

VPTA Board Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gary Freking, President Pro Tem and Bldg. 9 Rep. Members present were Anne Krause – Treasurer and Bldg. 1 Rep., Don Mills – Bldg. 2 Rep., Robbie Wigley – Bldg. 4 Rep., Rinae Noyes - Bldg. 6 Rep. and Gene Moniger – Bldg. 7 Rep. Also present were Earl Crow – Nominating Committee, Jim Pence and Sherry Freking – substitute secretary.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes for the last meeting was made by Anne and seconded by Gary. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Robbie and seconded by Gary. There was a question about charges on Sirek's snow removal bill. Gary will ask Myron Dack to consult with Sirek about these charges. Anne also brought to the Board's attention that a decision has not been made regarding Association dues for the coming year. It was agreed that the Board will discuss and vote on this matter at the June Board meeting. The motion passed.

**Old Business:**

1. **Treasurer's position and bookkeeping help:** Anne reported that Leota Goodney, our accountant, is hesitant to take on bookkeeping chores but would be willing to do it on a trial basis at \$60/hour. A decision was tabled until the June meeting.

2. **Audit Committee:** Anne reported that the Audit Committee has not been able to meet yet due to schedule conflicts. She will try to find 1 or 2 replacements and meet on Thursday.

3. **Amendment to the Bylaws:** Sherry presented an Amendment to the Bylaws that would change Article VI, Section I to allow **any Member of the Association**, who is willing and elected by the Board, to serve as an officer. Previously, the Bylaws stated that **only Board members** could serve as officers. This has led to difficulty in filling the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasure positions.

You will receive a letter from the Board next week, with a copy of the Amendment and a proxy ballot on the back. The official vote will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may vote by Proxy by completing the ballot and giving it to your representative or, by mailing or hand-delivering it to Sherry Freking at 1900 Lincoln St. S., Northfield, MN 55057.

**Remember: We need your vote. A failure to vote counts as a vote against the amendment.**

Your invitation to the Annual Meeting will also be included with the letter.

4. **Nominating Committee:** Earl Crow reported that we have representatives for the next year for all buildings, except building 5. Earl will contact the owners of these units again, but if none of them are able to serve as the representative, someone from another building will be appointed to represent building 5.

The nominating committee is also looking for two more members to serve on the maintenance committee. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Earl Crow at 645-7540.

5. **Insurance Quote:** Robbie presented an insurance quote from Auto Owners Insurance. A decision on this matter was tabled until the June meeting of the Board.

6. **Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Valley Pond Townhome Association will be on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (see the attached invitation). **Please plan on attending!**

### **New Business:**

1. **Flowers:** It was decided that flowers would be sent to Jean Leese on behalf of the Association.

2. **Clean-up after dogs:** It was brought to the Board's attention that there is still a problem with unit owners not cleaning up after their dogs, in violation of the Association bylaws. If this problem continues, the Board will consider a fine for the offending owner. Also, our landscaping provider charges extra for any cleanup work that has to be done so they can mow the lawns. Any charges incurred will be assessed to the unit owner.

3. **Pond Willows:** Robbie talked to Lief Knecht of Knecht's Nursery about the spreading willows in the pond. He stated that these were "noxious trees" and would dry up the pond. Robbie will talk to the city parks department about any help they can provide.

4. **Northfield City Planner,** Don Olson, has volunteered to come to a meeting to give a presentation on plans for the city. Robbie and Sherry will get more information on a possible visit.

A motion was made by Anne and seconded by Robbie to adjourn. The motion passed. The next meeting of the Board will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 9th on Gary and Sherry Freking's deck, 1900 Lincoln St. S.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Freking  
Substitute Secretary