

**Payson Pines Homeowners Association**

**April 15, 2023**

**Minutes of the Open Board Meeting**

Payson Masonic Lodge, 200 East Rancho Road, Payson, AZ 85541

**Attending:** 26

**Call to order:** President, Craig Johnson at 10:00 AM

- Vice President, Robin Bowen led the assembly in an opening Prayer.
- Board member, ARB Chair, Bruce Halvarson the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Carol T. Smith took Board attendance by voice and declared a quorum was present.

Board Members present:

- President and acting Treasurer: Craig Johnson
- Vice President: Robin Bowen
- ARB Board Member: Bruce Halvarson
- Secretary: Carol Taska Smith

Secretary Smith read the Open Board Meeting opening statements.

**President Johnson's statement to the Assembly:**

- Flowing Wells continues to move through the various review processes by the Town. They have up to 2.5 years to get all of the approvals needed, so the development process remains active.
- The Town Engineer Larry Haberstadt has promised a traffic study on Houston Mesa Road, President Johnson has not received a definite date, however he hopes it will be during the summer 'high-travel season'. There are a number of very interesting Town and ADOT long-range studies available at [Engineering Division | Payson, AZ \(paysonaz.gov\)](https://www.paysonaz.gov/Engineering-Division) which you may like to review.

**Adopt the agenda.** Motion to adopt the April 15, 2023, meeting agenda by Bruce Halvarson, second by Carol Smith. Motion carried.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from the Annual Open Board Meeting January 21, 2023:** Motion was made by Carol Smith seconded by Bruce Halvarson. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Acting Treasurer, Craig Johnson presented the revised 2022 Q3 budget report, Q4 budget report and year-end budget report, all of which will were approved by the board as presented.
- Acting Treasurer Johnson presented the financial report for 2023 Q1, which was approved by the board.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Smith asked the assembly to please help staff an Election Committee needed. elect the one outstanding board position. It is a three-year term and duties may range from treasurer, secretary, president, and vice president depending on the action of the board after the election meeting which is the Annual Open Meeting for the Payson Pines HOA, July 15, 2023, at The Masonic Lodge, 200 Rancho Street, Payson, AZ. The HOA also needs volunteers to help the Welcoming, Entertainment, Property/Firewise and ARB committees.

**Guest speaker, Payson Ranger District Matthew Paciorek** addressed the assembly and spoke about 2023 fire season plans for fire control and preparation across the Payson Ranger District. He discussed why the Payson Ranger Station is currently closed and answered questions from homeowners.

**Committee reports**

**Property committee:** Chair Ben Lindley and his committee, will continue repairs to the swill in the Common area, damaged by last year's monsoon. He will need volunteers to help with loading/unloading rock for the swill's repair.

**Firewise committee:** Ben Lindley reported for Chair Bob Rick who needs an immediate replacement as the Firewise chair.

- **Payson Pines Firewise day is Saturday, May 6, beginning at 8 AM.** We need trucks with trailers to load up the Firewise cuttings that are to be placed at a homeowner's curb. Pine needles must be bagged. A local scout troop will be available to help homeowners collect Firewise yard debris, however no household trash or metal can be included and will not be picked up. The debris will be taken to the landfill or brush pit at no charge to residents. **Following the collection, lunch will be provided to the Scouts and volunteers helping to make the 2023 Firewise day a success!**
- Ben also reported:
  - Payson Pines received 6-inches of rain in March, which is very unusual for Payson.
  - The Forest Service fire danger sign at the east entrance to the community has been elevated to "Moderate" risk as the grasses dry out and another finder dry.
  - The 2023 Monsoon is expected to arrive a little later in July/August than normal and it is expected to be wet.

**ARB Committee:**

- Chair, Bruce Halvarson reported that as homeowners start Firewising their property, to remove manzanita completely as the leaves act like gasoline when lit, and the root systems are expansive and steal water from trees and plants in their vicinity. He also recommended against planting oak trees as they drop a lot of leaves that, when dry, are a perfect fuel to feed a fire.
- Per Tonto National Forest directive, June 30, 2020, persons with residences that back into the forest can clear up to 200 feet of forest land from your property boundary.
- For Firewise, Bruce emphasized removing:
  - Trees and branches that are growing against your home.
  - Any branches lower than 5-feet from your roof-top

**Welcoming Committee:** Chair Mary Schmall, thanked Lynn Larson and Jewel Hill for the support and volunteering time. As of the date of this meeting, four transactions closed in Payson Pines:

405 W. Christopher Point; 402 W. Christopher Point; 310 W. Christopher Point; 400 W. Houston Mesa Rd.; and 301 W. Houston Mesa Road.

Expenses for 2023 against a \$600.00 budget

- Supplies: \$16.43
- Certified Mailings: 46.86
- **Total: \$63.11**

**Entertainment Committee:** Chair Jackie Draves reported that the Payson Pines HOA Social will take place on Saturday, May 6 at 5PM, aligning with the Firewise Day event. The social is held at the picnic tables in the Common area. Please bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert and prepare for lots of fun as there are a wide range of prizes that will be given away during the event!

The committee is replacing the pre-paid annual dues prize given at the social with gift cards. Jackie is interested in any other ideas. Contact her at [jackiedraves04@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedraves04@gmail.com).

**Old Business** None

**New Business**

The Board voted to allow the Entertainment Committee to replace on year's annua; HOA assessment prize normally given at the social to make way for additional prizes. Carol made the motion, Bruce seconded it. Motion carried.

### **Members Open Forum**

A community member asked about mosquitos beginning to hatch in a depression that is collecting water in the Verde Circle retention area. Discussion included methods of pest control that would not harm birds, squirrels, or other forest inhabitants. A larva-cide was mentioned as a possible solution.

**Next Open Meeting:** The secretary announced that the next Open Board Meeting will be the Annual Payson Pines HOA meeting on July 15, 2023. It will be held at the Masonic Lodge, 200 East Rancho Road, Payson, AZ at 10 AM.

### **Adjournment:**

The President moved to adjourn the April 15, 2023, meeting, Carol Smith, seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12.

*Carol T. Smith*

Submitted by: Carol T. Smith, PPHOA Secretary