

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Salerno called the meeting to order at 8:07 and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Mr. Andrews, Ms. Broderick, Mr. Early, Mr. Janacek, Mr. LaRocca, Ms. Mytych, Ms. Olimpieri, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Myers, Ms. Rubini, Ms. Salerno, and Mr. McGuinness. Mr. Duffy stated that Mr. Jack Waltzer is absent in body but here in spirit.

Ms. Salerno then read the following, written by her: I would like to start this meeting by taking a moment to recognize the missing board member. Jack Waltzer was an outstanding human being. Jack has not only been a long-standing member of our community but he also has served on this board for many years. Jack was not only a dedicated husband, he was a friend to all. Jack had a wealth of knowledge about all things Peach Lake and Vail's Grove and he made sure that all of us on this board were kept to that high standard of knowledge. Jack and Ronnie have both been on this board. It was Ronnie who asked me to join the board, and Jack who explained to me how things worked. I would like to believe, and I do, that Jack Waltzer helped shape the way myself and others on this board treat and respect the values, rules, and principles that this board stands for. Many will remember when Jack approached Dennis Ryan regarding the Veterans Monument. Dennis told Jack to run with it and run he did. Jack single handedly raised most of the money to complete this project. He was so proud, and rightly so, as Jack being a veteran himself this project meant the world to him. Jack's dedication and commitment gave us all a beautiful monument to enjoy forever. When Frank died, Jack came to me and said that I should be the next chair, he was so supportive and loving in his guidance. I strive every meeting to make Jack proud and hope that I can continue to follow his lead. I will miss seeing Jack at our meetings, I will miss seeing him drive the lead car in the 4th of July parade but most of all I will miss his sweet smile and calm demeanor. This board of directors will certainly miss our friend and fellow board member Jack. Followed by a time of silence.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Myers made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 2022 minutes. Mr. Andrews seconded. Mr. McGuinness abstained. Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS BELOW:

Mr. Early is proposing that either twice a year or in the quarterlies, we need to remind people of the rules of the road here at Vail's Grove. We need to reinforce the speed limit and residents need to remind their visitors. Proposal to Vails Grove Cooperative Board

Subject: Driver safety education program

The notice could be sent out bi-annual or with VG quarterly.

- Reinforce existing driving and road rules of VG.

Reduce speed, no tailgating, courtesy to other drivers, consider width of road before passing and parking (certain roads are almost 1 lane) emphasize the importance of 10 MPH in the community for safety. Keep an eye out and use caution for the many children / baby carriages / pedestrians / joggers / bicyclists. Board should consider additional speed limit 10 MPH and Caution Children at Play signage.

The office will speak to FedEx about the speed limit here in Grove, will call the Southeast Sherriff to ask if they can drive around the Grove as a "presence". Mr. Early will follow through with some of the suggestions. In addition, it was suggested that more 10 MPH be placed around the Grove.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON: JULIANN SALERNO

As we begin this new year, I would like to take the time to acknowledge all the members of this board and this community who have been instrumental in keeping things here at Vail's Grove running smoothly and efficiently.

It goes without saying that without good employees, even the best of businesses would fail. Our office manager, Cindy keeps the daily operation of this place running like a top. Many stockholders come into the office daily for advice and guidance and it is always given with the utmost respect and confidence. There are several board members who interact with Cindy almost daily, Ellen with all the financial advice and guidance. Mary, with anything and everything legal. David, who stayed on top of our insurance, and managed with Cindy and Ellen to find a company with a far more competitive price for our insurance needs. Pat, who makes sure that our water system and pumps are working. Tom, who is the liaison between Cindy and the rest of the board, but who will work with Cindy on almost anything related to benefiting Vail's Grove, and of course the one board member who is at the office and at the ready every single day, Hugh. Hugh's work ethic and his commitment to this community and to all the stockholders and residents is one of the reasons that Vail's Grove is a place where people want to move to. While this past year has been a challenge for the B&G committee, not once did Hugh complain (well maybe once or twice) ☺ but whatever was asked of him, he came through and for that, the board thanks you.

I also want to acknowledge our other employees, even though they are part time, and that is the Vail's Grove Lifeguards. I received so many compliments this past summer on the terrific job they were doing. But I will not let that go to anyone's head and I will hold each and every guard responsible to do better. This community is only as good as those who are a part of it. Each one of us who live here bear a responsibility to others. We need to remember that while we may not agree with everything or every rule, it is those rules that make this one of the greatest places to live in New York. Finally, I want to thank all the volunteers who stepped in to assist this past year with many, many things. I would not want to name names because if I forget anyone, I will never hear the end of it. But you know who you and we thank you for caring enough to help. As we move ahead into 2023, we hope that we can complete more capital projects and make our community even better.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: NR

VICE-PRESIDENT: NR

SECRETARY/ OFFICE: TOM DUFFY/CINDY BATTREALL

Happy New Year to all. As you might have noticed, the office has not published a new Directory this year. Things were too busy to be able to proceed. The office will have an update form in the July mailing and get the new Directory out after the Annual meeting with the changes included.

Working with Petr Trlica has been a pleasure. He is a lovely man, and we communicate well, and things are getting completed quickly.

