

**FBM Board Meeting Draft Minutes
October 28, 2020 (5:00 - 6:30 pm)
Zoom Meeting**

Attendees: Chip Wilder, Diana Abrell, Susan Luhman, Jeff Peach, Andrew Wilkinson, Ann Westling, and Ed Sylvester

Apologies: Chuck Statez and Susan Sanders

Susan Luhman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

House Keeping:

Treasurer's Report:

Chip reported FBM has \$3,522.08 in its checking account. The savings account has \$444.46. Expenses have been for postage stamps and taxes. Kroeger Financial charged \$150.00 for tax service.

Jeff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ed seconded it and all approved.

Minutes:

Susan Luhman sent the minutes electronically to the Board. Chip moved to accept the minutes and Diana Abrell seconded it.

Membership Renewal

Susan Luhman sent the final renewal letter around for approval. It is ready to send. Diana contacted Andrea Tarp about folding, inserting, and mailing the letters. Jeff offered to purchase the envelopes, stamp the return envelope in preparation for the mailing. Renewal letters will be sent after the November 3rd election.

Idaho-Maryland Mine

Ed asked if anyone had any update on the Idaho Maryland Mine reopening. The last public comment (of which the Board was aware) was a protest in September. Because of the negative impact this project would have in terms of noise pollution, wildlife, and water sources, the Board is hopeful Rise Goldthe Company will be unsuccessful in reopening the mine. The Community Environmental Advocates is closely monitoring the situation

FireWise Update

Jeff reported once the Corona Virus hit FireWise meetings halted.

The FireWise council is monitoring the Hazard Assessment and Fire Safe Action Plan. Jeff will meet with Bob Hannna and Ann Westling to make a game plan.

Other Business

Internet and phone service disruption

Ed expressed concern of lack of internet and phone services when PG&E performs a Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS). When a PSPS occurs Xfinity discontinues these services. Such action is dangerous as many homeowners expect these services to be available to be notified of evacuations due to fire. Andrew mentioned AT&T is doing more to provide this service during times of power shutdowns.

Ed offered to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing this concern.

Continued harassment on Cascade Canal Trail

A landowner continues to harass Cascade Canal Trail walkers and trail maintenance people. On September 28th, Susan Luhman (using Ray Bryars' recount of his interaction with the landowner sent an email to John Bilheimer. The Board has not heard back. Susan Luhman offered to contact Mr. Bilheimer to determine the next course of action.

Fire safety issue

An FBM member sent an email about the amount of underbrush, dead branches lying around various neighborhoods on Banner Mountain. She suggested notifying folks who need to clean up their properties by putting a note on their doors. The member also asked if FBM would be interested in contributing money in a pool for clean up projects. She suggested that FBM approach the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to request funds for homeowners clean up projects as a pilot for FBM and later expand to other county homeowners associations.

The Board appreciated the member's concern but at this time is unable to take on this task. Ann and Jeff will collaborate on a response.

Susan Luhman adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

