

M B C A General Meeting
Minutes
January 8 2018
Location: HomeMakers

BODs attending: Deb, Kate, Fran, Tim and Stasia

Approx 20 people in attendance.
Meeting convenes at 12:05 PM

Stasia opens meeting and explains that Deb Massie is now acting as president because Joe has left on sabbatical. Stasia asks Kate to give an update on the NO PHOSPHATE Mine fight.

Kate informs group of the latest movements in Bradford/Union County regarding mine. DEP has issued a extensive memo to Jack Hazen regarding problems w/ his permit app.

Discussion moves to political action as a result of these major fights to preserve our environment. BOD acknowledges that **Tom Germano** has registered as a candidate for BOCC in Bradford county and is on record as against Phosphate Mine and RV development on sensitive wetlands. All agree that we need to hear more from Tom.

Discussion moves to Melrose Historic Preservation and Stasia highlights successes of 2017 adding properties to Putnam County's Historic Register. Tim Parker reviews tax credits that are available for those owners that renovate historic properties, details noted.

Fran updates group on "beach park signs" with special attention to "no dogs sign". Fran suggests adding humor to the message. Tracey goes on record as being against "sign pollution". Discussion continues with various recommendations and BOD agrees to table any decisions until Joe gets back in town.

Kate suggests that we go "around the room" and talk about any new business or important Melrose issues.

Tom and Nancy (*nee* Dale) McQuade update group on their Sunday spiritual services held at Mossman every Sunday from 9:30am. Tom reminds group that he is an ordained minister and can perform weddings, funerals, exorcisms (housecleaning).

Jeff Klein MD talks about natural health options and the dangers of Clay Electric's "Smart Meters". Many at meeting admit that they do not know much about the potential hazards of "so called smart meters" and would like more info. Jeff will send Stasia some links. All agree that there may be a cancer risk if your home is bombarded with additional RFs. Steve reinforces this concern citing his own observations and published studies.

Donna Barre introduces herself and has moved "back in town". Her big issue is poor quality of internet connectability in our rural areas. Stasia agrees that this is now getting national attention.

Tim Parker reminds everyone to apply for homestead exemption if they recently purchased their home. Also, seniors over 65 w/ lower incomes may be eligible for additional exemptions.

Deb Massie talks about her role as acting president in Joe's absence. Deb highlights some upcoming meeting and local events:

Jan 12th Lake Dwellers Chili Social (Episcopal Church 5:30)

Jan 16th Volunteer Fire Dept Meeting 7PM

Deb updates group on a new business in town: Keystone Insurance will have a Melrose office headed by Barbara Franklin.

Deb asks why the park bathrooms are still not opened. Discussion moves to the tree episode. All agree that Larry Harvey should be contacted regarding both issues. Many are concerned that Putnam County officials do not look out for the interests of Melrose community. All agree that we need to seek out a local candidate for district 4 Putnam County.

Tracey reminds everyone about upcoming Camellia Sale on Saturday Jan 28th. See Library for details.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 1:15PM

Quote of the day:

“we must ride these (local elected officials) like a donkey to get them to take care of business!”

minutes submitted by S Rudolph