

**Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes for March 4, 2009**

Note: the meeting was delayed by two days due to a real snowstorm – the heaviest of the season.

President Jim Landry convened the meeting at 10.00 in the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station. Counting proxies in hand, a quorum was present, with, Barby McQueen (Jessica McGee Proxy), John Beneke (Tom Eller Proxy), Jim Landry (Jim Linkenauger and Bill Grace Proxies), Richard Hansen and Chuck Freeman being present. Jim recognized the three visitors who were present (we all did, as they were Terrill McGee, Joanne Jackson and Kay Ryan).

After discussion the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: John Beneke reported that we now have approximately \$50k in assets, which will continue to climb as more membership fees are received. While we are still awaiting legal bills, which may be substantial, such asset levels may indicate that we should readdress the annual dues amount at the end of this year. John indicated that, per the report distributed earlier by email, we are under budget in almost every category, due to reduced costs in some instances and delayed expensing (pending the summer "season") in others. A new expense line entry has been added to the report for the Weather Service, which was not budgeted.

Membership: Jessica McGee was not present. Sandy reported that 390 folks (members and new property owners who were joining) had returned their membership forms and fees, as of the meeting.

Legal/by-laws: Nothing significant to report.

Long Range Plans: Nothing significant to report.

Office/Social: Barby McQueen reported that the Friday Nighters are on for 2009, with the first event possibly taking place on Memorial Day Weekend. Sandy Gwondo reported that she had purchased two fluorescent light units to replace faulty ones that are not operating in the office. Chuck Freeman promised to install them, but said it might be a little while due to commitments.

*Top of the Bald:* Chuck Freeman reported that, with Sandy's great help, the current issue had been folded, stuffed in the envelopes and delivered to the Post Office. He reminded everyone that the cycle never ends and articles would be appreciated. Deadline for the next issue for submissions is 15 April (coincidence? I think not!)

Garden Club: Nothing significant to report.

Old Business:

- Reference our earlier discussions on alerting residents during emergencies: Jim Landry reported that he had contacted Madison County Emergency Services, and Melissa says she gets a daily update from Verizon on any changes to the current land line listings. From that update, she adjusts 911 records.
- Solid Waste Disposal update: Jim Landry talked to Mr. Huff in Marshall. Contrary to prior years, where the practice apparently was allowed, no photo copies of cards will be accepted at the

Waste Transfer Site. This will pose a problem for renters. Mr. Huff advised that he is still working on the change to the permit to include Wolf Laurel – Yancey County residents.

- Amenities Program Update: Chuck Freeman reported that Cindy Tucker had provided him with the announcement of this year's program, with the new fee structure (\$350 per year for residential and lot owners; \$500 for rental property owners). Also announced was an initiation fee that will be imposed next year for owners who are not current in Amenities Program. Further details are in the *TOB*.
- Ray's Weather Center: John Beneke reported that the move of the sensors to his lot, scheduled for the next day, might be delayed by the weather (he still had two foot drifts that hadn't melted). The issue of purchasing and installing a web cam to give folks a view out over the golf course was tabled pending receipt of more information.

#### New Business:

- Jim Landry reported that three new questions had been submitted to the *Round Table* page of our web site. See the website for the details and answers.
- Nominating committee: with the annual meeting approaching, it was noted that we needed someone to serve as the cat herder for the election of the positions on the board that were coming open (six). Everyone in the room took one step backwards, except for Terrill McGee. Jim Landry thanked Terrill for accepting (before he could refuse).
- The question of whether to publish a complete directory, or an amendment/update was discussed. It was decided that it was easier and more effective to do a complete directory, if our publisher will agree. Chuck Freeman was directed to contact Laura Ponder at Dancing Moon Print Solutions before the next meeting and report back.
- A question arose as to whether it might be possible to send copies of the *Top of the Bald* to people who were not members of the Association. The members present noted that there is already a policy in place for co-owners to receive additional copies for a fee of \$10 per year, and there are certainly folks who have owned property here in the past who had been very active in the community and might like to keep up with the goings on here on the mountain. In view of the fact that there was not a physical quorum, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station.

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Charles W. Freeman, Secretary