**Fern Acres Community Association Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes January 18, 2025**

**Members Present:**, JR Paikuli, Mark Laret, Roy Kalili, Patti Pinto, Cristi Fields, Joe Utt, Claudia Ziroli.

**Members Absent:**, Rick Kaluli, Hank Schultz, Motion to approve Hank and Mark’s absence. Cristi seconds. All in favor, Passed.

**Visitors:** Patti Goodwin, Albert and Diana Santiago.

**CTO:** 9:01 am

**Minutes:** Add Exec to agenda. Proposed for acceptance by Patti seconds. All in favor, Passed.

**President’s Report:** Welcomes visitors to the meeting. No comments.

JR call to attention the calendar for 2025. Due date for Summer Newsletter is May 15.

**Treasurer’s Report:** presents the financial report for November and December as follows: Joe and Maria are looking at two small discrepencies- may be interest… They’ll clear that up and correct for February’s report.

BoH MRMA Checking 7997 412,061.91

BoH FACA Checking 7989 47,265.58 BoH MRMA MM 0798

Joe approverd….Patti. All in favor, Passed.

**Road Committee:** Met last Wednesday. They discussed car towing service that we can provide for $100.00. We pay for the drop fee, county checks VIN.

Roy asks that we take time to drive our roads and note the spots that need attention for paving or repair.

Paving in April?

Resident’s Committee is Sunday, February 23, 2-4:00. Potluck following. Trash goes to the corners for pick up.

Roy put it in the newsletter that we have to work towards removing encroachments to the road lot. Reminder that the encroachments can and will be removed.

They sold both the containers- at a nice profit.

Working on prepping the property next door to ready it for paving. JR adds that any work being done on the HUB particularly, will be hired and paid for by Puna Makaukau and FACA.

Patti asks if the current MRMA budget shows all road work for 2024 is paid.

Visitor asks if he could clarify the work being done on the lot next door. -It is owned by FACA…

Cristi asks about the rocks at the corner of Lehua. Roy and JR respond that we are trying to round off the corner. Owner has asked that rocks remain at the corner…

**Safety/Fire Department:** New truck is great. One of our long-time members have resigned. Looking for another member. They have fire suppression to put on burning vehicles. Ken is towing vehicles, once they are tagged and verified. Delta Five meets First Tuesday at 4:30.

**HUB:** Claudia reports that we had a meeting of interested parties to discuss the possibility of funding support for an amateur radio base for Fern Acres. Meeting is set for Monday, February 17 at 1:00 at the HUB.

Stakeholders meeting- February 17 at 1:00pm at the Hub.

**Fundraising and Events:** 144 bags arrived, and distributed. We went thru three-quarters of the bags in less than one hour. We have been visited and evaluated with the county specialists commented as the best program doing food distribution that they’ve seen. Claudia to write letters to Ashley and Matt to get discretionary funds for bags.

The events committee met during the Food Basket, we set the 2025 calendar for the events that we have. See calendar for more information.

Chain Saw certification-

Animal rescue training. They have two places left on the team and are seeking able people to do S and R for animals.

**Nominating Committee:** Cristi, Hank and Roy are up for election. No need for action until May.

**Audit Committee:**

**Policy Committee:** Patti reports that They will meet January 22. To finish their work.

**Internet Committee:**

**FANW:** One of our most wanted was caught and arrested. We had a break in to containers- persons from Waimea were caught and arrested. We still have the lowest crime stats of all the subdivisions.

**CERT:** Regular meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00a.

**Old Business:**

**New Business**: Sunday July 13 for the Annual Picnic. We found second hand chairs.. Roy picked up 100 chairs! We also bought new tables, with help and donation from Joe. We do not have to rent any equipment for the picnic!!!

JR is presenting the new admin budget he has prepared. Roy asks about the reduction of the picnic- He rec’s that we don’t reduce the amount so that we have provisionary budget available. Joe approves, Roy seconds the budget. All passed.

Patti says that for the third year running, we have not billed for the Association fees. We are down by at least 150 owners- This isn’t workable in order to get our business done. [Discussion follows]

A suggestion is made that we do a monthly blurb on the FaceBook page about what is going on around FACA.

**Member’s Report**: Roy-More community-based activities and events to increase awareness and participation. JR comments about the positivity he’s been seeing… Patti says roads are great! Mowing, roadwork, paving is awesome! Everything looks super great.

Patti moves that we increase the employee wage discussed in Exec Session. Joe seconds. All in favor, Passed unan.

**Adjourn:**  JR moves to call the meeting to adjourn. Joe seconds Adjourned 10:23am.