FLOA meeting minutes for Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, May 15th, 2021 at the Forest Lakes community center

Board members attending: Shane Williams, Donna Brunton, Gabrielle Zornes, Cal Phillips, Rosanne Smith, Shari Massion and Larry Prather.

Members absent: Mack Hume and James DePriest

The acting president Shane called the meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm.

Minutes: Shari made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting from September, 2020. Cal seconded and the minutes were accepted by unanimous YES vote.

Treasure’s Report and Membership: Donna reported that there were 541 paid members as of April 2021. In 2020 there were 579 members paid by this time. Dues collected for 2021 as of May 13, total collected was $26,048. Breakdown of that for dues was $15,990, and over and above collected was $10,058. Compared to 2020 year, total collected was $26,047 for dues and that breakdown consisted of dues $17,370, and over and above was $8677. The total amount in the bank comes to $59,295.00 and includes the payment for the new ramadas and insurance for 2021. Rose motioned to approve the report and Shari seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous YES vote.

Judy Begay (Supervisor for District 4) and Cheryl L. Barlow (District Director for District 4) from the Coconino County Board introduced themselves and spoke about large and small community issues and how we can all work together to solve them. We look forward to working on future projects with them and with Coconino County.

Working meetings: The Board had several work session meetings during 2020 and 2021. There was discussion to transfer the Green Waste Site permit to the Forest Lakes Fire Department. The motion was emailed by Shari on January 15 and seconded by James. The vote was carried by a 6 YES votes. There were 2 NO votes. There was another discussion to purchase all 7 ramadas while they were on sale. Cal emailed the motion on April 20, James seconded and the motion carried with 8 YES votes.

Summer Events: The calendar of summer events are on the FLOA website. Concerts and additional events will be added as future dates are set.

Rummage Sale: FLOA will have a rummage sale on Memorial weekend (May 28, 29 and 30th) barring any CDC changes. Shari is in charge and accepting donations.

Summer Markets: Shari is the contact for any market questions. Judy Summers will oversee the June market as Shari has other commitments.

The dates will be June 5, July 3 and August 7.

Highway Cleanup: Thursday, June 3. Bags, pickup sticks and vests will be provided.

There is also a proposed area trash pickup/social hour (different from the highway cleanup including surrounding areas, lakes, Rim trail, etc.) dates and details TBA.

Free fishing day and derby: June 5 is free fishing day in Arizona and will be celebrated in Forest Lakes at the pond. This event is sponsored by Arizona Game and Fish.

Blood Drive: Saturday, June 12th from 10am-2pm.

Charity Ride Parade: 4th of July weekend

Hunter Safety Training: July 10th and 11th

VBS: July 12th-17th. More details to follow.

The Charity Ride Parade has requested that FLOA co-sponsor the event and pay the associated fees. The amount would be $272.52 (quote from the Bennetts) Gabrielle made a motion to pay these fees, Cal seconded and the motion was carried with a unanimous YES vote.

Community Center Renovations: Cal has added/moved many items over the last year. The bathroom was redone, bathtub removed and laundry sink added to wash oversized items. The A/C unit was taken off of the wall and replaced siding to match existing wall. An unused door was removed and 6 new outlets were added as well.

Ramadas: We were scheduled to build 2 ramadas in 2020 but due to covid there was no construction at all. In 2021 there was discussion and agreement about adding a total of 8 (12’x16’) Yardistry ramadas and that was Board approved in April of 2021. The cost for this model that FLOA purchased is approximately $3,300 each including concrete slabs and bolts. A site built ramada not including footings would be approximately $4,800 (way up from $2,900 in 2019). It was recommended that all the ramadas be anchored to concrete slabs with a cost for that not to exceed $20,000. Cal made the motion to approve, Shari seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Shane mentioned that anyone wanting to sponsor a ramada would pay $2,000 and the price would include a plaque. Sponsorship money will go back in the FLOA bank account to offset the initial cost of purchase.

Community Park: Shari has really worked to contact people and discuss having a park across the street from the community center. Liz Krug from Coconino County Parks and Rec and Debbie Roznovak from the Black Mesa Ranger station have agreed to help us move forward to make this happen. They can help us with grant writing as well. We are hoping to get a use permit which is the easiest and least time consuming way of obtaining this land.

Phone Book: We are working on finalizing the 2021 phone book printing. The last printing was in 2019 and we skipped 2020. The cost will remain $2.00. We are handing out the last few copies of the 2019 printing for free.

Election: The FLOA election is normally held in September each year but due to Covid in 2020 we did not have that option. For 2021 we had an election at the May meeting and will have an additional election at the September meeting and will be back on the correct election time frame. Shane also became acting president after Wayne Rothwell passed away in 2020. Shane, Mack and Cal were up for reelection last September. Mack decided not to run again and both Shane and Cal opted to run again so that left one Board member vacancy. Quentin Tolby was nominated from the floor at the meeting and since there were three open spots and three candidates, Shari made a motion to accept all candidates, Rose seconded and all candidates were approved by a unanimous YES vote.

The Board then retired briefly and upon returning announced that the officers would be: Shane Williams as president, Quentin Tolby as vice president, Donna Brunton as treasurer and Gabrielle Zornes as secretary.

There was a brief discussion about possibly having a judge come to Forest Lakes once a month to deal with local ticketing issues and make it easier for the Sheriff’s office to deal with these items. Nothing was decided.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.