

Robeson Meadows Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting - January 28, 2025, 7 PM

Minutes

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. in a virtual Zoom meeting.

Presence of Quorum

A quorum of 152 members, with 19 members present in person and 133 members present via proxy.

Approval of Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting

MOTION 1: A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Japhia to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting, held on January 28, 2025.

It was unanimously approved, with no opposing votes. Members were asked to vote “Yes” or “No” in the chat.

Election of Board Members

MOTION 2: A motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Board was made.

The motion to approve the slate of candidates PASSED unanimously.

Committee Reports discussed

Lakes: The Lakes Committee chair, Marcelo outlined how the erosion of the area adjacent to the spillways, the deterioration of the walking path over the small lake spillway, and the failure of a section of retaining wall on the large lake adjacent to Valleybrook Drive were repaired successfully in 2024. Champaign Park District (CPD) owns the lot around the spillway (upstream end on the north) and the walk path from spillway to Valley Brook Drive and CPD paid for the repair of this part. This saved around

\$8900.

Marcelo also discussed the potential for building two bridges on spillways to avoid walking on sidewalks during heavy rainfall, which partially could be funded by CPD. He also highlighted the issue of water draining from the commercial zone into the pond, causing increased water flow over sidewalks. The bridge on the spillway at the small lake could be paid by CPD but the other spillway (large lake) area belongs to RMHOA and the cost of building the bridge should be paid by RMHOA. Marcelo also mentioned the need for infrastructure repairs, which were met by operating reserves. The Board plans to rebuild these reserves to target levels. The conversation ended with a list of lake and grounds maintenance tasks, including monitoring lake health, treating algae, and repairing damaged structures.

Grounds: Grounds Committee members responded to questions relating to the planting of trees by the island and walking path on the little pond side and replacing two lost trees near the walking path by RM school.

Community Engagement and Youth Involvement

Japhia discussed the potential for community engagement through initiatives like the little libraries and fishing clinics. She emphasized the importance of fostering connections among people, especially in the current climate of division and isolation. Japhia also mentioned the possibility of involving younger people in these activities to encourage their participation. The group also discussed the potential for Matthew and Blake to contribute to these initiatives, given their connections to the community.

Neighborhood Initiatives and Future Plans

The meeting concluded with discussions about future plans and initiatives for the neighborhood. Japhia suggests several community engagement ideas, including building little library structures, organizing cleanup days, and educating residents about eco-friendly practices. Joe mentions he's creating a new website page about the fish structure project and is open to expanding it with more content. The group also discussed the upcoming board meeting on February 4th to elect officers.

Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget

The meeting focused on the approval of the 2025 proposed budget (as on the web site), which was approved with no negative votes. The Annual Maintenance Assessment for 2025 was confirmed to be the same as 2024.

Announcement of 2025 Annual Maintenance Assessment

The Chair reminded residents that the ceiling for the Annual Maintenance Assessment was raised to “not-to-exceed” \$300 at the 2024 Annual Meeting. The Chair announced that the assessment for 2025 would be set at \$250, the same as 2024. Statements were sent to residents via mail.

Community Engagement and Youth Involvement

Contact form will be on the website for the members to fill out and give some ideas for the community engagement.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Attendance summary:

133 Members present by their proxy

19 Members present in person via Zoom

152 Total attendance