

Meeting Notes for February 9, 2017 SCHOA Annual Member Meeting
Held at 7 pm in the Totem Falls Elementary Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: The following members were in attendance: Bob Wallace, Chris Birchman, Sam Grant, Matt Gajda, Lauris Apsitis, Nadim Islas-Ruther, John Oleinik, Denae Bastian, Lori Witucki, Tom and Keri Newby, Julie and Keat Kov, Rick Keyes, and board members Susan Ridley, Ben Blankenship, and Michelle Haneberg. We did not have enough members present, either in person or by proxy, to reach quorum, so no business was conducted. We did take a few minutes for introductions of those present and to answer questions and discuss issues relevant to The Falls.

QUORUM was not reached: When the evening began, the board had approximately 50 proxies, so along with members present, we had ~65 potential votes, but we needed 106 minimum. The board asked members present at the meeting to fill out a proxy in case they weren't able to make it to the Reconvened Annual Meeting in March. If members fill out a proxy, but then end up being able to attend in person, the proxy is deleted and they vote with a ballot at the meeting.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION: Some of the items discussed informally after determining that we did not reach quorum were:

Denae Bastian explained what was happening with the Revision Team which is working on updating our governing documents.

Michelle Haneberg and Susan Ridley explained the responsibilities of being a director on the board.

Denae Bastian asked those present what they thought about amending our bylaws to lower the number of members needed to hold a reconvened annual meeting. Many other associations' documents allow them to reduce the number of votes needed if they have to reconvene the annual meeting, and then reduce again should they have to reconvene a second time. In our association, we have often had to reconvene several times to reach the current quorum requirement of 106 votes. The number currently does not reduce when we have to reconvene. Lowering the number of votes needed at subsequent meetings would make it a lot easier to proceed with the annual meeting. Time and money would be saved.

There was also discussion about increasing the length of time a director could serve on the board. Right now, our documents only allow a person to serve one term. Some have suggested changing our documents to allow two to three terms, but the person would have to run after each term and be voted in by the members for each additional term. Then, if one liked serving and the members supported their continued service, it could happen.

The subject of when and how dues are collected was discussed and was fully explained. How notice is given was also explained.

Chris Birchman talked about our Neighborhood Patrol. He has been the organizer of it and will be moving in 4-6 months. He would like a someone to take his place as the lead person. He is willing to fully train them. If you are interested, please let a board member know. Also, if you and your spouse or another member want to pair up and take a shift of patrolling periodically, please let the board or Chris know. Training takes about 30 minutes. Routes take about 45 minutes. Donating 45 minutes of your time periodically as you go out with one other member to patrol our development, brings added safety to all of us here. We have noticed that the number of negative incidents occurring in our development has gone down dramatically since beginning the Neighborhood Patrol. THANK YOU CHRIS and VOLUNTEERS!

2nd ATTEMPT for ANNUAL MEETING: Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7 pm in the Totem Falls Library.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The informal meeting, with no business conducted due to lack of quorum, was adjourned at 7:40 pm.