

**VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**BOARD MEETING**

**February 17, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Salerno called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Battreall took attendance. Present: Mr. Andrews, Ms. DiDomenico, Mr. Janecek, Mr. LaRocca, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. Myers, Ms. Mytych, Ms. Olimpieri, Ms. Rubini, Ms. Salerno, Mr. Waltzer. Absent: Ms. Broderick and Mr. Duffy.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve the minutes from the January minutes. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:**

Mr. Collins reported that a light was out on Vail's Lake Shore Drive and that the covers on the streetlights make the light too bright. He also stated that he will be the Grand Marshall at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

**COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS**

Mr. Paul Wicha sent a letter to the office, requesting that paving is done on the south side of the 6-car garage. The Board will follow-up and get prices for this.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Ms. Myers made a motion to allow Theresa and Chris Steffen of 74 Vail's Lake Shore Drive to rent their house for a one-year lease at a time. Mr. Waltzer seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**CHAIRPERSON: JULIANN SALERNO**

It is with much gratitude and appreciation that on behalf of the Board of Directors I thank Jay Moore for his past eighteen plus years of service to Vail's Grove. Mr. Moore has informed the board that he will be leaving his position on March 4. The Board and I wish Jay the best in his future endeavors and hope that the next chapter is wonderful. Jay, has been in Vail's for 18 years, he has been a valued employee for the Grove, and he has been a friend to many. He has taken care of the Buildings and Grounds in Vails with much love and care. Thank you again Jay for your service to this community. Good Luck, we will miss you. The Board will begin the process of finding a replacement for this position as soon as possible.

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON: NR**

**VICE-PRESIDENT: NR**

**SECRETARY/ OFFICE: TOM DUFFY**

The office has obtained used, beautiful furniture from a company that is giving it away. The office will be painted, carpet cleaned or replaced, most items are moved out of office. Once the new furniture comes next week, work will begin on cleaning files prior to them being brought back into office.

Ms. Battreall was relentless in contacting NYSEG daily and the light at 69 has been changed and is working.

East of Hudson fully executed agreement has been brought to office. They will be starting sometime in March. We will have advanced notice. Catch Basins will be cleaned prior to that. They use the same company we use so we are hoping to either save money this year or Mr. Kevin Kirkpatrick from East of Hudson said we might need to pay some of the cost. However, if Three D needs to clean them, I think we should only need to pay for the ones they are not putting screens in.

A Blood Drive in Memory of Hank Myers will be held on Friday, April 22. We are no longer hosting Blood Drives once a month.

The 2022 Directory will be mailed in a few days.

**TREASURER: ELLEN MYTYCH**

Ms. Mytych reported on Profit and Loss and said that all is on track.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

Mr. Janecek made a motion to grant Salem Landscaping the snow/lawn contract for 2 years beginning on April 1, 2022. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor motion approved.

Ms. Myers made a motion to pay Mr. Moore for the 15 days remaining vacation time. Mr. Waltzer seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**PAVILION:**

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve Barbara Bigler application for large room on April 2, 2022, from 3:30 – 9:30. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve Carmen Hurtado for use of large room for \$1200 on June 18, 2022, for a Quinceanera, Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve Brewster Cub Scout Pack 1 for large room on March 19, 2022, from 9 am to 4 pm for their Pinewood Derby race. They have used Pavilion two times in past and have been wonderful renters. Please see attached letter. And I know Dawn and family personally. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Janecek made a motion to waive the fee for the Boy Scouts. Mr. Waltzer seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. DiDomenico said she would investigate prices to upgrade certain aspects of the Pavilion.

**REAL ESTATE: TOM DUFFY**

Ms. Myers made a motion to extend approval for house expansion per letter received from Fran and Kerry Tolan. It has been over a year since they were approved, and they are following the rules. Ms. Olimpieri seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**LEGAL: MARY RUBINI**

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve the addition of Cathleen A. Smith to the stock and lease of Edward Smith. We have received approval from their bank, Putnam County Savings Bank. Cathy is a very long time resident and previous owner as Cathy Huntington. She sold her house on Maple Lane to her son and his wife. This approval is for 60 Vail's Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Myers seconded. Ms. Rubini abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

**BOAT RAMP/NORTH END: PATRICK MCGUINNESS**

Letters have gone out to those who are storing their boats/trailers in the North End requesting payment for 2022/2023. Payments have been coming into office.

**RECREATION: JULIANN SALERNO**

Speed Limit: Neighbors and friends, as you all know, or if you do not allow me to tell you, the speed limit on roads in Vails Grove is a posted ten miles per hour. I will tell you that NONE of us in this community drives a vehicle at 10MPH. Why I can state this is two reasons, first, I have been trained as a police officer in speed observation and can estimate speed within 2 miles an hour, secondly, I have made a conscious effort over the last 2 weeks to consistently look at my speedometer and drive the car at only 10 miles an hour and at that speed people walking in the grove are going faster than my car. While that may appear funny, (and it is a bit funny), what is not funny is that at speeds faster than ten on our roads a serious incident is just waiting to happen. It is an animal being hit and injured or worse, a child being hit. I cannot stress to all of

you how horrible it is to respond to a serious or even a fatal accident. WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN HERE! There will be some of you who say that it is not us who live here that are speeding, and I will tell you that most of the speeders are homeowners in the Grove. We need to start paying more attention to our speed. I implore you to pay attention to your speedometers while you are driving around our beautiful community and to encourage others that you see speeding to SLOW DOWN!!! A robo-call will go out reminding residents that they will be getting letters and fines if seen speeding. The Board of Directors will take action and names will be published in the Vails Voice and the Facebook page and a Flyer.

**WELCOME: DENISE ANDREWS**

We received a lovely thank you note from Sandra Yablonski for the welcome basket. She stated “we love Vail’s Grove and feel very blessed to be part of this beautiful community.”

**PLEC: JACK WALTZER**

Mr. Waltzer wanted to clear up any questions about the clearing of the brook. Mr. Waltzer stated that there is money in the PLEC bank account, some of which could be made available for the brook clearing, if the PLEC Board agreed to do so.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Waltzer stated that the Executive Board can make decisions and then ask the entire Board to ratify. He asks for the Executive Board to inform the rest of the Board by e-mail what action they are taking at the time it occurs. This will be discussed at next Executive session.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.**