

Lakeside Meadows Homeowners' Association, Inc.
Board Meeting, January 22, 2019
63 Brown St., Weaverville, NC

Board members present:

Julia Book, 2018 President

Gracemarie Cirino, Board member

Scott Hughes, Director and Treasurer

Jean Keen, Board member

Ruth O'Donnell, Secretary

Verdine Spicer, Board member

Alan Steinberg, Board member

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Julia Book.
2. Julia asked for additions to the agenda. Gracemarie added Neighborhood Watch.
3. Officers of the Association

The Board elected the HOA officer, each of which will serve a two-year term.

Scott agreed to continue as Treasurer; Ruth agreed to continue as Secretary. Julia asked if there were any volunteers for the office of President. Jean Keen agreed to be nominated. Gracemarie moved the slate of nominees be approved. Scott seconded. Approved unanimously. The new HOA officers are:

- President: Jean Keen
- Treasurer, Scott Hughes
- Secretary, Ruth O'Donnell

Jean took over chairing the meeting from Past-President Julia Book. The Board thanked Julia for her work and for taking on the Presidency in 2017 when the president resigned.

It was noted that Verdine's term on the Board expires at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The other four Board members have two year terms, which is not in accordance with HOA Bylaws. Gracemaries said since she's been on the board for six months completing someone else's term, her current term could be for one year. That would get the Board terms in line with Bylaw requirements. Board members agreed to this suggestion.

4. New Business

Neighborhood Watch – Gracemarie reported on her conversation with Sergeant Andy Mace, Weaverville Police which took place following the Annual Meeting. She asked him the questions homeowners had asked at the meeting and got the following responses.

1. Q Do the responsibilities of residents increase once the Neighborhood Watch sign is put up?
No
2. Are residents liable in any way if something happens in the community?
No – no liability on residents.

3. Who should be contacted if someone in the community sees something offensive taking place in the community?
For a serious incident, call police then alert people in community to what you saw. If the incident is deemed not serious, then, IF the resident is comfortable doing so, they may cautiously handle the incident and alert the community afterward. If they are not comfortable, call the police first.
4. Would the area be patrolled more or less due to the Neighborhood Watch sign being posted.
It won't make a difference. Area will be patrolled more if residents make a request due to a possible incident.
5. Are there any statistics regarding the crime rate in communities that have a Neighborhood Watch sign posted?
Sgt Andy has none – He suggested we look on the Internet to see. His guess is that they definitely do not make neighborhood less safe – but probably act a deterrent for crime in a Neighborhood Watch community.
6. How do we go about being designated as a Neighborhood Watch community and getting a sign?
Contact Sgt Mace and he will contact Public Works to post signs.
7. Then who determines where the sign is posted?
He suggested 2 signs one at the top & one at the bottom of street.

Alan, said he thinks all of Brown Street should be included in a Neighborhood Watch, not just Lakeside Meadows. Also, he noted that our tax money will pay for the signs. Jean said she feel this is a safe neighborhood and she is ambivalent about the need for the signs. Gracemarie noted that we are already paying attention to the safety situation on our street so adding the signs is just letting people know that. Scott moved approval of having the Town of Weaverville put up Neighborhood Watch after the questions/answers have been sent to homeowners and as long as there are no formal (email to President) objections within two weeks. Gracemarie seconded. Following discussion Scott made an amendment to his motion, changing it to a motion that the Board approve a Neighborhood Watch and include the questions and answers as part of these minutes. Gracemarie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Gracemarie will talk to Sergeant Mace about getting the signs installed.

5. Future meeting dates were set.

Quarterly meeting will be 7:00 to 8:30 pm and be held at 47 Brown St., the home of President Jean Keen. Meeting dates are:

April 23, 2019

July 23, 2019

Oct 22, 2019

The 2020 Annual meeting is scheduled for, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 2:00 pm, Weaverville Public Library.

Adjourn - Scott moved to adjourn. Alan seconded . approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by Ruth O'Donnell, Secretary