

Greenbriar Meeting Minutes

August 2nd, 2016

Present: Ky, Dwain, Dave, Jojo, Owl, Bryan Z., Jay Sea, Brooke, Jonina, and Sammy (2nd half)

Announcements:

The phone at the shop is not working. Bryan Z is going to check into it. It was noted that we also want a working answering machine and various ideas were thrown around.

Dwain requested that everyone put their names on their mailbox including any names they would get mail to (such as their legal name)

Dwain is working on compiling the next report of electric meter readings and should have them posted soon.

Recently there was a work party and credits were put in for on a group sheet and then also on individual sheets. Be sure if you are putting them on a group sheet that everyone knows not to put it on an individual sheet.

Helen is still visiting and was sorry to miss the meeting.

Jessica, Jay Sea's daughter is visiting again and staying in Nathan's trailer.

Both of our clothes washers are wearing out and we need to get new ones.

Michael & Lauren, who have visited before are coming back this coming weekend and staying in Lorianna's cabin. There is another couple that are interested in coming. They are traveling visiting intentional communities around the US.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Next meeting date
- 2) Ratifications
- 3) Andrew
- 4) Revisiting the rent increase passed at the meeting on 4/7/16
- 5) Work credit addendum
- 6) Greenbriar tax form due

- 1) Next meeting date

Next meeting set for Tuesday, August 30th 7:00pm

- 2) Ratifications

There was 3 proposals passed last month:

- 1) That Brooke and her daughter Alyssa be invited to be residents.

This proposal was ratified by special consensus when no-one opposed it after the 2 week period.

- 2) That Brooke and Alyssa would live in Patty's old cabin (which I mistakenly called the Morningstar, I think it's actually the Blue Burrow). This proposal was ratified at this meeting.

- 3) the third proposal was that Lorianna would like to continue paying cabin hold fees for the next 6 months (through December)

Since last month's meeting, there have been communications between Lorianna and various members of the community and it was not clear whether she still intended to pay cabin holding fees or if she could pay the backlog of electrical bills due.

It was noted that she has turned off the electricity at her cabin, so there will be no more electrical bills coming in the future.

This ratification was tabled until next meeting hoping to get more clarification on the subject.

3) Andrew

Andrew has been staying at Greenbriar in a somewhat emergency situation, having been brought here by his father, Sammy before the July meeting. At that meeting, it was requested that Andrew attend this August meeting to declare his intentions in regards to how long he wants to stay and if he wants to request residency.

Neither Andrew or Sammy was present at this meeting, so the conversation started off frustrated.

Some people didn't know why we were talking about it without Andrew present at all.

Others suggested he be invited to stay as a visitor for a limited amount of time.

It was noted that although he didn't come to the meeting, there was a need for compassion instead of just sending him away.

It was noted that we should not be a community that would not let a son/daughter visit their parent who was living here unless there were extremely mitigating circumstances.

There was concern shown that Greenbriar was not the right environment for Andrew who needs more direction and supervision.

It was noted that Sammy needed to be included in this discussion, as Andrew was his guest as well as his son.

At that point in the conversation, someone went off to see about bringing Sammy to the meeting.

When Sammy came, he said he couldn't get in touch with Andrew right then, but had been telling him he needed to come to the meeting.

Andrew was invited at this meeting to be a guest, with Sammy as his host, paying guest fees until the next meeting. He is notified that he must be involved with the community (pot lucks, work parties, etc.) and that if he does not attend the next meeting, he will be automatically asked to leave.

4) Revisiting the rent increase passed at the meeting on 4/7/16

In the meeting on 4/7/16, it was proposed and passed that dues will be \$100 per month with any combination of dollars and Work Credit Hours (@ \$5 per hour) and that it would be revisited in July.

It was noted that 2 months as a trial period is too short because so many people are gone at different times during the year.

No-one present objected to the dues amount being \$100 a month. There was discussion about the work credit being worth only \$5 an hour.

It was noted that if the work credit amount was \$10 an hour, people would be more likely to do that instead of working somewhere else and paying the money. If we increased the amount, we would get more skilled workers involved.

It was noted that lowering the amount of work credit needed to pay monthly dues from 20 to 10 hours

would likely reduce the amount people would put in and we need a lot more work done.

It was noted that what you ask for is what you get, ask for 20, you get 20, ask for 10, you get 10.

It was suggested that the ultimate goal should be \$200 a month with work credit being worth \$10 an hour and raising the work credit amount could be part of an incremental process (ie, raise the monthly dues \$50 one session, raise the work credit amount to \$10 one session, then raise the dues another \$50 six months later and then raise it \$50 six months after that).

It was suggested that if getting more people to work at GB was our goal, then we should have a mandatory work requirement be part of residency as many other cooperatives do.

In the end, the \$100 a month and \$5 work credit amount was affirmed.

Also proposed and passed was for guest fees to be raised from \$2 a day to \$4 a day.

It was noted that there has discussion about having a visitor's fee such as \$20 a day or \$100 a week that would include a Greenbriar resident showing them around, sharing a meal with them, etc.

It was suggested that "Maria's House" aka "Cuban Compound" be used as a guest house and have someone at Greenbriar be designated as a caretaker for it so it would be ready whenever we have guests coming through.

5) Work credit addendum

It was suggested that those people who are behind on their dues, and working off their debt, should have to work on projects that were deemed most necessary by the community. There could be a list going at any time to help this process.

Furthermore it was suggested that these people should be calling their own work projects, not just attending ones called by other people.

It was noted that not everyone had the skills to lead a work party and that including this as a requirement wouldn't work.

It was noted that we don't want them working off on their own where there was no accountability.

It was suggested that GB would work better if more people stayed year round.

As a tangent to this discussion, Jay Sea explained that he had been going around to all the cabins that were becoming vacant soon and making lists of the needs of each of them. He requested that residents should do the same with the cabins they live in so we could have an overall community structural assesment.

He asked to have work credit applied to his work on this and this was approved.

6) Greenbriar tax form due

It was clarified that Dave did not tell Jasen he should file the 990, but that he said Jasen should fill out the form and submit it to Patty or other Board members for them to decide.

After looking at the notes from the conversation with CPA, the GB Board decided to file the 990-N form again this year and will do so as soon as the IRS website will accept it.

Proposals to Ratify:

1) Guest fees to be raised from \$2 a day to \$4 a day.

2) Jay Sea can take work credits for his work on compiling a structural assessment of the cabins that are vacant (or are about to be).