

**Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for October 5, 2009**

Vice President Jessica McGee, with her leg in a cast (first Terrill breaks an ankle, and guess what? Yep!), convened the meeting in the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station. Jim Landry, Joanne Wit, Jim Simmons, Tom Eller and Chuck Freeman were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, after being amended.

Treasurer's Report: Sonny Colvett was not present, but John Beneke had previously provided the monthly financial report via email from Banff, Canada (the Cad!). The report was approved.

Membership: Hassie Honeycutt reported that one additional membership application and fee had been received, raising our total to 606.

Legal/by-laws: Mark was not present. In his absence, Tom Eller reported that everything that was in litigation was still in litigation.

Long Range Planning: Jim Simmons reported on the September 8 meeting of the committee. First, the bad news: the option of installing a siren system to alert folks on the mountain has been found to be cost prohibitive. Then the good news: it appears that Madison County Emergency Services has received a grant to stand up a "Reverse 911 Calling" capability which can be used to alert folks. The system is expected to be operational within twelve months, but only works with Verizon land line subscribers in the county and Wolf Laurel (including the portion that is in Yancey County). Unfortunately, that leaves out folks who depend solely on cell phone service. With Jim Linkenauger being tied up with a death in the family, Jim reported that there was nothing significant to report on the Capital Development Fund project. Joanne Jackson reported that there was nothing significant to report on developments in the surrounding community. Chuck Freeman reported that he had started to "normalize" the data collected to date, in order to allow the spreadsheet to be effectively sorted by such data elements as street name, owners' names, etc. Because of the size of the file, this will take some time.

Office/Social: Joanne Wit reported that she had met with the owner of Bald Mountain Development Corp. regarding possible use of the Village Pavilion for our traditional Monday and Friday Nighters. The owner stated that such use would be possible, but only if a member of the amenities program agreed to accept liability for any non-members' use of the facilities. This led to considerable discussion regarding feasibility and Tom Eller was directed to consult with our attorneys and check on whether the POA had a liability insurance policy that would cover assuming this responsibility and then report back at the next meeting.

After this discussion, Larry Smith (who has taken the lead from Gwen Vickers for these events) reported that it appears that the Ebs Chapel Community Center can

now be used for “brown bag” events, and that would make it possible to conduct our “Friday Nighters” next year at this location. Larry will continue to work with Joanne and it looks promising for next year, one way or another.

Top of the Bald: Chuck Freeman noted that the deadline for submitting articles for the next issue was fast approaching: October 15. The next issue should be mailed somewhere around the 1st of November. Jim Simmons noted that he had not had his copy of the last issue delivered until September 23. Chuck could offer no explanation for such a delay, noting that standard mail was supposed to be delivered within 15 days.

Garden Club: Jessica McGee reported that, in view of the success of the fundraiser, which the Linkenaugers had hosted, and the fact they had recently experienced a death in their family, that a memorial garden will be planted in a location that Jim selects. Jessica thanked Jim Simmons for trimming the Juniper bushes that had tried to escape from their confines around the 15th green. She also noted that mulch had been delivered to the planting beds. The rose beds have been mulched, fertilized and trimmed, but other beds remain to be mulched (i.e., it is there but needs to be spread). She also reported that the trees in the Village had been trimmed and the canopies lifted by the garden club as a contribution to the appearance of the Village.

Old Business:

- Capital Development Fund: deferred due to the absence of Jim Linkenauger.

New Business:

- New “Campaign” for the TOB – *May a rock fall on the head of...*: Jessica McGee suggested that we might develop a cartoon with the above heading, which could be used by viewers to nominate individuals for the pet peeve of the issue. She used as an example “may a rock fall on the head of the folks who leave their junk mail strewn around the mail kiosks.” Chuck Freeman asked that the issue be tabled until the next meeting because the two members of the editorial board were both absent and they had expressed concern for getting involved in the TOB with reader issues. The matter was tabled.
- Garden for Gwen Vickers. Jessica reported that the garden to commemorate Gwen’s long leadership of the Monday/Friday Nighters program was going to be located in the area just below the Bald Mountain “barn” in the village. Approval for the site has been granted by Bald Mountain Development Corporation. Cindy Tucker will see to the soil testing, and the club will purchase ten hydrangea bushes and acquire the plaque honoring Gwen. Barby McQueen will lead the effort and the total cost will be approximately \$350. The board approved this expenditure.
- Membership notices: Jim Landry requested approval for three separate issues:
 - A notice of some sort to US Cellular Telephone indicating the displeasure of subscribers in the Wolf Laurel community to changes that were recently implemented by the company to enhance service to

- the Mars Hill area at the expense of the existing coverage to Wolf Laurel. After discussion, Jim agreed to continue to work this issue.
- A website notice and “black border notice” in the next issue of the TOB as follows: “There are numerous packages at the WLPOA office that have been unclaimed, in some cases, for over two years. Please be advised by this notice, the office will attempt to make contact one more time with addressees for disposition of any package over 30 days in holding. Pending no results, the items will be returned to sender.” The board approved this notice, and Joanne Jackson agreed to also report this notice in her electronic newsletter.
 - A website notice and “black border notice” in the next issue of the TOB as follows: “The WLPOA library is in need of a volunteer or two to maintain and re-shelve books. This should take an hour or two per month. Please inform the office or any Board member of your willingness to perform this service to the community. You do not have to be an amenities program member to use or help at the library. The board approved this notice and Joanne Jackson agreed to report this notice, as well.
 - Wolf Laurel Logo – Jessica McGee noted, with the closure of Tina’s Country Store in the Wolf Crossing Plaza, that Wolf Laurel Logo materials would no longer be for sale anywhere. Jessica suggested that the Association begin selling these items. After discussion, and in view of the minimum quorum that was present, it was agreed to continue discussion of this suggestion at the next meeting. Joanne Wit and Tom Eller were appointed to a committee to determine the legal and financial aspects of such an operation.
 - A brief discussion of the possibility of using conference call technology to allow absent board member to “dial in” for meetings took place. Joanne Wit and Jessica McGee agreed to take the lead on looking into this option and a motion was made and approved to authorize the spending of a nominal amount (around \$100), if necessary, to implement a test.

Visitor comments:

There were no visitor comments, but Jim Landry made a clarification to the negative votes, which he and Bill Grace cast at the last meeting in opposition to providing up to \$1000 to Joanne Wit to pursue a social program for the association. He noted that both he and Bill were concerned with how fast the approval was being granted, particularly in view of the lack of any plan to indicate how the money would be spent.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at the Ebbs Chapel Fire Station at 10:00am.



Charles W. Freeman, Secretary