



Board Meeting Minutes **September 24, 2021**

Attendees:	Karen Phillips JD Hisey John Idsinga Holly Musser Caleb Blanton	Rey Reynolds Aaron Marvin Dave Myllymaki Darlene Kulla
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The regular board meeting was held on September 24, 2021 at the office of New Tradition Homes beginning at 8:00 AM. The Chairman called the meeting to order and Holly Musser opened with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The website is in transition. Cindy has turned it over to Karen and is no longer working with the camp. Karen has been able to make some updates to the old site including updated rental rates and policies. Karen is also contracting with Creative Purple to build a new website.

Nathan Eterno from PR Septic will be helping with the septic needs at the camp. He is currently out of town and Karen plans to get together with him when he returns.

The Chairman, Aaron Marvin reported on a phone meeting he participated in with the County recently. This meeting clarified that:

- There will need to be 10 1-gallon plants installed adjacent to the stairs that lead down to the river, and the stairs can remain as they are otherwise. We will try to get the plants installed before November 15th.
- Since our water system has in excess of 25 connections it will need to be upgraded and will likely be one of the first major improvements made to the camp. An estimated cost of \$150,000 is to be budgeted for this work. There can be no drinking of the water at the camp until the improvements have been made.
- AKS believes they will have the Master Plan complete by 12/31/21.
- PBS will finalize the water system and well planning, possibly simultaneously with the Master Plan. However, AKS will not delay the completion of the Master Plan if PBS is not ready.
- Aaron has also talked with Kingsway about them using the camp for kids activities in the future. They are interested in doing so. Aaron has also emailed Ricky with Crossroads church. Ricky is transitioning in his duties at Crossroads currently and will reach out again about becoming involved with Camp Hope when he has settled into his new duties.
- Garrett from Gro Outdoor Living seems to be interested in a board position and he and Aaron plan to continue pursuing Garret's involvement.

Finances – We reviewed and approved the current financial statements. Sharon still needs a solid budget for 2022. Karen and Sharon have been working together and making good

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headway with the data they have. In the future they will be able to provide budget vs actuals reports each month.

Grounds Committee – The trail to the caves will need some maintenance work in the spring. We intend to add some erosion control measures that will also provide good footing for those using the trail.

Facilities Committee – Karen is working to winterize the camp and is seeking a conex box to store mattresses in.

Well water – Pitner well drilling has looked at the well and water system and determined that an old auto fill system is outdated and needs to be replaced. Until we have funds to replace it, the caretaker will need to run the well pump manually.

Camps – There is a camp planned for September 25th and another one in November.

The board met with JD Hisey and approved him as a new board member.

Director Karen Philip's gave her Director's report.

- The first newsletter is out.
- Grant opportunities – Murdoch seems to be a good opportunity for us to explore as we seek grant sources. Karen will continue to look into what they have for options we could pursue. The Realtors will likely be sending us a contribution during October as they have in the past. The Parks Foundation will reimburse us for 2021 expenses when we submit the information they need.
- Karen has proposed an “Adopt a Cabin” program, which she hopes will help to maintain the various cabins and buildings that need attention.
- Karen is also proposing a “Christmas at Camp Hope” fundraiser. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Karen will seek volunteers over the next 2-1/2 weeks and further develop a budget to present to the board at the next meeting for consideration and approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM. Some agenda items remained to be discussed at a later time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Myllymaki, Secretary