

SILVER KNOLLS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION Monthly Membership Meeting  
March 19, 2024  
Final Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1830 p.m. by President Rob Pierce. The meeting took place at the Silver Knolls Fire House and online using the Zoom Conferencing software.
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum:
  - a. Board members present: President, Rob Pierce, Vice President Jan Bishop, Recording Secretary, Tami Rougeau, Treasurer Matias Leiva, Membership Chairman Oliver Ryan, Casey Meaden (Zoom); Pam Becker; Mickey Thompson, Keith Dayton, Diane Walizer
  - a. Members Absent:
  - b. Public Attendees: See attached Sign In Sheet. Jerry Beck, Tom Orzech, Gloria Marchant, Mike Miller, Tom Newell, Bobby Thomas, Aric Peake, Mike and Alison Ross, Bill and Debby Cowell, Lou Christensen, Bill Miller, Giselle Koehn, Linda Zimmerman, Todd M, Russ Earle, Alice Hesob, Levi Wilbur, Paul Keckley, Sharon Gilkeson, Susan Eastin, Wendy Donoghue
3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for December 2023 (Motion Pam, second Jan), January 2024 (Motion Jan, second Pam) and February 2024 (Motion Pam second Jan) Individually motioned and approved as noted.
4. Treasurer Report
  - a. Balance – \$4797.71
    - i. Paid \$222.00 for PO Box renewal
    - ii. Received \$138 in return for cost of larger PO Box
5. Corresponding Secretary Report: No Secretary at this time
6. Membership: 86 paid members no change from last month
7. New Business:
  - a. Dues Increase: Per the bylaws the annual membership dues were increased to \$25. This goes into effect with this years renewal
  - b. TMFPD Presentation on Long Valley Grant: See attachment 1 for slides
    - i. Following the 2019 Jasper and Long Valley Fires grants were awarded to assist with suppression costs and re-building
    - ii. The Jasper project (near Sun Valley) is going on now.
    - iii. The Long Valley Project is scheduled to begin soon
    - iv. Silver Knolls protection was used as the justification for the Long Valley Project. The grant was requested by then Deputy Fire Chief and was coordinated with Life Style Homes.

- v. The project will include mastication of the entire 800 acres owned by Life Style Homes. All vegetation will be destroyed and herbicides used.
- vi. The scope of work on the project cannot be changed
  - 1. Letters can be filed to the State Disaster Management Grant Supervisor to better use funds to actually protect the Silver Knolls community
  - 2. Fire Wise impact for this project as the line of fire comes from the opposite direction and there is no escape route
- vii. A Community Wildfire Protection Plan must be done prior to applying for a grant. Jan is working with Brett and is also asking for additional help to get this plan written and the grant proposal done
- viii. Request made by affected home owners to be notified when work will commence. Brett will contact John, the project lead to notify.
- ix. The work is being done by a team of 4 persons and a dozer from TMFPD.
- x. Question: Can excess funds be used to extend protection to SK?
  - 1. While the grant was written to benefit SK the actual work is only being done on Life Style Homes property. The justification was to clear fuels that endanger SK. BLM land cannot be part of this grant, they have to ask BLM for a permit to do work. TMFPD is focused on private lands rather than public for this type of grant.
- xi. Grant proposals are due in Sept 2024, dispersed in the new year (2025) to do the NEPA then work begins the following year (2026).
- xii. Brett will go to the Div Chief with request to extend fire line and protect SK property
- xiii. NV Energy is involved, and is mandated by the state to do protection area around transformers
- xiv. Look for good fire prevention projects in the neighborhood and turn those ideas into Jan
- xv. The Public comment period already closed but you can go online to see the current CWPP: ( <https://forestry.nv.gov/fan/cwpp-publications> )

## 8. Old Business

- a. Dues for Mailer – see above
- b. Board Positions – We currently have 3 open board positions that need to be filled in order for the board to be able to conduct business. Any resident can run. Responsibility includes attending the monthly meeting, approx. 1 hour long. If you choose to do additional projects you may but it is not mandatory. You just need to show up to the meeting and care about the community.

## 9. President and Board Items

- a. President announcements:

- i. An Event detail for a neighborhood meeting to change zoning on Osage was posed and then taken down to be reschedule. This zone change will allow for 126 units instead of 46 proposed which is still more than is currently allowed. <https://neighborhood-washoe.hub.arcgis.com/events/osage-road-regulatory-zone-amendment>
  - ii. The bylaws have not been reviewed since 2017. Rob requests a committee form to review and if needed update the bylaws. Tami volunteers along with Pam and Jan. They will review and send any needed changes to the board within the week.
- b. Next monthly board meeting – third Tuesday, 16 April 2024, 1830 at the firehouse or Zoom option
- c. Agenda items are due the Tuesday prior
- d. CAB is the second Monday of the month at the North Valley’s Library with Zoom option. Good way to keep up with what is going on locally. Washoe County Website has the link to the CAB meetings. [https://www.washoecounty.gov/CABS/NV\\_CAB/](https://www.washoecounty.gov/CABS/NV_CAB/)

10. Other Business

- a. Neighborhood Watch:
  - i. More abandoned vehicles in the area
  - ii. There have been some mailbox thefts in the area (Santa Fe and Silver Knolls) but mostly in the neighborhoods closer to the highway. It is tax season so this tends to increase. USPS is aware.
- b. Board Member Comments: None
- c. Names of Visitors – see above and Attach 2

11. Public Comment:

- a. Rumor about Amazon being interested in purchasing the Airport is Old News. The runway is too short for the commercial planes to use it and there is no plan to extend the runway.
- b. Request a presentation from Airport Development Plan
- c. Request to TMFPD to relocate engine 44 and support to SK during the airshow to protect the community. With no fire support out here during the last Air Races the response to the tragic crash was very slow.

12. Adjournment at 1932

Respectfully Submitted

Tami R. Rougeau  
Recording Secretary