

Minutes from Ocean Pines Communications Virtual Meeting June 15, 2023

In Attendance:

Cheryl Jacobs
Marlene Ott
Linda Yurche
Steve Jacobs
Carrie Morrison
Jenny Cropper-Rines
Patty Seidl

Marlene made a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting held on May 18, 2023 and it was seconded by Jenny Cropper-Rines; all in favor.

Old Business

Vote Sign Contest

We have selected the winners and have ordered the 50 signs. The winners are #12 and #7. The winners will each receive a \$100 gift card to the Yacht Club. Your Vote Matters on one side and If you want to be Heard on the flip side. That is what is being printed. We will make the presentation when the signs are printed to the winners along with our Committee members. Will put out a message of when and where, maybe the Admin Building. The winners have been notified and also the non-winners. We should have them next week. Thank you Jenny for all your hard work.

Drone Videos

Ricky had back surgery but it is on his schedule to do. Marlene will follow-up with Ricky.

Annual Meeting

Cheryl asked Steve to share how they intend to handle the Annual Meeting this year. There is still a pending resolution dealing with hybrid attendance. Steve indicated per Doug it will be pushed back to the July meeting. The next Annual meeting is August 12, 2023.

Carrie shared her research on how to generate attendance at Annual Meetings. She did a lot of research on HOA's but it turns out other HOA'S are much smaller.

Carrie decided to interview our OP members by asking the following questions:

- Do you know about our Annual Meetings?
- Do you attend, if not, why?
- Will you attend this year?
- Are you aware of a Quorum for voting and very few knew about a quorum
- Could you make more of an effort to attend?
- Would an incentive help with attendance?
Might make it more personal and fun
- Only 3 people do attend and plan to attend this year

Carrie did touch on virtual attendance and that definitely was a draw. Proxies were not discussed. Cheryl asked Steve to take this information to the Board and touch on the issue of a proxy or attending the meetings virtually. If not this Saturday then maybe at the July meeting. Steve agreed to take it to the Board meeting in July.

Steve requested a summary from Carrie how she approached the topic and what she asked people, interest in virtual participation. Steve agreed to review regulations regarding proxy vote. Linda indicated we might need a broader communication effort regarding ways to vote. Attendance at Annual Meetings dropped when we started announcing the Board winners before the Annual meeting.

New Business.

Jenny's time on the committee has expired and she has chosen not to extend it. Cheryl thanked Jenny for all her hard work and that we are all appreciative. We all agree the Committee will not give up on Electronic Signage.

Steve shared the Elections Committee will be taking questions and perhaps we should asked about Electronic Signage.

Cheryl shared that Debbie Bennington will be returning to the Committee and taking Jenny's position.

Vote Sign Placement

We will be place 50 signs this year. Patty agreed that she and Diana will be placing them again this year and keep a record of where.

Cheryl shared that the Candidate forum will occur on June 21st at 6pm. You will be able to hear the questions that will be put to the candidates.

The Board has decided not to appoint someone to Frank's position and that of the candidates running, 3 have an opportunity to be chosen.

Marlene shared a 2002, 2003 directory for the archives in the Community Center.

Ocean Pines Day to launch the Spring and Summer season.

Will be held in April 2024.

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marlene seconded.

Next meeting July 20, 2023 @10am/virtual

Patty Seidl