

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

**BOARD MEETING**

**September 17, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Ms. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2020 meeting. Mr. McGuinness seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. Ms. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the short Board meeting held immediately after the Annual Meeting on September 13, 2020. Mr. Andrews seconded. Mr. Duffy and Mr. Sarno abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON:**

Ms. Salerno read the Conflict of Interest form prior to the Board members signing, to refresh all about the content.

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** No report

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** No report

**SECRETARY:**

The office will be closed Sept. 18, 21, 22 and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please have all submissions to Carl Harting for the October Vails Voice by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

We have hired VRI to be our licensed water operator at the rate of \$450 per month plus testing fees. If we did not have a licensed operator as of June 1, major fines could be assessed by

PCDOH and NYS Health. We have never had the need to pay for this in the past. This totals \$5400 for the year.

We currently have a lot of re-finances and sales going on. Houses do not stay on market for long. The office is very busy with those.

#### **TREASURER:**

Ms. Mytych will have a draft 2021 budget for discussion at the October meeting. Right now the budget is on target.

#### **FINANCE/INSURANCE:**

Ms. Battreall reported that we have once again received a refund from Flanders – which is our Workers Compensation Safety Group. This is always good news as it means our group's claims were low.

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

Water leak reported on Hickory. Butler excavation and Clark plumbing repaired the leak in the 2 inch water main going up Hickory...

Water reported down in the ballfield by the tennis courts believed to be water leak from a well pump. Butler excavation and Clark plumbing repaired the leak in the 2 inch water line.

Laurel oak landscaping has performed many days of tree cutting/ pruning and storm debris clean up.

Shock electric was called into the pump house for some minor Electrical issues... Problem has been resolved.

Foley's pump service was in to the pump house to check on an alarm alerting us to low flow problems in the pump house. New backflow preventers were installed also new flow switches were installed.

Buildings and grounds had Laurel oak landscaping in to take down and remove many large trees from the beach and the beach area.

Water leak repair was done on white oak... Butler excavation and Clark plumbing repaired a 3/4 inch service line to 80 Vails Lake shore drive that was leaking.

Boat storage area is being weed wacked again in preparation for winter storage.

Buildings and grounds is starting to close up the beach putting away all the rental equipment. Ropes and floats to follow...

When available Re used leaf bags can be found stacked outside the maintenance garage

**REAL ESTATE:**

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve application from Tim Myers at 73 Vail's Lake Shore Drive to install a hot tub in backyard on the west side of property. Letters were sent to neighbors. Ms. Myers seconded. Discussion was had and approval would be contingent upon Town of Southeast code about fences/gates. The Town code states that there needs to be a 48" fence with self-closing gate if the water depth is 24" deep. All in favor. Motion approved.

**SUNSHINE:** No Report

**PAVILION:**

Ms. Myers made a motion to approve rental application from Patrick McParland to use Pavilion on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. McGuinness seconded. Mr. Waltzer abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Myers made a motion to approve Pavilion rental application from O'Sullivan School of Dancing to use the Pavilion on various Wednesday evenings at the cost of \$400 monthly. Mr. Duffy seconded. Contingent on: Parents must stay in car and not come into the Pavilion, no recitals, no competitions. The school takes temperature of all students and has students submit health form each time they come in.

Mr. Waltzer abstained. For: Ms. Myers, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Janecek, and Mr. McGuinness. Against: Mr. Sarno, Mr. Andrews and Mr. LaRocca. Motion approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve membership application from Justin Werner to purchase 16 VLSD. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve rental renewal for another year for Jill McManus from John Hillner/Wendy Waring. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**LEGAL:** No Report

**BOATS RAMP/NORTH END:** No Report

**PUBLIC HEALTH/PUMPHOUSE:**

The great news is that Board member Patrick McGuinness has been certified as a license Water Operator. Thank you so much Pat for this commitment. As soon as Pat receives the certificate, we can inform VRI that their services will no longer be needed, thereby saving the Grove \$450 monthly. Volunteers are great!

**LEND A HAND:** No Report

**BEACH:**

Meghan Cassidy-Co Chair

Julie Salerno Co- Chair

The summer of 2020 at the beach was a very successful, albeit unusual one. The group of lifeguards did a fantastic job, as commented on by many beach goers and residents. Special thanks to Margaret Tolan and Thomas Martabano for assuming head guard duties and assisting with the schedule and other duties.

We would like to thank you all for adjusting to the no chairs and no beach toys due to Covid. We hope to bring back the chairs next season.

We also had a great many rentals of paddleboards and kayaks and we hope to add more to the inventory.

There was a scary incident on the very last day of beach season, Labor Day when a very large limb broke off of the tree and struck Leenie Tolan as she and her family tried to run from the area. Leenie suffered 2 broken bones in her back and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The trees at the beach were removed to prevent any further chance of injury to anyone else, and we will look into ways to enhance the beach experience next season.

On a personal note:

Frank was so involved with the beach and the lifeguards, his passion for it was like no other. He wanted to create a perfect retreat for residents and their guests to enjoy and I was honored to serve on this committee with him, if only for a couple of years. We will once again gather for beach events and parties and as the sun sets I will think of my friend Frank.

**PLEC:**

Mr. Waltzer stated that he will be asking PLEC about what to do about the white perch decimating the “good” fish in the lake and suggest perhaps they stock the lake with bass.

**RECREATION:** No Report

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**