

There could easily be typos as I am rushing to get to Michigan, so please send edits, clarifications, corrections, etc.- Ky

Greenbriar Meeting Minutes

June 7th, 2016

Present: Ky, Dwain, Dave, Ron, Anne, Elliot, Corey, Jake, Ollie, Jojo, Ehrin, Larson and Nani

Announcements:

Ehrin's sister (is her name Jesse?) is currently in transition in her life and Ehrin and Ron have invited her to stay in their house sometime while they are off the premises between now and October. If there are any objections, please contact Ehrin or Ron ASAP. She has been to GB before and understands about pot lucks, etc.

Also, while they are gone, Ehrin and Ron are offering their dojo space and outdoor kitchen space for any visitors' needs.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Next meeting date
- 2) Ratifications
- 3) Paperwork
- 4) Work Party
- 5) Residents over 3 months past due in dues

- 1) Next meeting date

Next meeting set for Thursday, July 7th, 7:00pm

- 2) Ratifications

There were 3 proposals passed last month.

Keeping our CD as a 5 year CD - ratified without discussion

Being able to "bank" work credits. No limit on work credits in any month (\$5 an hour) and you can use work credits for past dues up to 10 months or future dues up to 10 months - ratified without discussion

The third proposal was about "cabin holding fees" and had three parts to it:

Cabin holding fees would be set at one half of usual resident fees.

If a resident pays cabin holding fees for more than 4 months, they need to bring their plans to a meeting either before they leave or at the 4 month mark.

If you are not current with your resident dues, you may not hold a cabin while you are gone.

This garnered a spate of discussion, although it was ultimately ratified.

The discussion included:

- a) Clarification that this proposal was not intended to kick people out after 4 months, only to foster communication, both for the community's sake and for the sake of the person collecting fees (Jonina currently) as there have been times when people have left without being clear about it and then later complained because Jonina hadn't known they were supposed to be charged only cabin holding fees.
- b) asking people to communicate their intentions without the 4 month time limit was discussed.
- c) it was suggested that there are not enough cabins for visitors to stay in or for new residents to

consider.

d) it was suggested that cabin holding fees could be scaled by the willingness of the absent resident to allow visitors to use their cabin. In other words, if you leave your cabin unavailable to visitors, you could be charged \$100 a month and if you left it available, you could be charged only \$50 a month.

e) it was suggested that cabin holding fees should be \$100 a month because that is about what they could rent a storage unit for.

3) Paperwork

The involved parties to this suggestion were not present to verify or deny this, however it was suggested that someone in the community, who was not a board member, had filed an extension for our 2015 taxes and they had also consulted with a CPA on our behalf, such that we got an official notice from the government asking for permission for this person to access our financial federal documents.

It was noted that any filed tax documents should have a board member's signature on it.

It was noted that while any community member was free to consult with whomsoever they want, if they are working on behalf of Greenbriar or Marsalom Inc, they should not be working alone.

It was proposed that 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 was passed.

4) Work Party

Dave called for a work party this coming Saturday. Meet at 9:00 in the shop for coffee, etc. the project for the day would be decided by the people present.

There was much discussion about work parties and the greater concern that we needed more interaction between community members and that we have become too isolated. Besides work parties, evening campfires were suggested.

It was noted that when everyone ate together at the Main every night, it was hard to stay mad at people because you faced them at the dinner table every night.

There was a suggestion that we hold work parties every Wednesday and Saturday, such that we would meet at 9 in the morning and decide at that point what to work on that day.

There was discussion about having mandatory work hours for residents.

There was discussion about a "pass the wrench" concept, wherein someone would "hold the wrench" and be in charge of an upcoming work party and then they would "pass the wrench" so every resident would get a chance to lead a work party in succession. This idea was met with enthusiasm. We tabled it for the community to continue discussing and consider making a proposal about that at the next meeting.

5) Residents over 3 months past due in dues

At the last meeting, Jonina was asked to send letters to residents who were more than 3 months behind in their dues and come to this meeting to communicate to the community what their plans were to catch up.

Three residents gave plans (one in writing) to the community which were welcomed and accepted.

Appreciation was noted for everyone who came and communicated about these issues.

A resident who was not present was noted as being over 2 years behind in his dues and had also recently put in a request for "cabin holding." It was agreed that that resident needs to be issued an "eviction" notice and Jake volunteered to do that. The "eviction" notice would be clear that they could come to a meeting and dispute the issue or otherwise propose a plan that would allow them to stay. Currently they seem to be well in conflict with our "eviction policy."

Proposals to Ratify:

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