

**Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for March 8, 2010**

President John Beneke called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Also present, physically, were Jessica McGee, Sonny Colvett, Jim Landry, Jim Linkenauger and Chuck Freeman. Present via teleconferencing were Tom Eller, Joanne Wit and Mark Miller.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In discussion, it was found that the monthly report that Sonny Colvett had prepared and forwarded to the President had not been forwarded to the other members of the board. Sonny indicated that he would circulate the report. He summarized the report by saying that there was not much of significance to report. He said that monthly expenses were budgeted at \$2506, but actual expenses were only \$1575, and that there appeared to be no loss of membership fee submissions due to the increase to cover the Capital Development Fund.

Membership: Jessica McGee and Hassiekay Honeycutt reported that, as of the meeting, 319 membership forms with checks had been received. After discussion, the board determined to advertise the firm cutoff date of March 31 for annual fee payment receipts in order for members to be included in the annual Directory of Members. By holding to this deadline, it is possible to print and distribute the Directories in a timely manner for members returning to Wolf Laurel for the summer. This deadline will be publicized via Joanne Jackson's enews message, via the WLPOA website, and via an alert message.

Legal/by-laws: Mark Miller started his report by noting that his investigation of using Skype to allow remote participation in meetings had not panned out. (Note: The new conference speaker/microphone that was being used for the first time in this meeting was a great improvement for both remote attendees and those physically present.) Mark continued his report by saying that he will present a draft of proposed changes to the Association's By-laws at the May meeting. These changes are intended to remove ambiguities and clarify present provisions and will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Mark's comments led to a discussion of the timing for the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that the general sentiment expressed at the last Annual Meeting was that it was preferable to hold the meetings on Saturdays. John Beneke took the lead to see if we can secure the club for the last Saturday in July and, if that is not possible he will schedule as possible for the end of July. John Beneke then updated the board on the status of the lawsuit that has been filed against the Roads Maintenance and Security Home Owners Association and Bald Mountain. On the previous Monday (March 1st), a motion to dismiss was argued at the Yancey County Courthouse. Arguments lasted for about two hours. The judges decision to dismiss or continue the suit is expected in the next few weeks.

Long Range Planning: Jim Simmons was not able to make the meeting.

Office/Social: Joanne Wit had nothing to report.

Top of the Bald: Chuck Freeman reported that the last issue of the newsletter was again a full color edition. He noted that the deadline for articles for the next issue is April 15th.

Garden Club: Jessica McGee had nothing significant to report, but noted that there will be lots of work to do if the snowpack ever melts.

Old Business:

- WLPOA Library: It was noted that the library seems to be in good shape.
- Teleconference Status: John Beneke reported that the cost of the new conference speaker/microphone unit will be around \$250, as an agreement has been reached with the Roads Maintenance and Security Home Owners Association to share the costs and jointly use the equipment. It was also noted that, if the need arises, additional microphone extensions can be added.

New Business:

- Computer Failure: Jim Landry reported that a coupon was used for a free diagnostic inspection of the malfunctioning office computer. The problem was quickly resolved when it was discovered that the RAM chips had worked loose in their mounts. In appreciation for the excellent, and free, support, the board found it appropriate to add an "ad" on our website to encourage members to use the services of Sassy's Computer on Merrimon Avenue.
- Joint Letter: John Beneke stated that, after reflection, he had determined that the best course, regarding any letter to support participation in the Amenities Program, was to just "let sleeping dog's lie." There was no objection from the board.
- Capital Development Fund: Jim Linkenauger discussed the proposed resolution that he had distributed via email. He noted that he had received a number of suggested changes and requested that the matter be deferred to the next meeting. During discussion, it was suggested that it might be wise to place another article on Capital Development in the next issue of the *Top of the Bald*.
- Credit Card: Sonny Colvett reported that, rather than provide our office manager with a credit card on our account, he had determined that it was easier to provide Ms Honeycutt with a petty cash account.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was to be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station at 10:00am.



Charles W. Freeman, Secretary