

**PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**BEAR AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**APPROVED**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 5:03 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Madison Bottorff, Chair; Lynn Stafford, Vice Chair; Carolyn Smith, Secretary; Jennifer Emett, Board Liaison. **IN PERSON GUESTS:** Karla White, Andre Boles, and Deb Tucker; **ZOOM GUESTS:** Sarah Jane Owen, Ian Sawrey.

1. Roll Call
  2. Agenda approval: Carolyn moved to approve the agenda. Lynn seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
  3. Minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting were approved via email.
  4. Madison reminded guests of meeting guidelines.
  5. Old Business: Jennifer reported per Patrice: (i) when Patrol finds an abandoned bag of trash, it's taken to the Transfer Station; (ii) there have been only 3 bear break-ins and 1 attempted so far this year--same Black bear with no tags. Need to inform and stress that all members should report break-ins to Patrol and CDFW; (iii) Jennifer will follow up with Patrice to make sure she has incorporated the bear citation protocol into formal written policy.
  6. NEW BUSINESS:
    - a. Carolyn reported:
      - Handed out copies of 11 fliers researched from other mountain communities throughout the U.S. that could be used as samples to create PMCPOA fliers
      - Discussed how Bear Ambassador programs operate in Lake Tahoe, Colorado, and Vermont using volunteers and/or paid positions; can be part-time for 5 months; centralized person for distributing preventative info, break-ins analysis, statistics, liaison with members and CDFW.
      - Will contact CDFW for Bear Aware fliers to distribute at the Lilac Festival
    - b. Madison reported:
      - Presented several fliers she created with pricing of \$120.00 for 500 on card stock;
      - Reached out to Communications Committee who are willing to help disseminate fliers;
      - Will reach out to Sarah to include bear flier information in weekly email blast as well as incorporating myth busting information to prevent false rumors circulating about bear activity;
      - Previewed samples of metal signs for posting at 25 intersections at PMC with pricing ranging from a few hundred dollars to above \$1,000. for larger signs. Will follow up with PMCPOA Maintenance regarding available posts and anything else that might be needed for installation.
      - Bear Aware Festival: Reached out to PMC commercial owners who weren't very receptive to hosting another festival and/or event in the village. Hosting a smaller PMCPOA event in the clubhouse area with tables, costumes, bear aware fliers, signs, etc. could be another option.
      - Suggested recruiting PMCPOA member with marketing experience to assist in a community bear awareness campaign.
      - Contacted local school leadership about creating a bear aware video utilizing middle school students. They're very excited to do the project. Details will need to be worked out.
    - c. Lynn reported that he contacted Chris Hollenbeck, an electrician installing electrified mats at PMC. He reports that the electric bear mats/pads are safe in terms of human and pet contacts and fire safety, if installed by an experienced electrician and maintained properly. They're very effective in preventing break-ins and virtually indestructible.
    - d. Discussion: Need to require all STR operators (through their permit process) to distribute bear fliers/info to tenants. Realtors should be required to inform prospective buyers of bear issues at PMC. EC should require contractors to distribute bear fliers to workers with their permits.
- NEXT STEPS:** Madison will incorporate all new information into her previously presented draft report and email a new draft to committee members for final approval prior to the next meeting (May 5<sup>th</sup>).  
**Goal:** present final report to the PMCPOA Board prior to their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Madison, seconded by Carolyn and unanimously approved at 6:33 p.m.  
**NEXT MEETING:** May 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.