

Minutes of the Boulder Brook Club Annual Meeting July 29, 2023

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The business meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. Roll call indicated that a quorum was established. All Members were present or represented by proxy with the exception of Shamberger and Stausebach.

II. MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING: Reading of minutes was waived, as they had been sent to Members prior to the meeting.

Motion made to accept 2022 minutes as presented: APPROVED

III. CARETAKER REPORT: Jesse's service over the last year was acknowledged. No other report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trees (Tim Silva)

- Two trees taken down this past winter. In the coming year, some dead trees will need to be removed, budget permitting.
- One "watch" tree took down some wires on the back road.

B. Docks and Beach (Matt Wiswall)

- Docks withstood this spring's high water well.

C. Roads (Tim Silva)

- Bridge project is ongoing. Assessed for weight load. Engineers are developing repair alternatives for us to evaluate and send to contractors.
- Bridge weight limit now posted. Larger trucks should use the back road.
- Asphalt cracking needs to be addressed (very costly to do). Back road was treated twice with gravel and is holding up well.
- Speed bumps working well. Some discussion of their utility. Education is also important.

D. Beach erosion mitigation project (Tim Silva)

- New materials and plantings held up well with recent rains. Runoff from asphalt has decreased.

E. Caretaker (Ted Silva)

- Jesse has been in better contact and more responsive.
- He has a new truck which will serve both him and us.

V. FINANCIAL REVIEW: Helen Gernon reviewed and approved finances per letter in enclosed packet to members. The board thanked her for her review. Acknowledged her contribution over the past 7 years as she steps down. Cathleen Cooke will be the new auditor.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Financial crunch early in 2022, but we made it through.
- \$13,000 for beach erosion design and implementation.
- Bridge project will be priced out and evaluated
- 2023: up 3.8% for assessments, mostly for property management

Motion made to accept 2023-2-24 operating budget as presented: APPROVED

VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Judy Silva presented the slate for 2023-2024:

- President: Alexis Comrack
- Vice President: Tim Silva
- Treasurer: Ted Silva
- Assistant Treasurer: Cindy Brown
- Nominating Committee: Judy (El Cielo) Silva (2024), Andy Brown (2025) Brad Cushing (2026)
- Board of Governors: Matt Wiswall (2024) Martha MacKelcan (2025) Chip Cooke (2026)

Motion made to accept slate as presented by the committee: APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

- Trees - need to take down trees that endanger property. Brad Cushing suggested owners who need tree work done to contact him so it can be done together. Suggestion made for owners to mark trees that they would like taken down. (uniform tape color)
- Rubber duck challenge - toy yellow ducks floating down the brook as a race, maybe on July 4. "Ducks for Trucks" idea (possible fundraiser for Lovell VFD?)
- Proposal made for one year trial to allow ice fishing to area residents. Not publicly advertised - just post that ice fishing is allowed but respect private property. Board to take this under consideration. Possibility of ad hoc committee to present recommendations.
- Suggestion made to develop a list of contractors/vendors to be circulated through the community.
- Proposal to move red chairs into shade. Jesse will be asked to always have some chairs in shade area.
- Suggestion made to light docks with small solars. There might be a new town ordinance in reference to this.
- A member asked that dogs be allowed in back row of beach if they are leashed and quiet.

- A member asked for board transparency. Publishing of board notes will be put on website.
- BBC411 email business cards offered as communication.
- Discussion about updating of email lists and making sure everyone gets all emails.
- Issue of water lines was raised. There are frequent leaks in the lines. Perhaps there should be a budget item to replace these lines. Currently the budget has an item for water "maintenance." Might need to be increased; proactive action should be taken.
- Caution about trespassers and confrontations, which could end badly.

Thank you to Debbie Cushing for her work on the board as assistant treasurer. Thank you to Martha Livingston for her years as president.

Adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

