

SILVER KNOLLS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION Monthly Membership Meeting  
February 20, 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, , , Tami Rougeau (Zoom), Membership Chairman Oliver Ryan, Casey Meaden; Pam Becker; Mickey Thompson, Keith Dayton, Diane Walizer
  - a. Members Absent: Treasurer Matias Leiva
  - b. Public Attendees: Wendy Donahue, Amy Zimmerman, Linda Zimmerman, Wade Campbell
3. Approval of Minutes: Changes to Dec and January minutes Excusing Diane and Rob was not present January. Board has not seen the updates so no approval done.
4. Treasurer Report
  - a. Beginning Balance – \$5063.71
5. Corresponding Secretary Report: No Secretary at this time
6. Membership: 86 paid members no change from last month
7. New Business:
  - i. CERT Presentation: Community Emergency Response Team, all volunteer with WCSO as the sponsoring agency. Program started after 9-11 to assist Police/Fire/Rescue during disaster. CERT offers training 4 times a year (Jan, Aprill, July, October) for a full weekend. Funded by FEMA grants so free to participants. Introduction to ICS, fire prevention, medical operation, light search and rescue, disaster site, terrorism and rail safety program.
    1. 200 active volunteers currently. Meets monthly. Trying to restart the team here on Red Rock. Had 15-20 but it dwindled to about 5 that still are active helping with fires etc. Trying to build the team back up. No minimum number of hours. Once you go through training you go through a basic background check and are issued an ID card that allows you to help out during an event.
    2. Once you have basic training you can go to more training Nevada Threat Assessment training for more advanced training: Active Shooter, Terrorism, Rails

3. CERT have been very active in disaster events (fires, airplane crashes etc.) over the last 10 years as well as special events throughout the year.
  4. Training happens at the WCSO regional training center.
  5. How to get involved: **I need a copy of the paperwork handed out at the meeting**
  6. How does CERT interact/impact the Fire Wise Community effort? Can do damage assessment but does not do clearing of brush etc
  7. Variety of activities and opportunities to help out the greater Washoe County community.
- b. Emergency Preparedness Class Discussion and BBQ
- i. Rob attended Hidden Valley EP class. Interesting overview of various support agencies and their responsibilities. Rob has emailed her and is considering having her do a Saturday event in May and hold a BBQ to make this a community event.
    1. Probably need to avoid the holiday weekend to get better participation. Possibly June 8 or 15. Rob will email again to set it up. Will be on Saturday.
- c. Mailbox Renewal
- i. Mostly we do not get a lot of mail. Proposal to get a smaller box to save some money. Also need to update the responsible party since that individual is not participating. Will need to do a change of address to close the current box and open a new box.
    1. Motion by Casey to change to smallest box at Golden Valley; Jan Seconds. All in favor and passes unanimously
    2. Matias gives Casey and check for \$216 to pay for the new box
    3. She will update website, send out an email and submit a change of address.
- d. Zoom version Google Meets for future meetings:
- i. GM is free but is limited to one hour; has to be signed in from a personal account with only 15GB of storage for free version; \$120/year for additional storage and meeting time limits
  - ii. Zoom we pay for but meetings can run for any length; we can have an organization account so anyone can start and run meetings; many hours of storage; we pay \$149.99/year for the current
  - iii. Motion from Casey to use Zoom and move it to SKCO; Pam Seconds all in favor
- e. Advertising - nothing
- f. Dues – In May we voted to increase dues but we were told it needs to go to the community to vote. Due to bylaws it just needs to be approved at annual meeting by a majority of the members present. That said last year in May we approved \$30 and if so we are bound by that vote.

- i. Renewals are supposed to be sent out in March. Membership is March through end of Feb but membership and ballots go out in May. Causes confusion. Mar 1 Annual dues are due; Mar 28 election committee selected; May 1 nominees reported and budget is due. Does treasurer report have to be due in April then for approval in May? Yes, we vote on the budget in May, submit in April.
  - g. Board Positions: 2 open positions, 12 total. If at anytime we do not have a quorum we cannot conduct business. Rob says that a quorum is 7. If we loose any more board members then we may have to disband the organization. We really need to add more board members. Several of us are up for renewal. We need a 2/3s vote in order to dissolve. We need members who have skin in the game and will actually show up to the meetings.
    - i. Discussion regarding if the 2/3 is members or board members. It is not clear in the bylaws as it just says “members”. We need to do the best for the community so talk to neighbors and residents who are involved in the community.
    - ii. Jan suggests we approach the new residents and introduce ourselves and encourage them to participate. It is just one hour per month. Must be a property owner of Silver Knolls community to be on the board. In order to expand to include more properties we would have to become a new organization. Silver Hills will have its own organization.
  - h. Weeds on Trailmaster: Shelly was going to write a letter but did not do it. Casey will write a letter to the owner to discuss the over growth and the open windows on the building. It is probably vacant but we don't know for sure. Good idea to reach out and let them know. It is a fire risk to the community. Will see what the response is and go from there.
- 8. Old Business
- 9. President and Board Items
  - a. President announcements:
  - b. Adapted Nevada Summit scheduled for Feb 26/27
  - c. Next monthly board meeting – third Tuesday, 19 March 2024, 1830 at the firehouse or Zoom option
  - d. Agenda items are due the Tuesday prior
  - e. 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.
- 10. Other Business
  - a. Neighborhood Watch:
    - i. Boat and trailer dumped on Osage have been picked up.
    - ii. Question regarding loose Husky's that killed goats. The owner of the dogs paid for the baby goats. Animal control responded, dogs were caught and owners were involved.

- b. Fire Wise – Jan and Russ will attend next week 26 and 27 Feb.
- c. Airport Meetings – Jan provided last month; no current update

11. Public Comment: None

12. Adjournment at 1941

Respectfully Submitted

Tami R. Rougeau  
Recording Secretary