

## **Minutes of the WRHA Annual Meeting, April 21, 2015**

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with a 30 minute social sign in at Nativity Lutheran Church. 31 homeowners were in attendance. Board members present were: President Brian Firebaugh, VP Pat McCabe and Member at Large Mike Broadbent. Secretary Linda Dixon and Treasurer Patty Christopher were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. The Board members and Committee members were introduced:

ACC: Dr. Jim Powell, Dr. Ron Carver, Danielle Sullivan

Welcome: Pat McCabe

Fire: Ray Miao, Pat Pease, Brian Firebaugh

Noxious Weeds: Rob Evans

Traffic and Safety: Dennis Krakow

Brian Firebaugh made a motion to approve the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting and Pat McCabe seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed. With no questions from members regarding the Report, Brian Firebaugh made a motion to approve the budget and Mike Broadbent seconded. The budget was approved by a voice vote.

The Welcoming Committee has been ably headed up by Patty Christopher for the past year. She has updated and revamped the contents of the Welcome Packet and been most diligent in making sure new residents were contacted in a timely manner. Patty has passed the reins to Pat McCabe as the new Welcoming Committee contact and we thank them both for their efforts. Contact the WRHA website if you are new to Woodside Ranch and have not yet received your Welcome Packet.

The ACC reports that in the year since the last Annual Meeting, they have had 4 inquiries and 1 review for Phases 2,4,5 and 6. It had 11 reviews for Phases 1 and 3. Thanks to the ceaselessly toiling ACC for all the hard work they do behind the scenes all year long.

Pat Pease has volunteered to join the Traffic and Safety Committee. We thank her for her service on the Fire Committee and welcome her to her new position. She has been spearheading a drive to have the speed limit set to 25 mph in Woodside and is reportedly making good progress. Thanks to Pat for her effort.

The Fire Committee's Ray Miao has been busy on our behalf, securing a \$3500 grant from Deschutes County Rural Protection District #2 for our Spring Cleanup event again this year. He also has managed to get the paperwork for our long desired goal of earning the FireWise Community designation submitted to Salem for approval. We expect official acceptance into the FireWise Community sometime this year. Ray also arranged to have Sisters Forest Products contract with us again this year for the Spring Cleanup event. This will be the third year of our association and we have been very happy with their work. Thanks to Ray for working so hard to achieve all of these results.

Two Board terms were expiring this year. Patty Christopher has served as Treasurer for the past year not seeking reelection. We thank her for her steady service and wish her and Leslie well. Member at Large, Mike Broadbent agreed to another two year term on the Board. The seat vacated by Patty Christopher was filled by a nomination from the floor and a unanimous voice approval. We welcome Lavonne Broadbent to the Board for a two year term. Congratulations to all.

General announcements were next on the agenda and included an appeal for slower driving speeds in WR, a reminder that outdoor burning in WR is absolutely banned in the CCRs at all times, and the Summer Social will be held again at Pat McCabe's home on August 1, 2015. More details to follow in the Summer Newsletter around July 1. FireFree related news included an admonition from the County Roads Department to keep yard debris from spilling into the roadway. Also, the community was thanked for heeding the call not to begin piling yard debris curbside until March 1. There were 94 homeowners signed up so far for the Spring Cleanup event as opposed to 125 last year but the final tally will not be known until the deadline of May 1. The amount of debris appears to be similar to last year and it is not known how many residents choose to haul their own debris so the reduced numbers of participants in the Spring Cleanup may not indicate a reduced overall response from homeowners. The cost of the fuel reduction effort goes up each year and it is likely that we will have to raise the fee for next year's event. The current fee of \$50 per member household does not nearly cover the cost to the Association, which this year will top \$20,000. We strive to keep the cost as low as possible in order to encourage homeowner participation. Keeping Woodside fire safe is the Board's main focus every year. The WRHA membership numbers so far this year are also behind last year's total by 20 households. We are hoping this number will increase by May 1. Membership dues are the sole source of funding for the Association and we thank all of you who have supported the efforts of the WRHA on your behalf. ODF should be sending out the SB360 self-evaluation forms again this year as part of a 5 year cycle. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to fill them out and return them to ODF. This insures that your property is certified as being in compliance with SB360's Defensible Space provisions for the next 5 years. Any homeowner who wishes to have their property inspected by a Certified Assessor at no cost is encouraged to contact the WRHA. The Gardening Group was not active last year and it is hoped that this group might be started up again as it was very well received at its inception. The group needs an organizer and hopefully there will be enough interest to see this great group revived.

The featured speaker at this year's annual meeting was OSU Forester, Nicole Strong. Nicole provided a slide presentation on native tree health and conducted a question and answer session regarding her talk. Special thanks to Nicole Strong for taking the time to help educate us and thanks to Ray Miao for securing her services for our Annual Meeting.

The final agenda item featured homeowner presentations of issues they felt important. These presentations were not endorsed by the WRHA and featured strictly as a public service.

- a) Lincoln Mayer discussed the Nextdoor networking site and invited Woodside Ranch residents to join.
- b) Pat Pease discussed speeding in Woodside Ranch and her drive to get the posted speed limit to 25 mph throughout the subdivision.
- c) Dr. Rich Rotondi discussed the possible sale of Juniper Utilities to Roats Water and how this might affect Woodside Ranch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Brian Firebaugh on behalf of Linda Dixon.