

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cassidy then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Fred Witte.

Mr. Cassidy made a motion to appoint Tom Duffy as Secretary of the Board and Mary Rubini as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. Ms. Rubini then swore in Mr. Cassidy as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cassidy swore in Mr. Duffy and Ms. Rubini .

ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Battreall took attendance. Present: Ms. Salerno, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Janecek, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. Myers, Ms. Natiello, Mr. Norcross, Mr. O'Toole, Ms. Rubini and Mr. Andrews. Absent: Ms. Waltzer.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Myers made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2016 meeting. Mr. O'Toole seconded. Mr. Janecek asked for some minor changes. Pursuant to the changes, all in favor except Mr. Norcross, who abstained.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:

Mrs. Visbal spoke about the application from her neighbor at 18 VLSD to install an awning. She feels that it will obstruct her view of the lake. Mr. Duffy explained the plan that Mr. Mullane had submitted. Mr. Duffy said he would ask Mr. Mullane to cut the awning back 1 ½ feet and that he would allow it if Mr. Mullane agrees to giving us a new plan.

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS BELOW:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON:

No report

VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

No Report

VICE-PRESIDENT:

No report

SECRETARY:

Mr. Duffy read the following:

The office will be closed on Friday, April 22nd.

Once the new Rules and Regulations are completed, the office will be publishing a new directory with the Rules in the same book. Directory forms will go out with July billing and hopefully this new book will be ready for the October mailing, so it will include new Board information after the Annual Meeting.

The office is coordinating a Blood Drive for July 14th. The Paint Night organized by Ms. Battreall was a great success and another will be planned for the fall.

The office thanks Carol Harting for a great issue of the Vails Voice.

Also, thank you to Zachary O'Loughlin for replacement the nets on the basketball hoops.

TREASURER/FINANCE:

Mr. O'Toole reported the following:

Cindy and I met with Bruce Cote and Mary Devine from M&T Bank about different options regarding getting more return on our money. Presently we have accounts which receive -.10%, 0.08% and -.04%. There are options but they include time commitment and some different risks. As M&T cannot put these options in writing, your report in the Board packet summarizes to a degree for your review. We will be inviting Mr. Cote to come to our next meeting to give the same presentation he gave us to have all options explained in full.

I'm glad to report that at this time, we do not have anyone more than two quarters in arrears and therefore no motions to send anyone to legal. We are presently at 26.2% of our budget at the end of the first quarter which is always a good start to the year.

Mr. Duffy suggested that we raise the amount of finance charges to get more return on our money if people pay late.

ETHICS:

No report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Mr. Moore reported the following:

Water main leak at the mailboxes on Ramp 1. Excavation done by Butler Excavation and pipe repair made by All Star Plumbing. Pavilion docks are in. Boat slip applications are now in the office. Catch basins were cleaned by Three D Maintenance. Two new lifeguard chairs are finished and painted. Final proof for the emergency ramp signs are in. North End brush pile almost full. Discuss best options going forward.

Mr. Norcross suggested that we ask Butler Excavating one solid day of work on the NE pile and see how far he gets.

SUNSHINE:

Ms. Battreall read report:

Best wishes for speedy recoveries are sent to Susan Maynard, Janet O'Loughlin, Tom Duffy and John Collins. We are saddened to report the recent passing of Fred Witte, long-time resident and past Board Member and also the passing of John Larkins mother. We also received a thank you note from Janet O'Loughlin.

MEMBERSHIP:

Ms. Natiello made a motion to approve application from Richard and Barbara for a Home Equity Loan pursuant to receiving appraisal showing no more than 80% financing. Ms. Myers seconded. Ms. Rubini abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

REAL ESTATE:

Mr. Duffy made a motion to allow Dan Mullane of 18 VLSD to install a roofed overhang on the southern portion of the house. The dimensions of the structure will be 8.5 feet long by 20 feet wide with a peaked roof. This will be an open air structure with no side walls. Neighbor letters have been sent. This is pursuant to us receiving an updated plan for the office to stamp and approve.

Ms. Myers seconded. Ms. Salerno opposed. All others in favor.

PAVILION:

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve application from Joan Visbal for small room rental. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

OMBUDSMAN:

Ms. Myers reported that the issue with Mr. Matakchieris dogs has been taken care of.

INSURANCE:

No Report

BOATS RAMP/NORTH END:

No Report

PUBLIC HEALTH/PUMPHOUSE:

No report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

No Report

PLEC:

No Report

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

No Report

LEGAL:

Ms. Rubini reported the following:

At the last Board meeting, I was asked to write to the O'Loughlins regarding the removal of their fine, the Larkins regarding requiring their dog to be muzzled at all times when outside and to the bank regarding changing the Stock and Lease into the name of the bank from Simone Havel regarding a foreclosure. All three correspondences have gone out and no further correspondence has been received.

AESTHETICS:

No Report

RECREATION:

Just a reminder that our first Trivia Night will be on Friday May 6 at 7 pm in the Pavilion. \$5 per person and BYOB. Teams of between 2-6 people will compete and we hope to have a ton of fun. Snacks and mixers provided. Please RSVP to the office by May 1. Hope to see you all there.

BEACH:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Duffy reported that the Town of North Salem Building Department informed him that regarding 14 Locust, which is now an empty lot, we could submit a house plan to see if we could be approved to build a house and sell it.

A Board member asked if solar panels are allowed. They are as they go directly onto the individual house roof. The Board does ask that an application is submitted first so we can see exactly what is being done.

Reverse mortgages were discussed. We have never had one here.

Ms. Rubini reported that the Committee working on the Veterans Memorial met. Mr. Andrews suggested a Bronze plaque which would not cost a lot and could be easily added to. He suggested it be placed by the flagpole.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.p.m.