

Bucks Lake Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Bucks Lake, CA

Officers:

James Moore, President

Kevin "Elwood" Steven, Vice-President

Kristina Shramek, Secretary/Treasurer

Draft Minutes  
Board of Director's Meeting  
May 30, 2022  
10AM

Lakeshore Lodge Resort, Bucks Lake, California

**I. Open Meeting/Standing Orders:**

**A.** Call Meeting to Order: 10:10 am by President James Moore

**B.** Roll Call:

Board Members Present: James Moore, Kevin "Elwood" Stevens, Marcie Baker, Kathleen Evanoff, Dean Henricks, Rachel Martinez, Cricket Brumbaugh, Gernert Lorenzen,

Members present: Amie Stevens, Kyle Felker, Mark Pawelczyk

**II. Public Comment:** none

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

**A.** May 30, 2022 agenda approved with addition of V.B (destruction of application and dues for 2020-2021 and destruction of ballots for 2021-2022).

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

**A.** Approval of July 17, 2021 Minutes. Kristina Shramek read minutes into the record. **President James Moore motioned to approve minutes as read and Vice President Elwood Stevens seconded motion; all in favor – motion passed.**

**V. Treasurer's Report:**

**A.** Financial Report provided by Kristina Shramek. Bank of America account balance as of 5/30/22 is 10,617.32 and will be 9,617.32 as of 5/31/22 (end of fiscal year due to stipend payment for secretary/treasurer). Reviewed Profit and Loss Detail Statement for fiscal year June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022 and 2021-2022 Actual Budget and 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Shramek requests approval to publish reports to membership. Vice President Elwood Stevens asks for clarification as to why membership dues on Actual Budget for 2021-2022 is different than Proposed Budget of 2022-2023 when the membership is unchanged. Secretary/Treasurer Shramek indicates that some of the membership dues for 2021-2022 were collected during the prior fiscal year and the budget reflects balances for each fiscal year. **Board of Directors to further review financials and approve to publish reports to the membership.**

**B.** ADD – ON

Destruction of Application and Dues for 2020-2021

Destruction of ballots for 2021-2022

**Director Kathleen Evanoff motioned for approval of destruction of application and dues for 2020-2021 and destruction of ballots for 2021-2022; Vice President Elwood Stevens seconded motion; all in favor – motion passed.**

## VI. Discussion/Action Items:

### A. Scheduling of Annual Meeting and Election

Location: Board discussed options for meeting location as Norton Meadows or Bucks Lake Fire Station. President James Moore indicated that the Fire Station is like Buck's Lake community center, Vice President Elwood Stevens agreed and Director Marcie Baker indicated the Buck's Lake Fire Department would approve of Bucks Lake HOA Annual Meeting occurring at Fire Station. Director Kathleen Evanoff asked if there were tents available for shade and the group agreed that some tents would be available. Vice President Elwood Stevens suggested that the notice to members include suggestion that all members bring a chair, water, and shade source or hat. Vice President Elwood Stevens shares prior complaints was not having good sound so will need sound system, mobile mic for speakers. Director Cricket Brumbaugh agrees. **Vice President Elwood Stevens moves to have Annual Meeting at Bucks Lake Fire Station; Directors Rachel Martinez and Cricket Brumbaugh and other Directors second motion; all in favor – motion passed.**

Date/Time: Per Directors Kathleen Evanoff and Marcie Baker, Bucks Lake Fire Department will have annual Pancake Breakfast on July 3, 2022. Director Dean Henricks mentions need for adequate time to receive nominations for Board of Director seats and to receive candidate bios. Additional discussion regarding deadline in by-laws for date of Annual Meeting being in September. Board suggests July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8am so that heat is not an issue for attendees and enough time is allowed for candidates to get in bios then get ballots out. **Vice President Elwood Stevens motioned for approval of July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8am for Annual Meeting and Director Marcie Baker seconded motion; all in favor – motion passed.**

Last day to submit Candidate nominations and biography to secretary/treasurer Kristina Shramek ([blhoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:blhoasecretary@gmail.com)) will be **June 25, 2022**. Ballots will be mailed to all members no later than **July 1, 2022**.

