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**DUTCH CREEK VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS AND RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 22, 2016

The Directors of the Dutch Creek Homeowners and Recreation Association , a Colorado non-profit corporation, met to hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Dale Cloud.

**Attendance:**

Board of Directors: Denby Bruzas, Raina Powell, Jason Rogers, Dale Cloud, and Ron Lewis, and Donna LeNoble

Absent: Mike Hale

Others: Jim Bruzas, Frank McKinney; Kyle Newmeyer, and Doug Anderson attended representing Jeffco Open Space.

**Meeting:** Called to order @ 7:06 pm by Denby Bruzas

**January Board Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the January, 2016 Board meeting (held on February 3 due to scheduling problems in January) were unanimously approved and will be posted to the website.

**Sidewalk Repair:** Kyle Newmeyer and Doug Anderson of Jeffco Open Space gave a report on the status of the damaged sidewalk that connects upper and lower Dutch Creek.

- Kyle and Doug agreed that the present condition of the sidewalk is dangerous.
- There is no record of an easement ever having been granted for construction of the sidewalk, so it is an unauthorized trail.
- Jeffco is unwilling to take ownership of an unauthorized trail.
- Should the HOA decide that it wanted to take over the sidewalk and make repairs it would have to get an easement from the county and the Corps of Engineers would have to be consulted. The culvert, sidewalk, etc. would have to be engineered to the Corps specifications. This process could take years.
- Doug said that since the sidewalk was a safety issue, he thought that the Dutch Creek HOA could formally request that the sidewalk be completely removed from one end to the other. But they will not take responsibility for the sidewalk and will not attempt to repair/replace the culvert.

- Since this is a safety issue the board didn't feel that it was something that needed to be put to a vote of the homeowners. The board voted unanimously to request that Jeffco remove the sidewalk.
- The possibility of constructing another sidewalk that follows the foot path that has been worn through the greenbelt and runs to the east of the existing sidewalk was discussed. In order to do this the HOA would need to apply for an easement and get a permit.
- It *may* be possible to apply for a grant to help offset some of the cost of doing this.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dale Cloud reported.

- There is nothing out of the ordinary to report on the Profit and Loss Statement or the Balance Sheet.
- We are still having problems with the post office box. Dues payments, etc. that are going to the P.O. Box are being returned with the notation that the box is closed. Dale spoke to the acting postmaster and explained the problem *again*. He was told that the problem was with some software and that it was now taken care of.
- Invoices for yearly HOA dues will be mailed out on Thursday, February 25, 2016 with the directive to mail checks to the HOA accountant rather than the P.O. Box.
- The budget to be presented at the Annual HOA meeting was revised based upon discussions from the January board meeting.

**Landscaping and Grounds:** Jim Bruzas reported.

- Jim continues to get bids from contractors regarding grounds maintenance and mowing, sprinklers, tree and shrub care, etc.

**Pool:** Ron Lewis reported that there is nothing new regarding the pool.

**Architectural Committee:** Donna LeNoble reported.

- A homeowner in Filing 3 wants to paint her house and has submitted acceptable earth tone color patches, but no one on the Filing 3 board has gotten back to her. Donna questions whether or not the board is even functioning anymore, so the Master HOA board members voted unanimously to go ahead and let Donna approve the color choices.

**Tennis Courts:** Jason Rogers reported that there is nothing new regarding the tennis courts.

**Website:** Jason Rogers reported.

- Jason will put up a message informing residents of the annual board meeting.

- He hasn't looked into the options we may have regarding the phone directory since Jackie Mathewson is no longer going to be putting that together. He thinks that there is probably some free software available that will work for us so that we can put the directory on the website. He will present the options at the March board meeting so if he finds that we will have purchase software to get what we need we can work that into the budget.

**Meeting adjourned** @    pm.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Raina Powell's house.