

PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BEAR AD HOC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – February 3, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
APPROVED

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Madison Bottorff, Chair; Lynn Stafford, Vice Chair; Carolyn Smith, Secretary; Carolyn Gilbert for Jennifer Emmett, Board Liaison.

GUESTS: In person: Finn Myggen, Sarah Jane Owen; ZOOM: Ed Marini, Cathie Gum, Robin Hanna, Cliff Penick, Jr.

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda approval: Carolyn S. moved to approve the agenda. Lynn seconded. Agenda approved.
3. Madison reminded guests of guidelines for in-person and zoom guests.
4. Old Business:

a. Clarification of questions from Patrice's January report: All three criteria when issuing citations for bear feeding violations are required: (i) Video and/or photo clearly showing a person placing food outside, whether in a bowl or not, followed by a video or photo of the contents of the bowl; (ii) Evidence must be presented to Patrol. Patrol Manager will determine if sufficient evidence for citation; (iii) If evidence is collected by another member, the member must be willing to appear before the BoD at hearing to answer questions the accused or board members may have. Jennifer suggested this criteria should be included in Governing Docs. Citation history remains with owner for length of ownership.

b. In 2009, the director of the Bear League of Lake Tahoe trained entire Patrol on safe and effective bear hazing and passed down to new officers over the years. The wildlife certification program Lake Tahoe Wildlife Center used to offer was discontinued. Patrice, Suzy Goulard, Kim Wickers (former board member) earned certificate back in 2009.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Carolyn S. presented report on Home Hardening tips citing 9 resources.
- b. John's report on repellents was reviewed.
- c. Madison presented report on auto, shed, and garage hardening methods
- d. Lynn presented report on categories of people using PMC and possible education and outreach methods to all categories. Discussed how to disseminate bear aware information to members and public such as: (i) weekly Bear email Blast to membership; (ii) fliers, pamphlets, posters at clubhouse lobby and restaurant; (iii) prominent signage throughout PMC village, post office, General Store, Fern Lake, and other public areas; (iv) work with local realtors and property managers for long-term and short-term rentals (suggestion to use bear education magnets); (v) construction crews via EC;
- e. Madison will consolidate all reports into a concise report for committee review.
- f. Suggestion to have a Bear Aware booth at Lilac Festival if Board will approve attendance and fliers. Carolyn S. to check into banner & possibly t-shirts for committee.
- g. Research suggested hiring a paid bear ambassador from May–November to assist patrol by reporting observed bear rule violations and providing information and assistance to members/visitors dealing with bear break-ins and provide educational materials.
- h. Carolyn S. to check with Patrice about finding a bear awareness video to share with membership.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Carolyn S., seconded by Lynn, unanimously approved at 6:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.