

PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BEAR AD HOC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – March 3, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
APPROVED

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:03 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All on Zoom: Madison Bottorff, Chair; Lynn Stafford, Vice Chair; Carolyn Smith, Secretary; Jennifer Emett, Board Liaison.

ZOOM GUESTS: Karla White, Kris Burill, Robin Hanna, Cliff Penick, Jr., Sarah Jane Owen, Carolyn Gilbert, Bob Wyant

1. Roll Call

2. Agenda approval: Lynn moved to approve the agenda. Carolyn seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Madison reminded guests of guidelines.

4. Old Business:

a. Jennifer will contact Patrol to ascertain if the particular evidence for issuing citations violating PMCPOA Bear feeding rules has been formally written into policy.

b. Madison announced ongoing efforts to recruit more committee members. An invitation to apply has been posted on the local Facebook pages with link to the PMCPOA committee application.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion focused on developing strategies to disseminate bear awareness information and recommendations using fliers at various areas throughout the community; metal signage at all major streets off MPH and trail heads; videos; magnets; community events, frequent email blasts to members about bear break-ins and other vital information.

b. Madison will (i) create and send flier and signage options to committee members, (ii) investigate vendors and prices for metal signs, (iii) contact PMCPOA staff regarding posts for signs, (iv) contact communications coordinator about potential marketing assistance for bear aware campaign, (v) reach out to village contacts about possibility of a bear aware themed event or week, (vi) reach out to school leadership about creating a bear awareness video including students.

c. Jennifer will (i) verify STR registrants still receive and distribute Bear Association rule sheet to their guests; (ii) will check with Patrol as to their protocol when they find trash dumped outside the transfer station after closure and in other parts of the community; (iii) will follow up with Patrol about more frequent bear break-in mapping.

d. Carolyn S. will (i) research fliers and signs from similar communities for ideas and provide results to committee members; (ii) conduct further research on the use of a bear ambassador in other communities including job description, cost, and months of operation.

e. Lynn will contact Chris Hollenbeck, an electrician installing electrified mats and windows/doors at PMC regarding the safety of using electrification particularly re fire safety.

f. Committee reviewed Madison's consolidated reports sent to committee members after February's meeting when members' research results were presented. Will continue to review and make changes/additions.

g. Lynn suggested finding ways to determine patterns of behaviors of bears in the community in relation to home break-ins (ie. near water resources, food sources, human behavior). More data and research needed to better understand these patterns to help devise more effective strategies to coexist with bears. A Bear ambassador could help this effort.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Carolyn S., seconded by Lynn, unanimously approved at 6:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.