

Minutes, Orcas Highlands Association Board Meeting
October 24, 2022 4:00 PM

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I. Roll Call: Robert Dashiell, Lee Goodwin, Brian Ehrmantraut, Steve Pettyjohn, David Turnoy.

II. Call to order: 3:07

III. Approval of minutes from August 29 - approved

IV. Treasurer's report: Mike – Bank operating accounts - \$24,983

Reserves- \$99,081 A/R- \$8,455.

V. Old business

A. Road use fee – Youngren – final agreement of \$3,000 for using the roads for logging, important to get agreement in advance with the landowner for this sort of thing in the future

B. Mailbox restructuring update – PO has not been helpful, other challenges, put on hold for now, we can start a wait list once someone asks for a box.

C. Forest plan update

1. Forest Practices Permit - \$100, good for three years, covers us in case we trade chips or trees for credit, Robert will get a permit close to the time we would start our next phase.

2. DNR grant application– update? Robert is keeping up on this.

D. Mowing – Joanie Knipe's proposals

1. Suggests Alfredo to do the weed whacking following the mower.

2. If mower not available - I called Orcas Rental and Saw. They don't have a side mower, but they have a high weed mower that is self-propelled for fields and high grass. It can go up and down hills. However, it can't go into ditches. I'm just thinking this might be a suggestion if we can't get the side mower next year. It won't do it all but will definitely get most of what we need done.

3. Would like to mow in May for Herb Robert and shiny geraniums and again in August for brush and daisies

David will contact Tim Segault at the end of the year to see if his mower is fixed and, if so, to suggest he use Alfredo to weed whack behind him.

E. Naomi's complaint about Linnes yard work – nothing to be done.

VI. Committee reports:

Policy: Brian, Robert, and Lee are volunteering to start meeting on the policy committee, especially if Chris will be involved. David will contact Chris. We would try to do this over the next year.

Architecture:

Nominations: Jens, Arthur, and Dennie continue? Arthur yes but not chair, Jens no

Firewise:

Roads:

VII. New business

- A. Map – Agreed that it is time to send out a new map to the membership and to make available the map electronically to any members wanting it.
- B. Burning – Bob has some ideas but not in attendance.
- C.
 1. Cutting down Krick tree in ROW – Robert will call Scott Brooks, Kricks will contact Colin at Rainshadow, might be able to just limb it and make it a snag.
 2. Damaged tree on Switchback, Brian will show it to us.
- D. Tree policy – Board decided to consider this along with the other few changes that need to be made in our governing documents.
 1. The Kricks have been invited to join the policy committee or simply to participate in the tree policy work.
 2. Joanie Knipe has proposed a flyer to would-be tree cutters – yes, let's have her make it and provide it.
- E. Discussion of the emergency road exit from upper Discovery Way with Eric Youngren; should we try to formalize some kind of agreement? The road has been improved so cars can use it. This might wait until the lower Youngren property is sold and there is a new owner who might play a part in such an agreement. David will contact Eric in the spring.
- F. Resolution of the abandoned vehicle. Steve contacted the sheriff, who tagged it. John Kelly put a big sign on it. Sheriff tagged it for moving in 72 hours, but the sheriff wouldn't tow it. Steve called the towing company, who gave us a sign. Steve had to post this sign that the car was going to be towed. Eventually it was either towed or driven away, but we don't know by who.

VIII. Next meeting: Dec. 12

IX. Adjournment: 5:43