

Red Fox Run POA
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2024
Old Red Fox Golf Course Parking Lot
9:00am Club Road, Tryon, NC 28782

Board Members:

Present: Andrew Drumheller, Pete Crandall, Justin Pastor, Jeff Haake, Alton Kelley, Brian Kivin, Boyd Wampler

Absent: None

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: 30 Community members

Meeting called order at 9:00am

Opening:

- Opening statement – Pete
- Debris Removal – Alton
 - Polk County will be conducting debris removal and is wanting to complete the process in about two months
 - We will be sending out constant contact with more information soon
 - Pete will see if we can have pickup towards the end of the process.

Motion to approve the agenda:

- Motion – Alton
- Seconded – Brian
- Motion Passed 7-0

Treasurer Report: Alton

- We have \$23,491.95 in checking, and \$9,000 in the construction account.
- We just paid our insurance bill, which is the last major bill of the year.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report – Justin

Seconded – Boyd

Motion Passed 7-0

Secretary's Report: Jeff

- Copies of the minutes from our last meeting have been reviewed by the board and are posted on our website

Motion to accept the Secretaries report – Pete.

Seconded – Justion

Motion Passed 7-0

Social Committee – Jeff

- The social committee requested a \$500.00 loan for the upcoming year. The goal is to be budget neutral and eventually budget positive.
- The Social Committee is conducting a coat/blanket drive for Hurricane Helen victims.
 - Drop off at Karen Norman's house 10/10 – 10/27
 - Please place your donations in plastic bags
- Halloween Trick or Treat
 - October 31st
 - 6-8pm
 - If you would like to participate, leave your front porch light on.
- Christmas Party
 - December 7th at FENCE.
 - More information coming soon
 - The Social Committee is looking for more ways to volunteer and share resources.
 - They are discussing a monthly newsletter
- Next Social Committee meeting November 7th at 10:00am Sandy Mertz's house

Roads Committee - Boyd

- Road striping at the intersection of Hoopers Creek and Red Fox Circle is scheduled to take place today.
- Street signs
 - Boyd showed two options for our new street signs and the vast majority of those present choose the darker grey background and white lettering.
 - Boyd described how the signs and post would look
 - We are looking at using reflective lettering on the signs
 - All streets will be marked
- Pete – The plan is to finish the signs during the first quarter of 2025
 - We will patch a few places but hold off on new paving for 2025

ARC Committee – Brian

- Typical items going on
- One home is being finished up and no new buildings at this time.

- Roof Replacement
 - If you are using comparable materials and the same color, there is no need to get ARC approval.
 - You can send the ARC an email to let them know what is going on.

Welcome Committee

- Justin has taken over this committee as Andrew is stepping back.

Landscape Committee – Justin

- The committee is looking at doing a fall cleanup
- They could use some help to stain the fence on Hoopers Creek road and install new plants.

Member Questions

- Asked if GFL could pick up yard waste?
- Pete – said he has started negotiations with GFL on the new contract. He will ask GFL about the cost to have one- or two-yard waste pickups a year.
- A member asked if the board would make this decision or if the membership could vote to have the yard waste pickup.
- Pete said he was not opposed to having the membership vote on this issue.
- A member asked about following up with vacant lot owners about downed trees
 - Pete – We will send out constant contacts to those who have provided emails
 - Unfortunately, we do not have email addresses for all of our members
 - Alton – All Constant Contacts are now posted on the website for all to see

Membership Input – Sandy Mertz

- Kudzu on Club Road
 - Kudzu is moving under the street to her property
 - Is there anything in the by-laws that addresses dealing with Kudzu since it is so invasive.
 - Nuisance on property is listed in the by-laws
 - If we do something, we have to do it to all property owners not just one.
 - There are limitations as to what we can do as a POA
 - Alton suggested that we ask our attorney what we can legally do.
 - Kudzu is a fast-growing plant that is hard to eradicate.
 - A member suggested renting goats to eat kudzu.
 - A member asked about adding a kudzu statement to the By-Laws.
 - Alton reminded them that an amendment would require 2/3 majority to vote in favor of the new amendment.
 - Pete said that Tryon Country Club cuts it down to the crown and sprays it with roundup. This will take multiple treatments to kill the kudzu.

- Andrew suggested that we send out a constant Contact asking property owners to look and see if they have kudzu growing on their property. We could also send out pictures and information letting the membership know about the plant and how invasive it is.
- Boyd asked if the person had been in contact with the Tryon Kudzu eradication project people to see what can be done?
 - They had not been in contact with them, but they will.
- Justin mentioned that the deer could be eating the plant and depositing the seeds in your yard as they travel the neighborhood.
- Member
 - Mentioned that a driver took out a number of neighbor mailboxes, landscaping and road signs on Golf Course Road.
 - Who do we contact to replace the destroyed signs and add additional signs?
 - The State Department of Transportation maintains all road signs, not Polk County
 - Their number is 828-894-8980 and is located by Iron Key.
- Member
 - Asked about the possibility of having a nature trail through the community on the old golf course.
 - Liability may be a concern
 - Pete – said the POA could look at expanding their insurance to cover the landowners/trail.
 - Pete mentioned that there is a 5-foot easement around the lake.
 - Pete also said that there is a potential new owner for the old club house property, and they may let people walk.
- Member – Who is responsible for a tree falling
 - Pete said the responsibility fell to the property owner where the root ball is located.
 - A member said that NC law states that if a living tree falls, then it is the property owner's responsibility to clean up that part of the tree in their yard.
 - Pete said that we will ask our attorney for further clarification.
- Member – How long do we give members to clean up their property
 - Pete – there is nothing in our documents that give a specific timeline
 - Alton – suggested that we have a few workdays to cut up trees and get them to the roadside. We as a community can come together to help one another.
- Pete – The sheriff department is patrolling our neighborhood multiple times: day and night.
- Justin -Skyrunner Internet
 - Skyrunner has been granted the contract for internet for most of Red Fox POA.
 - Spectrum has the contract for 10 houses. According to Justin, Skyrunner is attempting to get 10 houses from Spectrum.
 - They will first set up a wireless link and then run the fiber from Columbus.

- More information to come.

The open session of the POA meeting was concluded and the Board went into an executive session.

- The budget is almost complete. Alton will send out the budget and the board will vote via email.
- Down payment for new street signs

Motion – Pay \$8,000 now to get the process started – Jeff

Second – Boyd

Motion Passed 7-0

- Alton – The webpage has a Candidate page for our members who are running for the board and a Contact page.
- Various discussions were had about ongoing issues.

Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am