

MINUTES OF THE RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION (RNA) BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2024

Board of Directors Present: Charles Luke, President; Chrystal Aceves, Secretary; Ralph Legg, Member-at-Large/RNA Propane Co-op Program; Karen Hebert, Block Captains' Coordinator/Co-webmaster; Don Nester, Co-webmaster

Committee Members Present: Randy Aceves, Ridgewood 108 Firewise Lead; Chris Amend, Architectural Chair/Block 2 Captain; Sandy Fisher, Block 4 Captain/Architectural committee.

Block Captains Present: Kathie Luke, Block 6 Captain.

Guests: Bob Fisher

General Business

The meeting of the RNA Board of Directors was held at the Moose Lodge and called to order at 1:30 pm by President Charles Luke.

President Luke confirmed there was a quorum present to proceed with the meeting.

Board Minutes and Newsletter — Chrystal Aceves

Due to family changes and challenges with the care-giving for elderly parents, no minutes for 9/22/23 meeting written or end of year Newsletter distributed. She will pick-up 1st draft of end of year Newsletter and update to start a new draft for 2024.

Promises a 2024 newsletter for call of dues with announcement of increase approved at the October general meeting and updated membership form. Plan for mid/end of February distribution of Newsletter.

Treasurer Report – Kathie for Kristin Ballard

Treasurer report was given by Kathie Luke on behalf of Kristin. There were 70 paid dues in 2023 and a handful who paid towards future dues.

Membership Chair – Karen Hebert (nominated by Charles Luke)

Not sure what her duties are as membership chair. To be discussed further at a future Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ridgewood 108 Firewise – Randy Aceves, Lead

2024 Firewise Certificate has been approved and will be announced in the Newsletter.

Architectural Committee – Chris Amend, Chair

No new events or changes on the books. Mentioned he has sent at least two emails to Ryan Campbell with no response. Trying to get information regarding ASA funds distribution and priority list.

Block Captains – Karen Hebert, Coordinator

Block 8 Block Captain position remains Open.

Propane Co-op Program – Ralph Legg

2024 cooperative program supplier remains JS West. Current pricing \$2.10/gal.

Remove Tom Crosby's name as propane co-op program co-coordinator as his government duties are taking all his time these days.

Co-Webmasters – Don Nester & Karen Hebert

Thank you Don, Karen, and Don's daughter (Katharine) for the excellent job and the work on the new RNA Website. Scheduled to be ready for access by Ridgewood residents and website link announced in upcoming Newsletter.

Discussion regarding passwords for sensitive information such as propane pricing, Firewise, and roster were debated.

Outcome is propane pricing and roster will be grouped together under a separate password. There will be a new password moving forward on the new website.

Dues and Firewise Certificate are renewed annually. Randy will continue to respond to Firewise certificate requests directly and be responsible for verification of payment of dues with Kristin. The Firewise certificate will not be a printable document on the website.

Ridgettes – Karen reported for Sandy Piercey

No get togethers scheduled for 2024.

New Business – Charles Luke

Charles asked for feedback regarding October 22, 2023 General meeting and get-together. There were many positive comments regarding the general meeting. Several residents stated that they liked the venue of the Moose Lodge because it was convenient, had good parking, and available restroom facilities. Other comments heard from attendees included, too long, too many speakers, hard to wait until the end to ask questions. Overall, those present said they appreciated the handouts and valuable information presented by the speakers.

Randy suggested to have it more of a "poster" style setting. This will allow for roaming and individuals to speak directly with only those experts of interest and ask their specific question(s) real-time. This will be time efficient for individuals and hopefully gain interest in attending if they don't have to sit through all speakers and then forget their question to ask at the end and go back to redirect the speaker.

Discussion took place to bring back the informal "Spring" get together and try to have it at a home vs Moose Lodge. Only have one special guest such as Ryan Campbell at the meeting. Charles will contact possible venues for an RNA Spring event and announce a "save the date" in the Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned by Charles at 3:30 pm.