



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 6:30PM
8012 MESA DR.**

Attendees: Caroline Alexander, Stacey Brewer, Carol Dochen, Debra Danziger, Matthew Grant, Chris Hajdu, Carol Jones, Rebecca Leightman, Shannon Meroney, Ernie Saulmon, John Sephehri, Jack Skaggs, Joyce Statz, Robert Thomas

Board Members not in Attendance: Kirk Ashy, Stephannie Behrens, Jen Despins, Cuatro Groos, Miguel Romano,

Visitors: Jake Dodson
Jack Richards

1. President, Joyce Statz called the meeting to order.
2. Joyce Statz introduced Jake Dodson and Jack Richards. Jake and Jack live on Running Rope Drive. They spoke to the board about their concern regarding the Knox Tract development. The Zoning Committee will be looking into this matter and getting back with them.
3. Joyce Statz asked if the board had reviewed the consent items and if there were any questions in that regard. Carol Dochen moved to approve the consent items, Matthew Grant seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**
4. Chris Hajdu gave the membership report. He indicated that to date we are a little behind on the numbers of members; however we have not had as many events this year so far which may contribute to the decrease. We will be having a BOPA event soon, which should help improve the numbers.
5. Joyce Statz noted that Bridget Glaser has resigned from the board.
6. Joyce Statz reviewed all policy and procedure updates which include an update to the Vision statement, duties of the Executive Committee, use of Executive Session, and archival of email. The Board approved the following addition to the Vision Statement:

In its activities and operations, NWACA is inclusive of all people within our community, without discrimination against any race, color, religious affiliation, gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or military status.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee were reviewed and the following was approved:

- *Purpose: To coordinate the meetings and activities of the Board, as authorized and directed by the Board, compliant with the Bylaws of NWACA*
- *Membership: The EC is composed of the officers of the NWACA Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.*
- *Responsibilities:*
 - *Take action as requested by the Board, on behalf of the Board (example: draft new policies and procedures)*
 - *Meet monthly to plan Board Meeting agendas and respond to requests of visitors to address the Board, and keep minutes of those meetings*
 - *In consultation with the Board, invite guests to speak at the Annual Meeting and coordinate the logistics of the meeting*
 - *Monitor the work of the NWACA committees and help remove roadblocks*
 - *Monitor the effectiveness of Board policies and Board practices and make recommendations for changes to enable greater effectiveness or efficiency*
 - *Bring recommendations and decisions to the Board electronically between meetings, with a time-limited response period, if such is required in a timeframe that must occur before the next regular Board meeting.*

As the Board operates under Robert's Rules of Order and the current version (Version 11) already covers the matter, the Board needs no procedure for executive session.

Archiving of email communications was discussed, with a suggestion made to check with our web hosting service to see if they can support email at our domain name, with archival. The matter was tabled for completion of the investigation.

7. Robert Thomas gave the Nomination Committee update. The committee received five nominations. Four came from board members and one person self-nominated. Two nominees did not meet the requirement of having been a NWACA member for one year prior to the election and are not eligible to serve on the board at this time.

Members who will be leaving the board include: Stephannie Behrens, Carol Dochen, Bridget Glaser, Matthew Grant, Miguel Romano, Jack Skaggs, and Steven Soper. Those who wish to be on the slate for the upcoming election include: Caroline Alexander, Kirk Ashy, Stacey Brewer, Jen Despina, Debra Danziger, Cuatro Groos, Chris Hajdu, Carol Jones, Rebecca Leightman, Shannon Meroney, Ernie Saulmon, John Sepehri, Joyce Statz, and Robert Thomas. New nominees include Vicki DeWeese, David Whitworth, and Stayton Wright.



Carol Dochen moved to approve the slate as presented. Ernie Saulmon seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

8. Shannon Meroney gave the Ad Hoc Committee update, providing details regarding the Ad Hoc Committee's recent meeting with The Drenner Group regarding the possibility of having a charrette conducted for the project. Joyce Statz reported that the Balcones Civic Association Meeting about the Austin Oaks PUD which was held on September 8th had about 80 people in attendance including Sheri Gallo.
9. Joyce Statz asked if the board would like to support Snout X Snoutwest this year. Carol Dochen moved that we not support the function this year, Carol Jones seconded the motion. Alexander, Brewer, Grant and Lightman abstained, Sepehri, Skaggs and Statz voted against. **Motion Passed.**
10. Joyce Statz asked the board if they were interested in conducting a neighborhood interests and concerns survey for 2015. The board agreed to do so. Debra Danziger will be writing some questions to include which pertain to adopting a NWACA nickname.
11. John Sepehri, Co-Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee reported on the upcoming Bond Election Forum which is intended to provide funds for the construction of a new Family Law Courthouse.
12. Carol Dochen who is coordinating the Annual Garage Sale reported that she will need to purchase new signage for the sale being held on October 4th. Robert Thomas moved to reallocated \$200 in funds from the Wildlife Committee budget to pay for the signs. Jack Skaggs seconded the motion. Robert Thomas moved to reallocate \$100 in funds which were to be used for the 2015 Snout X Snoutwest event to pay for the signs. Ernie Saulmon seconded the motion. **Motions Passed Unanimously.**
13. Caroline Alexander of the Parks Committee noted that the shade structures are due to be installed at Murchison Pool next Monday.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.