

FBM Board Meeting Minutes - June 15, 2018
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Chip Wilder Host – 12445 Dobbins Lane, Nevada City

Attendees: Chuck Staetz, Chip Wilder, Diana Abrell, Susan Sanders, Susan Luhman, Jeff Peach

Call to Order

President Chuck Staetz called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Fixed Board Meeting Time

Chuck recommended the Board establish a regular time (once a month) to hold board meetings. The reason being if board members knew there was going to be a meeting on the second Thursday of the month, they could plan to keep that day free from other appointments. If a meeting is not needed, the president could just email everyone to cancel it. The motion was made and seconded to schedule future board meetings on the second Thursday of the month. This motion will take effect in August.

Annual Meeting

Chuck thanked all those who assisted in organizing the annual meeting. Those who attended agreed it was successful. Discussion followed regarding whether to continue scheduling the annual meeting on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. Some of the invited speakers were not thrilled about having the meeting on that Saturday. Chip and Chuck indicated attendance is quite good on that particular Saturday. They said other dates did not draw such a big group of attendees. A motion was made and seconded to schedule the annual meeting for the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. All agreed.

March 23, 2018 Minutes

Susan Luhman distributed a draft copy of the March 23, 2018 minutes for approval. Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. All approved.

Susan Luhman suggested the Board use Google Docs for all reports and letters. This application is very easy to use and make corrections to existing documents. Not everyone was familiar with how to use Google Docs. Jeff gave a brief overview. He will email instructions to everyone. The motion was made and seconded to begin using Google Docs by July 1, 2018. All were in favor of the motion.

Financial Report

Chip distributed an updated treasurer's report.

Account Summary	Balance	Available Balance
FBM	\$5.09	00
SOHC Transfer	\$5,371.80	\$5,371.80
FMB Checking	\$3,954.55	\$3,954.55
Certificate of Deposit	\$23,098.63	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report; it was unanimously approved.

Firewise Coalition

The Firewise coalition is all about community education about fire safety. It is cooperative groups who will help homeowners learn how to fire safe their homes and land. Jeff distributed a Clean up Courtesy Notice form that can be sent to home/land owners whose property displays serious fire hazard conditions. The Firewise group has no authority to make a homeowner perform a certain task to make his/her area fire safe. But fire officials may pay the owner a visit.

Jeff showed a laminated map of Banner Mountain. The map clearly showed what a big area Banner Mountain covers. Not all areas are a part of the Firewise coalition. Jeff is looking for ways to reach out to the various housing areas to bring them into the coalition. Chuck suggested researching the various areas to see if they have homeowners associations that might be willing to join the coalition.

FMB Board Composition

A motion was made and seconded to add Diana Abrell to the FMB board. Sarah Rhode has been unable to attend meetings due to work commitments. Chuck will contact Sarah to see if she wants to remain on the board.

Willie and Ralph Hitchcock will be board emeritus members.

Lower Cascade Canal Trail - Litigation Update

Chuck distributed a copy of the request for financial support letter. If anyone wants any changes they should send them to him by June 18th. Envelopes have been printed (including stamped return envelopes). The letter will be mailed once the board and John Bilheimer have approved the final

wording. Blue copies of the financial support letter will be placed in the box at the lower parking lot.

Diana suggested there might be some Save Our Historic Canal (SOHC) folks who are not FBM members who we should contact about this issue. We should try to figure out a way to compare lists. Although some of SOHC addresses may no longer be valid.

Jeff mentioned checking addresses from the annual meeting guest list. Chuck will draft a letter to the guests requesting financial support for the Lower Cascade Canal Trail.

Chip and some other board members thought Judge Gilbert should provide FBM with a report outlining the mediation meeting. FBM deserves to know what he has done since that meeting to help resolve the litigation. If Judge Gilbert will not provide a report then the Board wants John Bilheimer to provide a follow up report.

Additionally, the Board would like John Bilheimer to provide a monthly report keeping FBM up to date on any legal action. The Board wants to know if there is any action to be taken to prepare for the October 23rd court appearance. Chip suggested inviting John Bilheimer to attend a board meeting. Board members agreed this was a good idea. Susan Luhman will ask Bilheimer about that. Once a date is set for this meeting, the Board will write questions to present to John Bilheimer.

Susan Sanders spoke with Nancy Weber, a member of the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) board of directors, about the NID's role in preventing landowners from installing barriers on the Lower Cascade Canal trail. Nancy said the NID has no authority to deny a landowner from installing a gate or fence. NID just has to have access to that part of the ditch it maintains.

Chip and Chuck filed FBM's taxes.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Action items:

All board members review the financial support letter. Comments should be sent to Chuck by June 18.

Susan Luhman will ask John Bilheimer if he will attend an FBM board meeting.

Jeff will check on the annual meeting guest addresses

Chuck will draft a support letter to those guests who attended the annual meeting.