

# **Mary's River Estates Property Owners Association Board Meeting**

**December 14, 2020, 7:00 pm**

**Location - Zoom**

## **Attendees**

Yvette Spitz, President, Adam Schultz, Treasurer, Debra Garley, Secretary, Jessica Neebe, Board member, Janet Cornelius, Board Member  
Robyn Lillehei, Rick Veronen, Rich Kaestner, Rachel Babcock, Suzanne Pierson

1. **Welcome** by the MREPOA President - **Introduction** of the board members and attendees
2. **Addition/Deletion** to the agenda  
None requested
3. **Approval** of the October, 2020 annual MREPOA meeting minutes  
Motion, seconded and approved
4. **Treasurer's Report**
  - Balance is \$1670.10 currently
  - Annual dues: received \$80 since last meeting
  - Dues can be paid on line. Members can email Adam if they want to know whether they are current on dues
5. **Updates**
  - a. **Fiber Optic placement in MRE**  
A letter to Pioneer and Alyrica was generated to express interest in Fiber optic placement in MRE. There were 29 MRE cosigners expressing interest. Alyrica backed out of plans for fiber optic due to cost. Pioneer is continuing to explore fiber optic placement for the Philomath area. Adam Schultz continues to communicate with Pioneer
  - b. **Website – Janet met with TR. She now has access to the website to be able to make requested changes.**  
Discussion –
    - Content for members only should be available with sign in. Member content can include member address, member communications forum, Member posts and minutes of board meetings.
    - Discussion of possible corrections of web program -yellow of some of the buttons is too light.
    - Discussion that there be a disclaimer in the web site that POA members only can place posts.

Motion: Request that the Forum be readable by members and non-members but posts should be creatable only by members who are registered website users – motion seconded and carried.

- Discussion – Past minutes are in the site. These are alphabetized rather than in chronological order. Attendees discussed renaming the meetings with numerical date to enable chronological listing
  - Suzanne thought the two weather stations could also be on the web sites.
  - Could a web cam be at the top of the hill during the winter?
- c. Fire safety – Janet intends to send information to the community after the annual meeting. She envisions setting up neighborhood pods.
- d. Welcome packet to new neighbors – to be started in 2021

**6. Upcoming annual meeting will be 1/19/2021 starting at 7:00.**

- Zoom link for the annual meeting will need to be published in the web site. Yvette will host as we will be using her zoom account. Speakers will be able to show slides if necessary.
- How to notify members. It was decided that Postcards to MRE members would be cost efficient. Yvette plans to design the postcard to be sent in January.

Board meeting agenda

1. Speakers:
  - Sylvan Pritchett will speak about creating defensible space – and having fire resistant landscaping
  - Kirk Bailey from Abundant Solar will speak on emergency back up power- pros and cons for solar and generators –
2. Board member election - 3 members are leaving board, Robyn Lillihei is interested in serving on the board. Yvette is interested in stepping down from the president position but will remain if no other member wants that position.
3. update of the road district
4. other topics – Treasurers report. Budget for the year.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion seconded and approved



*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