

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

January 15, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Cassidy took attendance: Present: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Enos, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. McHale, Ms. Myers, Mr. Norcross, Ms. Rubini, Mr. Ryan and Ms. Waltzer. Absent: Ms. Mytych and Ms. Natiello.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2012 meeting. Mr. Cassidy seconded. Mr. Duffy asked for the following to be added to the minutes in the Real Estate section in reference to 93 Vail's Lake Shore Drive: "a second floor addition will be added". and in reference to 45 and 55 Vail's Lake Shore Drive, they are both installing generators. Abstained: Ms. Myers, Ms. Rubini and Mr. Norcross.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS BELOW:

1. Mr. Ryan discussed an e-mail that the Board received from a Stockholder of Maple Lane, concerning residents parking on the street. This is an issue that is against the Rules and residents were contacted. If the issue continues, warning letters and then fines will be imposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON:

Mr. Ryan reported the following:

We have had our first snowfall and all seems well. The streets were plowed and cleaned very well after the storm. Our insurance policy was renewed on the last business day of December 2012. Many thanks to Maureen McHale for her tremendous work in sorting out the different proposals and making it a clear choice between two (2) brokers. We have enabled a "robo" call notification for all board members in the event that we need to disseminate information quickly to members. Progress is being made towards replacing the water storage tanks and the pump house at the North End.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Ms. Waltzer, Chair of the Pump House committee, reported the following:

Ms. Waltzer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. Heuschkel and Mr. Waltzer met to discuss the new pump house. Mr. Paul Lynch, engineer on this project, could not attend. The Department of Health will not allow us to use the old pump house. We must build a new one. A year was wasted trying to modify the old pump house but the DOH will not allow it. The new site would be just north of where the present tanks are buried. The ground is higher and dryer than the area in the field to the south of the pump house. Putnam Engineering was unable to attend this meeting and is asking to meet with committee members this Saturday, January 12, at the site to review it in order to go forward with this site plan approval process. Mr. Lynch will go to town meeting on February 11. The Finance committee will meet to discuss how this project will be funded.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

No Report

TREASURER:

No Report

SECRETARY:

Mr. Cassidy reported: The last Board meeting was December 18 and the office was then closed from December 24 until January 2. Everyone should have now received the mailing that was sent out during the week of January 2-4, which included the new directory, bills, tax letter, Chair letter, budget, and sewer information letter. A robo-call just for board members has been set up. Please inform the office which number you will receive these calls on. Peter Rossi, our Independent Auditor will be here all day on January 23 for our 2012 Financials preparation.

ETHICS:

No report

FINANCE:

No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Ms. Waltzer read the following report:

Generator contractors were thanked and the chosen contractor is in the process of obtaining permits. Deposit was received by contractor. The generator has been ordered and may be shipped in 10 days to 2 weeks.

Bushes and brush were cleared for the generator pad installation. Generator pad should be installed within a week depending on the weather.

Some swings were taken down due to an accident that damaged the support legs. Repair is in the works.

The flagpole was broken during a strong storm and a new pole is being pursued. Ground is frozen so this repair will be done when the weather warms up.

Lawn contract is almost ready and should be sent out for bids by the end of January. We are adding the fall leaf clean-up to the contract spec letter.

Ms. Myers complimented Tompkins Lawn and Landscaping for the very good job they have been doing on snow plowing.

REAL ESTATE:

No Report

INSURANCE:

Ms. McHale reported the following:

Happy and Healthy New Year to all. We start off 2013 with a new insurance policy. The insurance companies involved (SKCG and Bruen Deldin DiDio) did an amazing job of acquiring the best possible quotes and we appreciate the time and effort that went into making the proposals submitted by each company. After careful consideration the Board voted and our present company SKCG was retained for another year. As per our last discussion a letter has been drafted and sent to the insurance company representing the woman who accidentally ran into our swing set. The Board decided they felt more comfortable having the insurance company either send out a professional to fix the damaged swing set or replace the damaged swing set altogether. We are awaiting their response. The swing set should be safeguarded from any use until it is repaired as was discussed in our November meeting.

TREES:

No report

SUNSHINE:

Ms. Enos reported the following: Congratulations to Pat McShea on the birth of a new grandson, Seamus, born on New Year's Eve. Best wishes to Joan Mullins and Kerry Tolve and her son Vincent for speedy recoveries.

MEMBERSHIP:

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve the application for re-financing from Melissa and Ron Sarno, pursuant to receiving the appraisal. Ms. Enos seconded. Ms. Rubini abstained. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve the rental application for Ken and Esther Strnad to rent 83 Vail's Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve an application for re-financing from Nick and Julie Stevenson, pursuant to receiving the appraisal. Ms. Enos seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

BOAT RAMP:

No Report

WWTP:

No report

PAVILION RENTAL:

No Report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

No report

OMBUDSMAN:

No Report

LEGAL:

No Report

RECREATION:

Ms. Cassidy sent the following report:

Mary Rubini, Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Recreation Committee for many years, has stepped down. We thank her for all she has done and all the great parties over the years. Mary does plan on playing an active role in future events.

The Committee hosted the Christmas Party on December 22, which was attended by the largest crowd we have had. 80 adults and 40 children enjoyed an evening filled with Gingerbread houses, Santa's arrival and gift giving for the children, and dancing the night away. The Committee would like to thank Cindy Battreall and James Collins for their help.

The Valentine's Day Tea will be held on Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm in the Pavilion.

A tentative calendar of events for the year will be published in the next Vail's Voice.

AESTHETICS:

No Report

PUMPHOUSE/PUBLIC HEALTH:

Mr. Waltzer sent the following report: Pump House operations normal. December 2012 report to Putnam County Department of Health submitted by Kathleen Heuschkel. Site for new Pump House recommended to Engineer.

BEACH:

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

LEND A HAND:

No Report

WELCOME:

No Report

Ms. Waltzer discussed the roots of the tree on Marie Fagan's' property, which was damaged when Joken was putting in the grinder pump. GHD stated that they have no responsibility in this. We will have Ms. Fagan get in touch with GHD and/or Warren Lucas to try to get some help on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.