

Minutes from Ocean Pines Communications Virtual Meeting July 20, 2023

In Attendance:

Cheryl Jacobs
Marlene Ott
Linda Yurche
Debbie Bennington
Patty Seidl
Steve Jacobs, liaison
Jerry Murphy, guest

Marlene made a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting held on June 15, 2023 and it was seconded by Linda; all in favor.

Cheryl opened the meeting by reminding us that if we get another phone call during the meeting to please mute your audio.

Old business:

*Vote Sign Contest, big success! Picture taking, signs have been distributed throughout the community; thanks to committee members Patty Seidl and Diana Snyder

*Board election and Annual meeting. Ballots were to be mailed out July 11, 2023 but have not been received yet. Cheryl sent a question to the election committee. She was told 7,674 ballots were mailed out in batches from the Washington state voting contractor starting on Tuesday, July 11th. Ballots have to be return by August 4, 2023.

Steve recommends that as soon as you receive your ballot to fill it out and send right back in. You should receive a business reply envelope with the ballot.

Cheryl asked Steve if Ballots were discussed at the July Board meeting. Steve did share that one of the Board Members did mention that the ballots had been mailed.

Jerry shared there will be a Fed Ex box outside the Police Station for ballots. Linda shared there are numerous comments on social media from people questioning where their ballots are and we need to get the word out and keep people informed.

Cheryl asked the Real Estate agents, who are on the committee, if they could help by posting the Annual meeting and to vote on their company signs. We could also include the Ocean Pines Kiosks.

*Drone videos, Marlene has a face to face meeting scheduled with Ricky next week.

*2024 Season Kickoff update.

Diana, Linda and Carrie are working on the task force for an Ocean Pines Day to introduce people to all the amenities of Ocean Pines. It will be in White Horse Park from 3-7pm with hands on activities, food trucks, etc. The plan is to present this idea at the September Board meeting. Low cost, high return, getting people together. Tentative timeframe for OP Day would be June 2024.

New Business:

*Cheryl formally welcomed Debbie Bennington and thanked her for joining the committee again.

*New projects/ideas. Cheryl asked members to think about this for next meeting.

Cheryl explained the Digital Signing project to Jerry for better clarification (what we have proposed that the sign at the North Gate would look exactly as it is now, same map, but the words would be digital. Cost would be approximately \$20,000.

Jerry agrees Digital Signage is long needed and we should get with the times. Jerry agreed he would spread the word for better understanding.

Cheryl suggested a Town Hall Meet & Greet with the new board and to ask the Community for their input on the next year's budget.

Cheryl also encouraged all of us to share other new projects in the future. Linda shared we need better communication at the Board Meetings. We need better microphones and updated equipment.

Was a proxy vote discussed at the meeting to get to the quorum and Steve shared there was no discussion regarding proxy voting.

We will not have a meeting in August so that we can all attend the Annual meeting of Ocean Pines. Our next meeting will be September 21, 2023 @ 10AM, Virtual

Patty Seidl