Last day for mail in ballots to be received and counted for the General Election will be **July 15, 2022**. Board and Members will still be allowed to submit ballot prior to Annual Meeting and vote will be counted provided member is member in good standing (dues have been paid prior to Annual Meeting). Will encourage membership to vote early. Will have a booth at Bucks Lake Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on July 3, 2022.

**Vice President Elwood motions for nominations/bios to be submitted by June 25, 2022, ballots to be mailed by July 1, 2022 and last day to receive mail in ballots to be July 15, 2022 and members to still be allowed to submit ballots prior to Annual Meeting on July 23, 2022 at 8am. Director Marcie Baker seconds motion; all in favor – motion passed.**

Positions open for election to the Board of Directors identified as:

Forest Service – Bucks Tract (2 positions) – Dean Henricks will seek re-election for one position

Forest Service – Haskins (2 positions) – Gernert Lorenzen will seek re-election for one position

PGE (1 position) – Kathleen Evanoff will seek re-election

Private (1 position) – Rachel Martinez will seek re-election

President James Moore asks the Board to seek recruitment of new Board members for the open positions as two Forest Service positions were not filled for fiscal year 2021-2022. Directors and Vice President Elwood Stevens agreed that new and younger Board members would be welcomed.

President James Moore says that he is withdrawing his previous request to look at electronic voting due to difficulty with cell service in the area.

### B. Discuss and approve agenda items for Annual Meeting

Request from member to have Fire Department Personnel come and introduce themselves to the members and board – Board agreed the Bucks Lake Fire Department has done this in the past and will be happy to attend the meeting.

Suggestion from member to investigate “Star Link” as possibility for cell/phone service for residents – President James Moore states that Star Link is a competitor to Hughes Net, with Star Link you have to set up yourself, Hughes Net sends someone out to set up. Directors Cricket Brumbaugh, Rachel Martinez and Marcie Baker have Star Link and love the service and also have cell reception at their residence. Vice President Elwood Stevens and Director Kathleen Evanoff stated Star Link did not work for them due to signal issues. President James Moore indicated that Star Link is an alternative to Hughes Net but not a substitute for emergency cell service for Bucks Lake Area. Currently there are technical issues for cell towers to provide emergency service to residents regardless of where they are located while at Bucks Lake due to damage from the fire and difficulty with infrastructure. The need to have emergency cell reception for all of Bucks Lake Area continues to be an issue and will continue to be addressed by the Board.

#### **C. USFS**

Proposal to Plumas National Forest regarding removal of fire hazardous trees by cabin owners – President James Moore shared background on reason for making proposal to Forest Service so that cabin owners can cut fire hazardous trees consistent with California State law. Plumas National Forest Service expressed support for the proposal but proposal needs to be reviewed by Regional and National offices and President Moore will continue to follow up. Forest Service has previously expressed trees are commercial asset but that is not an issue now as value of timber is now zero. Per the proposal, tree removal would be at owners expense but tree removal would not be required, just allowed by Forest Service pursuant to California PRC 4291. Per President James Moore, adoption of the proposal by the Forest Service may help cabin owners obtain fire insurance. President Moore indicated that Plumas District Supervisor Greg Hagwood supported proposal. Kyle Felker shared that Sierra Pacific is not taking logs until 2025 and commented that the new state law has changed the zones. President James Moore clarified issue is that Forest Service has not adopted the State Law. Vice President Elwood Stevens stated an update for the July meeting would be good. President James Moore agrees and stated Forest Service will attend Annual Meeting.

Fee for cutting and removal of trees that are dead or hazardous – Director Gernhert Lorenzen shared forest service assessed a fee for him to remove trees on his property. President James Moore stated the forest service has stated they will assess a \$10.00 permit fee to cut trees. Member Kyle Felker shared that Forest Service may waive the permit fee to cut trees for this year.

