

WWA MINUTES APRIL 21, 2010

This was a special meeting so the usual rules of order were not rigorously adhered to.

Meeting called to order at 7:15.

Board personnel issues

Mary-Margaret and Denny come up for reelection at the Annual meeting. They both came on in 2008. Both have agreed to continue on. We'll need a ballot for both expiring terms.

Kate announced her resignation; we'll use Annual Meeting to do search for new Board Member. Anyone who volunteers will not have to stand for election until the following year.

The Havurah

John Candy said he had a conversation with Dan Asher from Havurah who said that they were "donating" the meeting space. Doug said that there was an unwritten agreement that swapped the water share for perpetual meeting use. The Board was in agreement that this agreement should be documented. Doug suggested approaching whoever we know and just...mentioning...this **before proceeding to some kind of formalization.**

Discussion of nature of Board/insurance and late accounts

John Candy said he felt that he was not sure why we needed to have the larger discussion. Denny said that he felt that the Board seemed to be wanting to take on more managerial duties and that we should take note of this and proceed as a result of a conscious discussion rather than incremental decisions.

Much of the Board's concern seems rooted in the near-non-payment of the Grundy bill and the consequences that might have ensued. John C. said for that reason he wanted a calendar so the Board would always be aware of pending issues like this.

Doug explained that he did not get reminder of insurance this year because address had been changed for reasons unclear. For seventeen years, Doug was notified but this year he was not. John S. got a warning email at a late date.

Denny proposed that insurance papers always go to Business office, not P.O. Box. Doug added that he could set up Google calendar that sends notifications. Everybody loves that idea.

Denny continued that he wanted to get a global sense of how the Board should operate moving forward into the future. John C. said he said he didn't feel this was an overall issue but questions we can deal with on a issue by issue basis. Denny: "who owns this job?" We should delineate Doug's job more specifically. John C: "I agree with that."

Google offers a good checks-and-balances solution. Doug would like Board to set up guidelines of what his responsibilities are and hold him responsible for them.

John C. said he isn't sure that will solve the problem and cited the overdue accounts as evidence that there's a lot of fuzzy areas.

John S. read from the Bylaws regarding treatment of overdue accounts wherein the Treasurer deals with those accounts. *(If shareholder is 30 days past due, a water shutoff notice is issued—which is tougher than the policy we enact now.)*

Discussion evolved into going into the overdue accounts and how to deal with them.

After discussion a motion was put forward:

The Board proposes amending bylaws so that late accounts receive a shut-off notice at 60 days after due date, shut-off to occur at 90 days after due date if the bill is not paid in full. The Manager may make arrangements on a case by case basis consistent with Board policy. The interest rate will be set at 1.5%/month.

Mary Margaret seconded and the Motion was approved.

According to the Bylaws, a notice needs to be sent out to the membership.

Well-water study and Garrison Engineering

Synopsis: Getting arsenic out is a more complex matter than anticipated. A simpler approach has not materialized; we've spent about \$4500.00 on this so far. Garrison thinks their cost would be about \$18,500 to put a functional fix in place although it could cost less. It's been difficult to get a hard estimate. Doug thinks the solution could cost as much as \$35,000.

Denny is uncomfortable with the fuzzy numbers.

Decisions need to be made regarding what level of arsenic we consider acceptable.

Whatever happens this year, the Board is agreed that the Membership should be notified if and when the well is tapped as an additional water source.

Board also agreed that a one-page update of actions on arsenic level mitigation should be sent out with annual meeting notice so that shareholders have advance notice and are prepared for discussion at the annual meeting.

Minutes on westsidewater.org

Meeting minutes have not posted on the website since 2007. Doug will send the webmaster's contact coordinates so Kate can send the Minutes to him.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.