

**Fern Acres Community Association Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes March 19, 2023**

**Members Present:** JR Paikuli, Patti Pinto, Diane Joyner, Hank Schultz, Scott Snair, Roy Kalili, Bill Joyner, Seth Cinamon, Claudia Ziroli.

**Members Absent:**

**Visitors:** Phil Galon, Patty Goodwin, Julie Kron, Brian Fields, Daylynn Kyles,

**CTO:** 9:00 am

**Minutes:** Patti moves to accept the minutes as read. Roy seconds. All in favor, passed.

**President’s Report:** Invites the Representative of Aloha Ilio Rescue to speak to us regarding their program, funding, etc. Will be opening on 10 acres next to the transfer station. Will provide recreational areas for pets and owners, spay and neuter clinics, adoptions, education, vet service etc. May and December- HUGE spay and neuter clinic. She wants the community know they are out there and what services they offer. She will provide a QR code to sign up for spay and neuter clinic.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The review committee has filed a report for their review of the books from 2021. Patti found minor exceptions for February, which were resolved.

Treasurer’s Report:

BoH FACA Checking	47,153.56
BoH MRMA Checking	353,919.14
BoH MRMA MM	<u>30,498.17</u>
TOTAL	\$431,570.87

They are still recovering and correcting errors from the previous bookkeeper’s work from 2022. Maria has been working with QQB to resolve some issues.

FACA- Regarding the lot next door (HUB) balance due on the payment is \$4,208.34 or 30 more payments at \$139.00 (125.93 principle) per month. Diane is looking forward to final accounting of the FACA and MRMA payments to determine if we can pay this off.

The Kubota loan was calculated thru December.. Balance will be paid off \$690.00 in 17 months.

Diane has been working since January (about 80 hours) trying to get them up and working. (We got \$82,000.00 through PayPal last year.) Diane would like to propose that we move over to Venmo to process our payments. [Discussion]

Diane would like to make a motion to extend the payment period through the end of April due to these continuing issues with collecting payments without a late charge. [Discussion] JR points out that we have multiple payment methods... no one sees any problem with the extension. Seth asks about the MRMA budget being affected by this.. Hank says that Roads work from the previous years’ budget. Hank seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Diane continues to struggle with the copier company regarding the 7,000 color copies charged to our account. Diane was able to get a XEROX representative right here in Hilo who is willing to come out to work with us.

We have sent the engagement letter to Carbinero for the 2022 audit.

Roy has changed the locks for the office, bathroom and community room. Most of the time, the office staff are here, so this will not be an issue. Diane says three Board members live just a few poles away and will come down to open if needed. [Discussion- Diane has left the meeting.]

Julie suggests that we should have cameras over the doors. We should have a policy that covers use of the building, hauling rubbish out, wiping down the restroom.

**Road Committee:** Met last week.. Roy reports that they had a rep from Ocean View community regarding how their roads were done. Currently looking at various ideas and bids for paving Puhala based on price and quality of the work. JR points out that it rained literally all of February... Roy says we can also attribute damage to excessive speed. Cold mix is currently not available. They are using gravel right now to temporarily fill the holes.

Mahalo to the road crew for their hard work keeping up with the damage!!! Hank points out that as torrential the rains were, all our roads remained traversable. Not so with our neighbors downslope.

Patti says that last year they asked the county for help with paving with FTR, which was refused.

Patti said she then tasked our senators with this, Senate bill 9128 Which is in committee right now- and may pass!

Tires cost \$5.00 each for tires- we have over 80!!! Roy is looking at alternatives...

**Fire Department:** Brian reports that we had a large brush fire yesterday on Plumeria – at the ‘ripper road’. It spread rapidly to Hawaiian Acres by the Kona winds. A firefighter was attacked by five dogs, he’s OK, continued to fight the fire... We have a brush truck now, working on getting a tanker, which is desperately needed. Hank asks about using the tank in the back for fire fighting? Yes, we can. They were considering using a helicopter bucket for the fire yesterday. Brian offers his number to all for ease in contact. 808-895-4437.

Scott suggests that for the next training for the FD be held here.. Brian says, that since Hawaiian Acres has lost their community Center due to arson fire. Brian says they will bump up to two trainings per month to accommodate. First Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm.

**HUB:** Workday today- stretching the skin? Grant#2 came in this week from Vibrant Hawaii for \$2500.00.

**Fundraising and Events:** Phil and Claudia -Picnic- need to begin work on the picnic.

**Member’s Report:** Phil reports 96 bags have been handed out last two times. Looks like their regular number. This month they had jumbo shrimp!

**Internet Committee:**

**FANW:** Most of our local crime is within families and known folks. Kopua Farm Lots dug a 4’ deep trench on their side of the Pikake Ripper Road.. The criminals in this area have been calling in major shooting

event in lower Puna in order to get all the police to go there so they can do problems up here... [Julie relates an exciting event recently with a stolen van] Most of the problem criminals are home owners- can't be kicked out. Now working with VICE who is enlisting the FEDS, which may mean seizure... Most of the major stuff happens in the back block of Plumeria. Peek high traffic/speeding times are 10:00-noon, then after school.

**Old Business: Picnic set for Sunday, July 23**

**New Business:** Bill would like to suggest that we raise the amount that we can spend on buying new equipment to \$2,000.00 to meet inflation. It has been at least 25 years since we've looked at it.  
[Discussion]

Patti proposes that the Policy Committee should meet by the next meeting and report to the next Board meeting. Scott seconds. All in favor, Passed. (Claudia, Bill, Seth and Hank.)

Hank suggests that we should create a folder which records, updates and maintains the names of Board members who serve on various committees.

Diane, Seth and Scott are up for re-election this summer. Nomination committee needs to convene to establish an election slate for the upcoming election. Patti, Claudia, Hank.

**\*\*ACTION:** Claudia create the notebook for the records for sub committees.

**Adjourn:** Hank moves to call the meeting to adjourn. Diane seconds. All in favor, Passed. 11:00am