

BRANDON CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual Meeting

April 7, 2018

Members present:

Wayne Daniels, Laurent Mondamert, Matt Samet, Kristin Bjornsen, Christeen Hodges, Steven Hobbs, John and Liz Dennison, Elaine Welle, John Tupala, Linda Joyce, Beka Davis, Tracy Steele, Susan Soklin, Karen Ryerson, Leni Buhler

Report from our Accountant, Bonnie Skilton:

- Our reserve is good: We have over \$20,000 in Cd's and \$30,000 in our checking account
- Possible expenses would be repair of our sprinkler system.
- Do we want to invest in more interest bearing CD's?
- When a member is 6 months in arrears for dues, Bonnie will alert the member that a lien will be set in place if the dues are not paid up within 30 days.
- It is best to pay dues by check or by online bill pay.

Report from Tom Read, Boulder city forester in charge of the Emerald Ash Borer

- Boulder has 51,000 public ash trees that have been identified along curb strips and in parks.
- The EAB was first identified in Detroit in the 1990's. It arrived in Boulder in 2013. It ONLY eats ash trees. Tree varieties have historically been planted in single species which have then perished to infestations.
- The Chestnut trees died in the 1940's
Elm trees were planted next and died from the Dutch elm disease in the 1970's
Now 20% of the canopy of Boulder is ash trees.
- EAB eggs are laid in the bark of ash trees in summer. The egg turns into larva and bores into the tree and eats the cambium. They create galleries (tunnels).
- The EAB came from Asia in containers. There are Native predators in Asia, but not here. All trees are from the same cultivar and have the same genetic pattern. So all are vulnerable.
- It is better to remove live trees because you have to climb to the top of the tree with a chainsaw to cut it down. We have a lot of young trees on our common grounds which can be allowed to grow since removing them would be fairly simple and safe. Large dead trees require automatic lifts and are costly to remove.

- Boulder has made an inventory of the Ash trees. Go to EABBoulder.com. The forestry dept. has identified 6000 trees they are going to treat (1500 trees) and remove (4500 trees).
- Treating the trees slows down the dying out of the trees but does not prevent it. A tree can linger on for 7 years.
- Systemic pesticides go into the leaves and blossoms of the trees. They then kill the pollinators (bees and butterflies). Pesticides cannot be used on bee food (apple trees, lindens, etc.). Ash trees are wind pollinated trees.
- In 2001, the USDA searched for bugs that are parasites to the EAB. The wasp from Asia was found that would kill the EAB. The Government was charging \$9/ wasp to towns hoping to eliminate the infestation. Boulder was one of the very few communities that already had an inventory of the ash trees in town. Because of this the Government sent us a very large number of the wasps free of charge so the effectiveness of using the wasps could be documented. Scientists hope that wasps and the EAB will balance out in 20 years. These wasps do not have stingers.
- The lesson learned is to replace the ash trees with a diversity of tree species. Don't let any species get above 5% of the whole tree population. Jeff Tupala has 25 young sapling trees to be planted to start to replace our ash trees. Please call to help him.
- Neem is an organic insecticide....it is the least pernicious. Boulder uses insecticides on a 3 year rotation.

Report from John and Liz Dennison on their bees:

- If you see a swarm of bees, call 1-800-spy-bees (the swarm hotline).
- Each hive has a queen bee.
- Bees fly from 2-3 miles.
- Bees are raised for pollination and honey. Go to Twinlakeshoney.com
- Honeybees are less aggressive than wasps if managed well.
- The Dennisons have fenced in the hives to keep dogs out.

Warning for mosquito spraying:

- Laurent Mondamert will send the number for where to be notified about when the trucks will come around to spray for mosquitos.

Architecture Committee:

Karen Ryerson

Ellen Mains

Steven Hobbs

They have asked for 2 more volunteers to help on the committee since summer is a popular time for requests and often the members of the AC are out of town. Please offer your services to help keep our neighborhood as we want it to be.

Sharing of Responsibilities:

Milan Sefcik managed ALL of the responsibilities of our HOA with great skill and energyand always with a smile. At this time there is no one who is willing to assume all of the necessary tasks required to run our community efficiently. Members were asked to volunteer for a task. The following members volunteered. Please contact them if you have a question about their specific task:

Snow removal: Matt Samet 970-817-3324. Brandon Creek will not be plowed until there is more than 3-4 inches of snow. We ask that AMP not plow until the snow has stopped.
720-560-6316

Slash clean-up and Tree planting: Jeff Tupala 307-766-3516 **PLEASE TEXT ONLY.** The slash is from the ditch clean-up....and there is a lot of debris in the woods behind the houses between the cul-de-sac and the stream. It was suggested that we buy a chain saw for use by the members....Milan suggested we rent a dumpster to haul away the slash.

DORA: Susan Soklin 303-548-0483. This volunteer will keep abreast of all new rules and regulations put out by the Dept of Regulatory Agencies.

Finances and Online Records: Laurent Mondamert 303-581-9455. Laurent will be in touch with Bonnie concerning dues , liens, bill payments, and giving information to Susan Winter who keeps our website up-to-date.

Irrigation and grounds maintenance: AMP Landscaping Erick 720-560-6316

Bicycle Path: Mike Rogakis Boulder Dept of Transportation 720-564-2650

Tree Planting: Jeff Tupala 307-766-3516 **TEXT ONLY.** Young saplings will be planted on our common grounds.

Monitoring grounds' maintenance: Leni Buhler 303-547-4850

Any questions for Twin Lakes Condos: Mollenkopf Property Management 720-810-4626

Board Elections:

No change in officers from 2017.