

Minutes from Ocean Pines Communications Virtual Meeting Sept 19, 2024

In Attendance:

Linda Yurche

Cindy Hoffman

Marlene Ott

Carol Morrison

Diana Snyder-Marcopoulos

Elaine Brady

Linda called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Approved agenda: Carol motion, Cindy seconded

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

- We have one opening on the committee. Linda encouraged the members to help recruit a new member.
- Season Kickoff event: board has signed off for Sat. April 26, 2025. Event will probably run from 1-4 pm. Gary Miller and Linda will chair the event. Linda encourages anyone on the committee to get involved with the event planning. Debbie Donahue of Rec and Parks will be engaged with the planning. Volunteer, exhibitor and sponsor recruitment needed.
- Advisory Committee coordinating with staff: initiative has been rejected.

Elaine reported that some of the current committees have overstepped their mission. In earlier days, there were no managers from some departments. That has since changed. She says the Board values the committees and no one wants to do away with them, but they cannot "overstep into operations."

- Linda: consider looking at our charter with the understanding of the way the committees are working. For 2025: what can we best do to advise the board on communications issues? Next meeting: consider what our goals are for 2025.

Old Business

- Strategic Survey: link is live. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024OPAsurvey>
Encourages to promote it. Open until Oct. 22. Linda encouraged everyone to complete the survey. [Update: the deadline has since been extended to Thanksgiving.]
- Electronic signs: Elaine reported that additional four signs are on order and should be coming in any day.

New Business

- Annual Report: recap of the contributions/activities of the committee from the past year. Support for season kickoff, vote signs, support for community survey, community history, Pinescast. Please send any other ideas for the annual report to Lindan. Consider for next year: naming the ponds.

Holiday event: replace our December meeting with holiday gathering.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21.

Meeting adjourned 10:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Hoffman