The office asks Board members to check emails, hopefully daily, as there are time sensitive items that need feedback.

Thank you so much to Ellen Mytych and David Janecek. As you all know, the 2023 insurance costs were going up quite a bit. Thanks to Ellen for her recommendation and David for getting right on it. It was a challenge as it was right before the holidays and time was of the essence. But it is done, we have a new broker, much better prices and again, thank you.

TREASURER: ELLEN MYTYCH NR

PAVILION: CINDY BATTREALL

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve Pavilion rental for August 26, 2023, to Marisol Ramos for Quinceanera. Ms. Rubini seconded. All in favor.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve Pavilion rental for September 9, 2023, to Jill Olimpieri. Ms. Rubini seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP: JILL OLIMPIERI, HUGH ANDREWS, JULIANN SALERNO

Ms. Olimpieri made a motion to approve rental renewal from Penny Feder at 93 Vails Lake Shore Drive to Jesse Urban/Gianna Valentia for another year. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Olimpieri made a motion to approve rental from Nick Stevenson to William Carbonari from 2/2/23 to 6/30/23. Ms. Myers seconded.

INSURANCE: DAVID JANECEK

The following attempt to provide a condensed recap of what transpired concerning VG's Insurance coverage in the last few days of 2022.

On or about December 20th, our insurance agent (Assured Partners) reached out and informed us that VG's was going to see a massive increase in 2023. The main portion of this increase was to our umbrella policy. The total insurance price was going to be increased from \$50K (2022 cost) to over \$92K in 2023.

Upon learning of the proposed increase, we immediately searched for new providers. Conducted site tours with brokers. Reviewed proposals with industry experts and decided to move our agency relationship to State Farm.

State Farm was able to provide VG coverage at the same limits, terms and conditions as VG was receiving in 2022 for a significant cost savings. We will be paying just over \$22K for all our insurance coverage. This is a \$70K savings over what Assured partners would have charged us in 2023. Thanks to Hugh, Petr, Dave Bruen, Cindy for assisting the Insurance Chair – Thank you to Ellen Mytych for the referral to State Farm.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: HUGH ANDREWS

Mr. Andrews introduced Petr Trlica to the Board. Things are getting done and Mr. Andrews would like to start painting the Pavilion, changing the floor, etc. Mr. Janecek asked what the Pavilion schedule is in the next few months. Ms. Battreall will check the Pavilion schedule, then colors will be picked. Ms. Salerno asked Jill, Sarah, Joan and Petr to pick paint color. Ms. Myers made a motion to paint over the mural. Mr. Andrews seconded. Against: Ms. Rubini. All others in favor. Motion approved.

SUNSHINE: SUE ENOS

We are saddened to announce the passing of dear friend and dedicated Board member Jack Waltzer. Thank you for all your service to both our country and to Vail's Grove Cooperative. Our sincerest go out to Ronnie and her family – rest in peace Jack – you will be missed.

BOAT STORAGE:

Mr. Andrews made a motion to raise the fee storage to \$100 annual fee, Jan. 1-Dec. 1. Per space availability. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. We need to review with the Key Holders what the process is for giving out the keys.

Once all payments are received, each Key Holder will have a copy of payments. The key holders are Pat McGuinness, Dave Janecek, Hugh Andrews, Jill Olimpieri, Dave Bruen. There was discussion to purchase a camera at the Boat Storage area. The fee is for each spot. If you have a boat and trailer, the sticker will have the same number. If during the year, a boat is blocking you, please call them, not the office. Each boat has the name and phone number on it. The stickers will be put on the right front of the boat and trailer.

PUMPHOUSE: PAT MCGUINNESS

Report from VRI – Self Assessment Report for small water systems was given to Hugh Andrews, Mike Early and Pat McGuinness.

PLEC:

Mr. LaRocca reported that according to e-mails, the base flood elevation is from 2007, data collected 25-30 years ago. It has not been updated since then. Ms. Salerno stated that only ninety yards were cleaned out. Mr. LaRocca said they are trying to get money for the rest. Mr. LaRocca also reported they are also trying to determine if Peach Lake is eligible for that money.

LEGAL: MARY RUBINI

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve the transfer of Michelle and Andrew Gunnison house to a trust, with the Gunnison children named as trustees. Ms. Myers seconded. Ms. Rubini abstained. All in favor. Motion approved.

A letter needs to go to East of Hudson, as the signed agreement stated that they are responsible for any damage caused by the placement of catch basin filters. Ms. Battreall suggested that Vail's sends a letter to them, per their agreement. The agreement was between Vails and East of Hudson. Ms. Rubini will write a letter to East of Hudson, copying in Warren Lucas and Tony Hay.

RECREATION: JULIANN SALERNO/SARAH BRODERICK

Hello all you fellow FOOTBALL Lovers. We will be holding our NFL Championship Football Sunday Party on Sunday January 29th. The event will begin one half hour before the first game. Come join us for some football food and watch the game. BYOB. We will also have our Vail's Grove Superbowl Pool Boxes for Sale. \$10.00 per box. Cash only please.

FOOD DONATION:

We received thank you notes from Brewster Food Pantry for the donations from Vails each month. We also received a Thank You note from Brewster Fire Department for our donation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.