

Greenbriar Meeting Minutes

July 7th, 2016

Present: Ky, Dwain, Dave, Anne, Jake, Jojo, Owl, Brian B., Bryan Z., DJ, Jasen, Jay Sea and visitors Brooke and Helen

Announcements:

Ky and Anne's house in Bastrop is ready and they should be closing on it Thursday, July 15th. They plan to be moving out through the month of August.

Helen has been visiting for a couple days. She is in transition and checking out the possibility of living at Greenbriar.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Next meeting date
- 2) Ratifications
- 3) New Chicken House
- 4) Lorianna wants to extend cabin holding
- 5) Potential New Residents
- 6) Residents over 3 months past due in dues
- 7) Report on discussions with CPA

- 1) Next meeting date

Next meeting set for Tuesday, August 2nd, 7:00pm

- 2) Ratifications

There was 1 proposal passed last month:

"Any consultations, on behalf of Greenbriar or Marsalom Inc. with government agencies or legal professional services, must be approved by the community at a meeting first and must have a minimum of 2 community members or board members present at the consultation."

This proposal which was passed at the previous meeting, was blocked due to the wording although the spirit of the proposal was agreed upon at this meeting by all present.

The spirit of the proposal was that no consultations with legal entities concerning Greenbriar should be done without community approval, community involvement and transparency.

The wording "must have a minimum of 2 community members or board members present at the consultation" was objected to because it would slow down action that could be taken. It was asked, what would be done if someone's call was returned and there were not two people present, would you have to refuse the call?

It was suggested that it could be changed to "must have a board member present at the consultation," but this was objected to because we do not operate where Board Members are thought to have more power than any other community members.

It was noted that having at least two people present was good for clarity, accountability and having more than one person interpreting what they were being told.

It was suggested that if you can't get one other person to be present, then you may be taking actions that are not in the communal spirit and you should reconsider.

It was resolved we should reconsider the wording of this proposal so that someone could act without another person present if they were working with the community's approval, other people were not available and they were working without malice in their intent. It was hoped new suggestions would be brought to the next meeting.

3) New Chicken House

Dwain wants to build a new chicken coop near his cabin (AKA The Annex I think). He suggested it would be a good place to care for chickens as he is here all year.

4) Lorianna wants to extend cabin holding

Dave brought messages from Lorianna that she would like to continue paying cabin hold fees for the next 6 months (through December) while she is in Hawaii figuring out if she wants to stay there or not. (AKA Morning Glory Ridge I think). A question was brought up about her unpaid electric bill and it was ascertained that she would be able and willing to pay it. This proposal was passed.

It was noted that there are people who have been visiting who are interested in living in the Bamboo House.

5) Potential New Residents

Brooke, who has been visiting with her daughter Elise (3 yrs. old) for many weeks, coming to pot lucks, checking out different cabins, requested to be a resident at Greenbriar. She would also like to live in Patty's old cabin, AKA The Morningstar House (I think).

She loves the people here and feels it would be a good place to raise her daughter. She has experience as an accountant and working on organic farms. She looks forward to contributing to Greenbriar and helping with the school.

Her residency was approved. Because she is ready to leave her living situation asap, those gathered approved her ratification to be ratified in two weeks (July 21st) if no-one spoke up to block it. She can move into Patty's old house, although she understands that her residency may be approved, but the what cabin she would live in was a different matter to be ratified at the next meeting.

Helen, who was also present and friends with many people at Greenbriar, expressed her interest to live at Greenbriar. She is a glass blower and loves to teach. She travels often with renaissance faires and music festivals. She is out here as a guest of Ky and Anne's and intends to keep coming back to meet people and get to know the place.

Andrew (Tuttle) has been staying with his brother Elliot and would like to become a resident. Andrew is going through a rough period as far as where he can live. There were concerns that Greenbriar may not be the right place for Andrew to be. It was suggested that he needs to "grow up" and living at Greenbriar might be too "easy" a place for him to hang out.

Andrew has been summoned to the next meeting to present his intentions and plans.

It was noted, for the benefit of all the new potential residents, that the purpose of Greenbriar is the school and that we need to recruit residents who are interested in furthering the mission of having a school. Greenbriar is not interested in recruiting people who just like having a cheap place to live and

hang out in the woods.

It was also noted that the responsibility of a resident at Greenbriar is to be a "steward of the land."

6) Residents over 3 months past due in dues

One resident presented a plan in writing. However, part of the plan included her traveling and paying cabin fees. It was noted that due to a current policy change, residents were not allowed to pay cabin holding fees if they were behind on their dues.

It was noted that this may not be a well thought policy because many residents need to travel to make money. It was suggested that this part of the policy be revisited.

Her proposal was accepted.

Another resident presented a proposal for catching up on residency fees, however it did not seem clear enough as it had no set time that he could finish catching up on his dues, so he was requested to bring a clearer proposal back to the next meeting.

7) Report on discussions with CPA

Discussion with the CPA firm Avenson/Hamann resulted in a page long document with comments and recommendations for Marsalom Inc. These are being presented for us to move forward with our goal of having all of our legal ducks in a row and further being able to apply for grants to further our school mission. The document is posted at the shop and has been sent as an attachment to the GBtownees email group by Jasen. It was requested that everyone read it and we can discuss it the next meeting.

Avenson/Hamann have said they could prepare our 990 (tax reporting for 2015) for a fee of \$1,000.

Proposals to Ratify:

1) Lorianna would like to continue paying cabin hold fees for the next 6 months (through December)

2) Brooke would like to be a resident with her 3 yr. old daughter Elise (Ratified on July 21st if there is no objection)

3) Brooke and Elise would like to live in The Morningstar House (Patty's old cabin)