

SILVER KNOLLS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION Monthly Meeting  
April 18, 2023  
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; Treasurer Matias Leiva (Zoom); Corresponding Secretary Shelly Doyle; Casey Meaden; Carly Ennis; Pam Becker; Keith Dayton
  - b. Members Absent: Recording Secretary, Tami Rougeau; Membership Chairman Oliver Ryan; Diane Walizer
3. Public Attendees: Mickey Thompson, Wendy Donahue, Linda Zimmerman, Amy Zimmerman, Jack Eastwick (Zoom), Pastor Mike Schmidt, John and Lenora Williams,
4. Approval of Minutes: March monthly minutes
  - a. Pam motions to pass minutes with corrections; Shelly seconds; motion passes
5. Rob requests that speakers please state their name for the record to aid in the recording of the minutes accurately.
6. Treasurer Report
  - a. Beginning Balance \$3670.27
  - b. Expenses: None
  - c. Income: None
  - d. Ending Balance \$3670.27
  - e. Casey has a couple of reimbursements but will hold off until they are all complete and she has membership checks to turn in.
  - f. May will be the annual budget report
7. Corresponding Secretary Report: Nothing to Report
8. Membership: 105 paid members; 75 Renewals so far for this year (5 are new that have not been members before)
  - a. Ballots are ready but Tami, Keith, Carly and Matias still need to renew for this year.
  - b. A member of the board resigned for medical reasons last month and that spot will be filled during the elections
9. New Business:
  - a. Fire Wise Update – (Carly and Kelly) update on the nursery. It opens May 11, 2023. They say that when they open they are very busy and suggest getting in line early as it is very busy. Once the nursery opens it is open one day a week throughout the season. They have plants as well as seeds. Forestry.nv.gov is the website to look at what they have in stock.
    - i. First week of May is wildfire awareness. Hoping that we would have an event with the community. Kelly is available to help. We can team up with the event happening at the Lemmon Valley FD

- (April 22/23). Presents this years wildfire banner. Needs to be up for the month of May. Should go at our community sign.
- ii. Carly suggests trying to get some plants as samples, or even available for purchase, for during the yard sale as part of our Fire Wise Presentation. Kelly sighted some other resources that we can have available for the presentation.
  - iii. *Kelly is providing us with a banner that can be placed with our sign*
  - iv. Grants available coming up, 5 and 10 mil dollar grants. Somerset just got one. Kelly can help us apply. Our assessment is done now just need to finish the write up. Need to get stakeholders involved, commissioners etc
  - v. *FireMesh louvers and screens, made in Australia, go in the vents of your house to keep fire embers out*
  - vi. Can we ask to get a fire break cut around Silver Knolls. It is BLM and they have a grant to get that done. Need to contact BLM.
  - vii. *Some discussion about weed abatement and a presentation and Kelli can get on the agenda to present on June 20*
- b. Envision Washoe 2040 – County wide program to communicate with entire community; results of survey that came out several months ago. They are asking for comments. Go to the website and make comments. They are listening to the comments, what do we want to see in the next 20 years. We are in the North Valleys Area (not Cold Springs). May take an hour to go through well but is very important for how our community will look in the future.
- i. Speaker next month
- c. Secretary of State certification comes due next month. \$150 for the year.
- d. Website Ideas – nothing. Casey adds things as they come up. Maybe add more Fire Wise Information and links. We can have a separate page for FW also.
- e. Community Yard Sale Flyer – can we put Fire Wise Info on the back side of the map etc to include. Casey suggests a separate handout for residents.
- f. 2023 Elections: Mickey Thompson will be on the ballot to fill open position.
- g. 395 North update – Robert from NDOT was at the meeting. Originally the plan would have eliminated the short access road on the west side of 395 that connects to Old 395. There was great opposition and they have now decided to have that access. There is still no discussion about extending the next phase beyond Golden Valley. Pretty obvious that the engineers are not familiar with the area. RRR underpass, Rob has made comment how that will impact the traffic in this area. Markers have moved so perhaps the underpass will get widened as part of the plan
- i. Sarah will be speaking next month to give an update.
  - ii. Residents are already experiencing backups on the freeway from the RR exit. Traffic backs up from the first light and at high traffic times has been stopped as far back as Stead Blvd.

- h. Ditch Repair Update: Delayed due to weather. No follow up on the letter they were supposed to send out. Keith will be staying on top of the issue.
  - i. Granite Hills Baptist Church. Mike Assistant Pastor came to meeting and wants to be a liaison to SKCO. Looking for ways they can be helpful in the community. They will be participating in the yard sale. They want to be active participants in the community. Discussion about trimming up the bushes at the Community Room next weekend. If there are people in need of assistance please let GHBC know so they can help out or do visitations.
  - j. Lockwood has free dumps for the next 2 weeks Tues – Sat. Includes large appliances
10. President and Board Items
- a. Next Monthly Board Meeting-Third Tuesday 16 May 2023 at the Firehouse; Zoom option available
  - b. Agenda items due Monday Prior
  - c. CAB is second Tuesday of the month at Library with Zoom option available. Good way to keep up with what is going on locally.
11. Other Business
- a. Neighborhood Watch –
    - i. A few houses coming back on the market
    - ii. Nothing else to report
    - iii. This is snake season so beware, look around, be cautious
    - iv. Hummingbird season also
    - v. *The road to our silver Knolls Community Park is washed out and about impassible. Over the past 3-4 months several people have contacted the county to report this.*
    - vi. Signs are all shot up, kids on motorcycles tearing up the park and above the neighborhood.
  - b. Attending guests are listed above
12. Public Comment
- a. Two horse shows coming up the next 2 weeks at the Lemmon Valley Arena
  - b. Tack sale went well.
13. Adjournment at 1928

Respectfully Submitted

Tami R. Rougeau  
Recording Secretary