

August 30, 2016

PRESENT: Brian Z, Nina, Sammy, Jo-Jo, Ky, Dave, Dale, Andrew, Elliott, Brian B, Dwain, Helen, and DJ

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 4

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Ky and Anne will be hosting a housewarming party on September 17th
- 2) Sharp Propane has questions regarding tank rental and ownership of property; Nina has been in contact with them
- 3) AT&T are still working on the phone line; they have relocated the pole near the road and we hope to have service restored soon
- 4) School begins August 31st for 2016-2017
- 5) Work party on 9-3-16 to repair shop foundation issues
- 6) Camilo may be returning in September
- 7) Visitors, Lauren and Michael may return for another weekend visit over the Labor Day weekend

AUGUST MINUTES: Read and Approved

#### AUGUST RATIFICATIONS:

- 1) Increase in guest/visitor fees
- 2) Jaysea approved for his time doing cabin repair assessments
- 3) Dale approved for trailer spare tire- \$128.00

#### AGENDA:

- 1) Pet Care/Vaccinations

Bastrop County requires all cats and dogs to be vaccinated against rabies and to display tags regarding vaccinations.

HEB in Elgin is having low cost let vaccinations on Sept. 17th, 2016.

Many of the animals may or may not be vaccinated, but very few are tagged here at GB.

- 2) Residency for Andrew Tuttle

Andrew claims he has no other options. It was later expressed that this is NOT a valid reason, and

examples of other options were also given.

It was expressed that he has no documented work credit or monies turned in since his arrival over the summer, and has had little to no involvement with the community in that same time frame.

Concerns regarding whether GB is currently the best environment for Andrew.

Expressed that Andrew is a "product of GB"...and that some language directed at Andrew was too harsh.

Hope that GB (community) would be willing to open their hearts to Andrew.

Expressed that Andrew (and Elliot as well) has been learning and succeeding at work with Sammy currently, and that this potentially could benefit the community.

Andrew was asked how he would benefit GB in the areas of school, community, and land stewardship. He responded by saying that he wants to help.

It was expressed that he should take initiative regarding community service and community involvement.

Some concerns regarding Tuttle payment history. Stated that we don't need more residents who seem to be perpetually behind on fees.

It was expressed that perhaps a provisional residency or trial period be considered.

### 3) Residency for Helen

Helens says she has been enjoying her time here, and that she is willing to teach and learn here. She works with metals and glass, including glass blowing.

She has mostly led a nomadic lifestyle working Renn fairs and such, but has desires to settle and put down roots.

She has been paying her guest fees and has helped with shop cleaning.

The question was raised regarding how much time she would be here.

Some expressed they enjoyed having her here and seeing her around; also that she has good energy.

A need for families here at GB was expressed, and that cabin space should be reserved for family units before an individual. Busses discussed as an option.

The nomadic lifestyle was of concern to some current residents of GB, and it was echoed that GB needs more permanent residents.

Still other residents expressed that the "come and go" lifestyle shouldn't be discouraged, and that many leading nomadic lifestyles still contribute.

The need and desire to have artist types like Helen here and willing to teach was also expressed.

#### 4) Cabin Shuffle Policy

Pointedly at DJ who relocated from his bus to Maia's cabin; this should be a community decision.

Maia yet to inform community of her intentions to vacate.

That cabin is potentially suitable space for a small family.

DJ's efforts on the cabin noted and commended....it looks good.

Cabin Policy states that once a resident has publicly relinquished their cabin, the request for relocation process by others can begin.

It was expressed we need more community involvement and that the community need to be put before "self". In addition, it was expressed that their currently is a lack of community and that we need to rebuild that sense of community.

#### 5) REMOVAL OR RE-PURPOSING OF BUSES

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#### PROPOSALS:

- 1) 5 month PROVISIONAL RESIDENCY for Andrew
  - a) community involvement such as potluck
  - b) keep his dues current
  - c) will pay resident fees and not guest fees in that time frame

There were no objections.

- 2) Helen's residency be accepted

There were no objections.

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