

Mary's River Estates Property Owners Association Board Meeting

7:00 pm, October 7, 2020

Location – Zoom

In attendance:

Yvette Spitz, President, Adam Schultz, Treasurer, Debra Garley, Secretary, Jessica Neebe, Board member, Janet Cornelius, Board Member
Robyn Lillehei, Max Cohen, Rick Veronen, Andy Evan, Rich Kaestner,
Chris and Bane Ashley

1. Welcome by the MREPOA President
2. Addition/Deletion to the agenda – none offered
3. Approval of the January, 2020 annual MREPOA meeting minutes
Moved, Seconded, and Passed

4. Treasurer's Report

In January 2020 the Balance was \$1148.76.

Today balance is \$1595.08.

No expenditures in recent months

5. Fiber Optic Internet Connection: Letter to Pioneer Connect

Adam Schultz became aware of the possible opportunity for fiber optic cable to be placed in MRE. Both Pioneer and Alyrica are laying fiber optic cable. Adam has generated a letter to be mailed to both companies (enclosed below). Signatures from members of the MRE community will be sought through Google groups web site for possible customers willing to pay for enhanced internet availability. It is thought that if there is approval of MRE as a recipient of fiber optic cable it would be at least one year before it is place.

Motion – Adam will send the drafted letter to Pioneer and Alyrica. In addition, the letter will be placed into Google group to seek signatures of MRE residents.

Seconded and passed

Plan: to place the letter into the web site and Google group to obtain POA member signatures

6. MREPOA/MRERD Web Site:

Maintenance and update of the MREPOA section:

Currently the POA web page is out of date.

How do we update the home page?

- Janet states that any updated information goes to TR for entry.
- Janet Cornelius agrees to take charge of the updates onto the web site.
- She will make sure there is approval by the board members of any home page

additions.

- Adam would like there to be a section of upcoming event and news on front page
- Can there be more than 3 sections?

Transitioning from old website:

- Old website needs to have a notification placed to redirect people to the new website. Adam states that Peak agreed to have a domain forwarding service.
- will automatically forward person to the new site.
- should last at least one year.
- should have a statement to user to “please make note of the new address”.

Janet will get information from TR if the website update is completed

Rich would like to step back from working on the website

How is the new website backed up?

The old website was 37.9 Megabytes and could be backed up on USB

Motion: to maintain the Peak automatic forwarding site for one year.

Adam will speak with Peak

Motion carried

7. Update on fire safety

Janet Cornelius would like to reopen the topic of fire safety in the community

- Create neighborhood pods for sharing information
- Creating defensible spaces around homes can shared be community knowledge
- Google groups can be used to restart conversations to encourage fire safety

Do we need a second egress?

- Could Garret lane be accessed with bulldozing part of Tansy drive
- Property there has been deeded to Benton county which could make an egress from POA

8. Upcoming annual meeting – Topic and speaker suggestions

- Traditionally on the third Tuesday of January – January 19, 2021
 - Debra Garley – suggested creating defensible space – landscapes topic
 - Adam Schultz –emergency back up power- pros and cons for solar and generators –
 - Usually time is one hour for speaker - suggest time of 30 minutes for each of two speakers
 - Motion - for Debra and Adam to obtain each speaker for 30 minutes
- Motion carried

9. Goals for the remaining of and past 2020.

Yvette would like there to be an established POA activity to welcome new neighbors:

- Debra Garley volunteered to develop a welcome packet, Janet volunteered to be editor and Andy volunteered to assist.
- Robyn – suggests there can be a comment in the welcome packet about the road district.

Do we want to have a gift to the new members?

General feeling is that a gift from POA to new members is not necessary.

10. New Business for 2021:

Updating of the Bylaws –

- can language be changed?
- Considerable effort in 2018-19 was not successful in generating enough votes to change the bylaws
- the topic can be brought up in the annual meeting with Chat used during the meeting for members to suggest solutions.

Additional community activities for 2021:

Members would like to encourage more community meetings in 2021 if possible.

Suggested tour of homes, Log splitter demonstration, Garden groups

Debra Garley will be resigning from the board after the annual meeting

Future video – should we continue with zoom or Google meet ([google.meet.com](https://www.google.com/meet))

It was decided to continue with Zoom

We should have another meeting in the beginning of December to have follow-up on the discussed items.

11. Adjournment 8:45 PM



Mary's River Estates

Property Owners & Road District

September 10, 2020

Pioneer Connect
Board of Directors
1304 Main Street
Philomath, Oregon 97370

Dear Pioneer Connect Board of Directors,

We understand that Pioneer Connect has some funding available for expanding fiber optic internet service into underserved areas, and we would request that you expand such service to the Mary's River Estates neighborhood, just west of Philomath. We understand that Pioneer Connect has already provided fiber optic internet service to our immediate neighbors on Wren Hill. Most of your DSL subscribers in Mary's River Estates cannot maintain adequate bandwidth for the requirements of streaming, video conferencing, etc. through existing copper connections.

The Mary's River Estates neighborhood currently numbers 130 households and there are new lots under development including along Tansy Drive with up to 16 home sites being developed there. There are many households in the Mary's River Estates neighborhood that are strongly in favor of Pioneer Connect making this improvement to its service in our area and who would subscribe to fiber internet services. Increased internet speed through fiber optic service would provide real benefits to our quality of life, health and safety, and efficiency in remote work. The increase in videoconferencing to support remote work is expected to continue even after the current pandemic conditions have ended.

The undersigned are Board members of the Mary's River Estates Property Owners Association and Commissioners of the Road District. Additional property owners who are also in favor of this improved Pioneer Connect service are on the attached pages. Our neighborhood representative is Adam Schultz, who can be reached at [REDACTED] or by phone at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Property Owners Association:

Yvette Spitz, President

Adam Schultz, Treasurer

Debra Garley, Secretary

Jessica Neebe, Member

Janet Cornelius, Member

Road District Commission:

John Patterson, President

Rebecca Cull Peterson, Treasurer

Valerie Bach, Secretary