

Dollar Point Association
Annual Membership Meeting
July 29, 2017
Upper Recreation Lawn Area
Final Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

President Steve Owles called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum of the membership was present in person or by proxy. Board members present were Steve Owles, Pat Cala, Carol Wilmar, Peter Newell, and Pat Tweedy. Sara Barnes, Association Manager, was present and took the minutes. Guest present was Ron Carson, Fire Prevention Officer with the North Tahoe Fire District.

Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the Members of the Association unanimously approved the Annual Membership Meeting minutes of July 30, 2016.

President's Report

President Steve Owles introduced the Board of Directors, as well as Sara Barnes, Association Manager; and Amy Ellis, Recreation Manager. Steve spoke about a successful 4th of July as well as the transition of Sara Barnes as Association Manager with the departure of Debbie Wolf.

Steve provided updates on the beach matters with the TRPA. He reported that Jan Brisco is working with the TRPA on our behalf in regards to our kayak and paddleboard racks and that they have, for the time being, eased up on requiring permits and shielding of the racks. Steve reported that he and Board Member, Pete Newell, will be coming up with a design for screening to present to the TRPA. Steve also provided an update on beach raking and that the TRPA has requested we obtain a grading permit to hand rake the beach. He stated that we will continue to work through this issue with Jan Brisco as well as the TRPA.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pat Cala reported that the Association has well-funded accounts to do the repairs that we need. She also reported that she and Sara Barnes, Association Manager, would be meeting with a representative from the Browning Reserve Group later in the week to do an on-site walkthrough of the facilities.

Fire Prevention Presentation

Guest, Ron Carson from the North Tahoe Fire Prevention District, arrived at 4:20 PM to discuss fire prevention and defensible space. He reported that the widespread tree mortality in the Sierra Nevada's is making its way into the Tahoe Basin. Ron spoke about a grant program being offered to Dollar Point homeowners that will assist in reimbursing homeowners for taking action on defensible space inspections provided by the fire department. He reported that the details are still being worked out on the process for obtaining a reimbursement.

Ron also encouraged members to report any neighboring houses or vacant lots that present a danger in case of a fire. He explained that it is a rather long process, but the Fire Department is becoming more proactive in finding and citing homeowners who don't care for their property. The Department will come and inspect if they are contacted and start the enforcement process. Ron also reported the Liberty Utilities will be doing their own tree removals near power lines over the next several years.

Personnel Committee Report

Pat Tweedy reported that the staff is here to make Dollar Point a fun atmosphere, keep everyone safe, and want to hear new ideas as well as feedback for how to improve the experience at both the pool and the beach. She also reminded everyone to direct feedback as well as complaints to the appropriate management persons, either Amy or Sara.

Pool & Social Committee Report

Carol Wilmar reported that after a big winter, the damage to the pool area was minimal and could have been much worse. She reported that new custom umbrellas for the pool have been ordered and will be arriving soon.

The Fabulous 4th of July party was amazing and was packed with members and guests, and the staff managed everything so well including the Bounce House and other fun activities. Carol complimented and thanked the staff for a successful party. Art & Wine was another success with around 150 guests in attendance. Fun Fridays have been a hit and the cooking abilities of the staff have improved, and in addition, there have been some additional healthy food options available this year. Water Aerobics are scheduled three times a week with Amy and Natalie. She reported there will be more “surprises” in store for August.

Tennis Committee Report

Steve Owles reported on behalf of Debbie Nicholson that the resurfaced lower courts look beautiful.

Playground Committee Report

Steve Owles reported that the Board is looking into replacing the existing playground and have received two quotes coming in around \$50,000 for a new playground.

Beach & Pier Report

Steve Owles reported that the lake is full which is welcomed after some low years.

Access Committee Report

Pete Newell reported on the survey that was sent out to the membership earlier in the summer in regards to charging for renter access to the facilities. He noted that of the 526 members, 327 returned the survey. He clarified that the survey was not a vote and that the Board has several considerations to make before implementing new changes. The Board has not made any decisions in regards to the survey and have not had a meeting since the results were made available. He reported on the outcome of the survey: 209 members responded “Yes” to the idea of charging renters for use of the facilities, 110 responded “No”, and 2% responded “Undecided”. In addition to the responses, Pete reported that there were many comments returned by the membership in addition to a lot of follow-up questions. He explained that the Board does not have any answers at the time as they have not met since the results were made available.

He reported the next steps would be that the Board would discuss the results and comments at the next Board Meeting and then an ad-hoc committee representing the membership would be formed to research further and report information and recommendations back to the Board.

A member asked for clarification on if the Board will be voting on whether to charge renters or not. He clarified that the Board will not be voting on anything at this time and that a committee of members will be formed to make suggestions to the Board.

Another member asked if there is data on how many homes are being rented in Dollar Point. Pete reported that based on the sign-in sheets, there are around 50% of the homes being rented. Steve Owles noted that due to timing, the questions would need to be tabled for discussion after the meeting.

Other Business

Steve Owles introduced member, Nancy Hardesty. Nancy spoke about a coloring book for children she is working on centered around Tahoe and local wildlife and is seeking an artist to help her complete it.

Member, Will Cogswell, complimented the success of Memorial Day Dumpster Day this year.

A member asked about the ongoing development across the highway from Dollar Point. Member, Ron Treabuss, provided clarification that they are continuing to extend the bike path and also have put in a parking lot for additional access to the bike path.

Election of the Board of Directors

The three incumbents were re-elected to serve on the Board for a two-year term: Steve Owles, Pat Cala, and Pat Tweedy.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.