

**Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes for August 3, 2009**

President John Beneke convened the meeting in the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station. Jim Landry, Jim Simmons, Mark Miller, Tom Eller. Joanne Wit, Bill Grace, Jessica McGee and Chuck Freeman were also present.

John Beneke welcomed the few homeowners present.

The minutes of the two previous sessions, as revised, were approved..

**Treasurer's Report:** Sonny Colvett was not present, but John Beneke had sent the financial report out via e-mail to all board members. He noted that approximately \$7K received from Gwen Vickers as residue from the entertainment fund had been deposited as a separate certificate of deposit. He also noted that a bill of \$7,900 had been paid for legal services, bringing our total expenses for legal services to a total of approximately \$19,000 over the past two years, which is below budget. The report was approved.

**Membership:** Jessica reported that there were 602 members as of the annual membership meeting, plus five new applications received at the meeting (only one of which has paid the annual fees, so far). Sandy noted that one complaint that she had received during the meeting was that a notice had not been sent out to prior members who had failed to pay by the deadline. She suggested that this is something to consider for the coming year.

**Legal/by-laws:** Nothing significant to report.

**Long Range Planning:** Jim Simmons reported that there was nothing significant to report, but that a meeting was scheduled at the end of the month..

**Office/Social:** the President appointed Joanne Wit to fill this chair, and there was nothing significant to report.

**Top of the Bald:** Chuck Freeman reported the deadline for articles for the next issue was the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. He requested that all submissions be made directly to the editorial board, i.e. John Beneke and Jim Linkenauger.

**Garden Club:** Jessica McGee reported that the Hampton Gap mail Kiosk was planted last Thursday at a cost of approximately \$300. She further reported that additional plantings will be added at McKinney Gap/El Miner and that the next projects were planned for Black bear Road and the Preserve Pavilion.

**Old Business:**

- **Waste Management:** Joanne Jackson reported on the latest meetings of the Madison County committee working this issue and indicated that she would provide an extensive article for the *Top of the Bald* on the issue.

- Ray's Weather: John Beneke reported that the site in continuing to operate effectively and indicated that the two web cams were up and operating, although sunshine was posing a problem at certain times of the day.

#### New Business:

- John Beneke reported that his goals for the next year as President:
  - Continue to build a sense of community
  - Bridge the gap with the developer
- John announced the following appointments
  - Roads Maintenance and Security Board Representatives – incumbents will continue (Beneke, Elder, Linkenauger, McGee)
  - Office/Social – Joanne Wit
  - Legal/Bylaws – Mark Miller
  - Long Range Planning – Jim Simmons
  - Membership – Jessica McGee
- Capital Development Fund – Discussion was brief regarding this issue, which had been proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee and announced via the last *Top of the Bald* and at the annual membership meeting. A draft proposal on the initiative was passed out to board members and discussion and approval deferred to the next meeting.
- The question of whether to stick to the “first Monday” schedule for the next meeting, which is Labor Day, or change to another date, was raised. After discussion, the board elected to hold the meeting on schedule.
- Visitor Comments –
  - Terrill McGee announced that the Bylaws on Elections need to be clarified. At the direction of the President, he will work with Mark Miller and report back to the board to propose changes for approval at the next annual membership meeting.
  - Jessica McGee proposed that, from November to April, we explore the option of having conference calls (and a location to support such calls) for board meetings. This would permit virtual attendance by board members who were unable to physically attend and allow the general membership to dial in as well.
  - It was reported that Dave Marable has confirmed that shields were added to the lights in the Wolf Ridge Lodge parking area, as we had requested last year. The bad news is that they don't seem to shield very much.
  - Terrill McGee asked if an editorial page was going to be added to the *Top of the Bald*. In discussion, it appeared that this might be more of a “Letters to the editor” feature. In the discussion that followed, there was some concern that such a feature might be difficult to implement and that it might duplicate the current “Round Table” feature on our web site. The editorial board will consider this issue.
  - Mark Miller noted that there seemed to be a lot of good comments from the general membership regarding Jim Linkenauger's presentation of alternatives at the annual meeting. He also indicated that the option of using a service like “Go-to-Meetings” had been explored several years ago and it was determined that it was more difficult and more expensive a service than was desired.

- Terrill McGee stated that it was essential that any alert messages come out with the imprimatur of the board.
- Bill Aimone addressed the board and stated that there was a widely held misperception that there are no Friday Nighters any more. He stated that they continue to be held at the Village Pavilion, The board noted that these events were not sponsored by the WLPOA for all residents, but were a new service provided under the Bald Mountain Development Corporation's Amenities Program.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 6, 2009 at the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station at 10:00am.

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Charles W. Freeman, Secretary