

Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA
Board Meeting Minutes – Dec. 16, 2020
4:45 PM Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present: Board members Jim Aberle, Cathy Brocato, Charlie DeWeese, Jacque Forrest, Don Gutierrez, Alex Kastelic, Nancy Shindler. Board member-elect Caleb McLain.

Absent: None.

Called to Order at 4:55 pm.

Motions approved by email: 12/9 - Don moved that this year we allow new members for 2021 to be eligible for the Holiday Lights competition even though not 2020 members. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes: Minutes of the November meeting were approved by email and are posted on bvshoa.com.

Treasurer's Report: Jacque moved to approve, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

Officer and Committee Reports.

- Treasurer – Charlie.
 - The current constable who does our patrol is retiring at the end of the year, as is Charlie.
 - Alex will take over communications with the new constable patrol.
- Membership – Don.
 - There are 513 members for 2020.
 - So far there are 496 members for 2021 and climbing. This is ahead of where we were at this time in 2020. It's likely we will get more members in January when Tom announces that he will be purging the bvsneighbors email list.
 - There were 2 homes sold in November.
- ACC – Jacque.
 - 3 Projects Approved.
 - Patio Extension on Costakes.
 - Screen Porch & Fence Modifications - Fairway Hill.
 - Pool - Arch Hill Drive.
 - Request for approval for a fence for RV enclosure.
 - Per Attorney - RVs with living accommodations such as motorhomes and travel trailers are prohibited by deed restrictions (no temporary facilities that can be lived-in).
- Various inquiries concerning requirements for approval.
- Enforcements in progress..
 - Canopy in the front yard
 - Bull-wire fence.
 - Sheds.

Old Business.

- Holiday tree sales.
 - Jason Lee has taken over from Jerry Lozano. He shadowed Jerry this year so should be prepared for 2021.
 - Jerry had 7 trees left over.

- Quality of trees delivered was generally good, quantity was correct. There was 1 complaint about the size of the tree. Charlie provided a refund as requested by the purchaser.
- Jason has contacted the same vendor (Brown Trees of Muncy, PA) for a quote on 600 trees for 2021.
- Evaluation and suggestions:
 - We ordered the right number to accommodate the neighborhood (600 trees).
 - For next year:
 - Provide holiday music and other fun to make unloading the truck more festive.
 - Bring a generator and lights to provide lights inside the truck and on the grounds for unloading and stacking.
 - Get a good count on the number of trees when they are delivered.
 - When throwing more than 1 tree to a house, try to select different sizes on the assumption that the buyer will be putting one in the house.
 - Before announcing 2021 tree sale, carefully consider who gets member pricing (2021 and/or 2022 members?) and how to handle requests for trees from outside the neighborhood. Publicize policies appropriately from the beginning.
 - Jerry suggested reaching out to other HOAs in the area.
 - The truck was only about 70% full, so we could have shared the shipping costs with another neighborhood and possibly might have gotten a price break on a larger quantity. However, if our truck was 70% full, we would have to partner with a smaller neighborhood or risk having 1 full truck and 1 partially full truck.
 - The Mountain contacted Jerry about how to get trees next year.
 - The board discussed partnering with another neighborhood but decided to stay with just BV/S for 2021. Perhaps after we have a little more experience we will reach out to nearby neighborhoods.
- Holiday Lights Contest
 - Cathy has confirmed the process with the 5 volunteers.
 - The Board will act as tie-breaker if necessary.

New Business.

- There was a discussion about the Board officer positions for 2021.
 - Positions include President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership/Welcome Chair. Cathy recommended having a Special Events Chair.
 - Don volunteered to continue as Membership/Welcome Chair. Alex volunteered to replace Charlie as Treasurer. Nancy volunteered to continue as Secretary.
- Charlie reminded us that the signatures on record at BBVA need to be updated for 2021. Nancy will provide minutes identifying the new officers. Signers will be Cathy Brocato, Alex Kastelic, and Caleb McLain.
- We need to create a checklist of things to do at the end of each year.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 4:45 pm on Zoom.

Adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary