow removal. Susan Houle asked about the no parking signs. Contract still hasn't been signed with the towing company. Mike Padilla stated that we were still working on it.

Kathy Lardizabal, Christmas event update. She provided a detailed update. There was noted enthusiasm for the event among the members present.

Mike Padilla addressed the fact that a pin was missing from the snowplow that secured the plow to the HUMVEE. It's believed that the pin was deliberately removed from the snowplow. We are going to increase security because of incident.

Additional last-minute items to include Mike Padilla, last item, located a backup pump for our well for \$7,500.00.

Mike Padilla stated that we need a new pool sink in the bathroom. Matt Marcher stated that he would investigate the matter.

Leonard stated that with his tractor he would tidy up the burn pile since our bobcat is down.

ARC: Rodney Ames stated that lot 55 requested tree removal and the board had agreed to it.

The board agreed that PG&E go ahead take down the tree at lot 113. Matt Marcher will clear the tree.

FIRE: Rand Collins stated we are recertified for Firewise once again this year. We can all request the Firewise certificate.

Matt Marcher addressed the three piles to be burned. We will start burning piles on November 27, 2021, volunteers are required to monitor the fires. Matt will provide the fire gear. We need to start burning immediately. Matt Marcher further stated that we have a major job ahead of us cleaning the common areas as they have not been cleared in many years.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mary Lauck stated that we need sign modifications. Matt Marcher stated that he would get on it. Richard started to work on it, but he left, and the project was dropped. It is now resuscitated and finished soon.

WELCOME COMMITTEE: Judy Goldsmith mentioned numerous properties had sold. Judy stated that they had been answering questions to prospective homeowners and real estate agents seeking answers to various questions.

OLD BUSINESS: Judy Goldberg requested another clearing day particularly along the drainage ditches. Mike Padilla stated that MMHOA was looking at increasing hours to support clearing efforts.

Tamara Welton asked about noise in the Village and Mike Padilla stated that noise had really been rather quiet in the recent past. It's been quiet in the Village.

Mike Padilla stated that we had written a letter to Gordo's, our attorney, wrote the letter, and we have not received a reply. Keko has no visibility on the accounting process that covered the pool expenditure. No invoice was ever found. The Gordo scenario was once again gone over. A spirited debate took place over the price of the swimming pool and the lack of paperwork. We agreed to look at previous minutes to see how we got into this predicament. Judy asked for financial accounting, budget vs monthly financials. Christina Allmon from Hignell stated that there is a monthly financial report. The data will soon be available to everyone—that is the financial data. We decided that we will file with the contracting board a notification of what Gordo's has done.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was provided.

Next board meeting on January 15, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28.

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Secretary
Board of Directors