#### **D. PG&E**

Proposal to institute “No Wake” boating buoy line - President James Moore reports on proposal by PGE and Plumas County Sheriff’s Office. Handout provided to attendees. President Moore shares the concern is the damage wake causes to docks, boats and issue of erosion along the banks which is getting worse. PGE’s attitude toward preventative maintenance is changing as they are wanting to protect their infrastructure. President James Moore wants to encourage PGE’s new attitude on prevention and Plumas Sheriff’s support in proposal. Board discuss whether 300 feet is from high water mark and Vice President Elwood Stevens said we should see a map of where they want the new buoy line to be. Kyle Felker expresses concern that line has been changing and the Lake is not big enough to shrink useable space down. Kyle Felker says he is happy to do a GIS. Director Cricket Brumbaugh agrees there is erosion and Vice President Elwood Stevens agrees. Vice President Elwood Stevens agrees that PGE is more preventative focused at this time. All Board members agree that more information is needed as to where buoys will be placed and an aerial map would be very helpful to assist HOA in deciding whether or not to support proposal by PGE.

#### **E. Plumas County – Greg Hagwood**

President James Moore shares that traditionally meeting in May included report from Plumas County, FS, and PGE but due to how busy everyone is with fire restoration work, did not want to ask them to come twice. They will attend Annual Meeting and report info to members and Board. President James Moore has been keeping lines of communication open and sharing all emails that go to the membership regarding various issues with Supervisor Hagwood who has expressed support for what HOA is doing.

Director Cricket Brumbaugh asks if issue regarding condition of Bucks Lake Lodge comes up with Supervisor Hagwood. Vice President Elwood Stevens said he would support a letter being written to the FS and the Board of Supervisors regarding concerns such as inconsistency in FS enforcement of property maintenance. Bucks Lake Lodge has roofing lying next to road and cabins are in state of disrepair. Directors Gernhert Lorenzen, Marcie Baker, Dean Henricks and Vice President Elwood Stevens agree that Bucks Lake Lodge should have same requirements as other cabin owners to maintain property. There is concern that the state of the property reflects poorly on Bucks Lake. Director Dean Henricks states that if the FS has jurisdiction to enforce these rules with Bucks Lake Lodge, then they need to address concerns. Vice President Elwood Stevens feel Supervisor Hagwood should be made aware of concerns. President James Moore offers to share concerns with Supervisor Hagwood and the Forest Service.

#### **F. Discuss Progress on Committees**

Trail Committee – Report by Director Kathleen Evanoff. Trail Committee consists of Director Kathleen Evanoff, Kyle Felker, and Chris Moore. Director Evanoff reports the Buck's Lake Trail is in the beginning stages, still in the planning phase, and they have not surveyed yet but will start this process soon so it is unclear where the Trail will be located. President James Moore shares that the HOA is not the decision maker for this trail but can express either support for the proposal or no support or support with amendments. Supervisor Greg Hagwood told President Moore to first find out where the trail will be and then if there is any impact to cabins or infrastructure and that would be addressed in the environmental review process. If there is some impact which can be mitigated that would be something to address with the Trail planners and County. Vice President Elwood Stevens says an aerial view of where the trail is proposed would be very helpful, Director Kathleen Evanoff said they had an aerial view but it is still in the planning phase so it's still in process.

Changes to By-Laws regarding voting – Director Dean Henricks and committee member Mark Pawelczyk go through proposed changes on handout provided to all attendees and provide information for each suggested amendment. Board discusses various changes including write-in candidates. Board agrees that burden to get on ballot is minimal and due to problems with write in votes in the past (write in candidates not eligible or not interested in serving), Board does not support amending by-laws to include write in votes. Also discussed having Forest Service lots vote for Forest Service candidates, PGE lots vote for PGE candidates and Private lots vote for private candidates and simplify the voting so that there are not separate FS Tract positions. All members would vote for President and Vice President regardless of lot location. Not enough time to discuss all changes, President James Moore, Vice President Elwood Stevens and Director Marcie Baker suggest having another Board Meeting to further discuss proposed amendments with enough time to place by-law amendments on this year's ballot for membership vote. **Motion to continue discussion to additional meeting made by President James Moore, seconded by Director Marcie Baker; all in favor – motion passed.**

**VII. Closed Session:** none

**VIII. Adjournment:** President James Moore moves to adjourn meeting at 12:00pm and Vice President Elwood Stevens seconds motion; all in favor – motion passed.