

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

**APPROVED**

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:05 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Madison Bottorff, Chair; Lynn Stafford, Vice Chair; Carolyn Smith, Secretary; Jennifer Emett, Board Liaison.

**IN PERSON GUESTS:** Karla White, Kris Burrill; **ZOOM GUESTS:** Sarah Jane Owen, Ian Sawrey, Thomas Donovan, Cliff Penick, Jr.

1. Roll Call – All Committee members present.
2. Agenda approval: Carolyn moved to approve the agenda. Lynn seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Minutes approval: Lynn moved to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Madison reminded guests of meeting guidelines.
5. Old Business:

(a) Jennifer will check to see what has happened to Karla's committee membership approval. Jennifer announced that Patrol reported 6 bear break-ins so far this year—all at vacant homes and food was eaten in 4 of them. There were 34 break-ins at this time last year.

(b) Carolyn reported that she'll be meeting with Abby from CDFW tomorrow to pick up bear aware fliers and pamphlets to be distributed at the Emergency Preparedness Booth at the Lilac Festival.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- Members reviewed and made changes to the Research Report and the Recommendations to PMCPOA Board.
- Madison will make the changes and re-submit to committee members for final approval at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting or sooner at a special meeting. Will include fliers and street sign samples.
- Jennifer suggested that the Committee submit a budget to the PMCPOA Board for supplies in order for funding to be included in the next budget cycle. Madison will prepare and submit to committee members for approval and then forward to Staff by May 7<sup>th</sup> for inclusion at next meeting.
- Discussed the importance of realtors advising prospective PMC home buyers of previous bear break-ins. Many new owners who find out later feel they should have been told. It's vital to reach out to Airbnb and part-time vacation homeowners by mail and/or email to educate and supply them with information on how to protect their homes from break-ins since a major portion of break-ins occur in homes that are vacant for long time periods. Recommended that there be a rule that homes cannot be boarded up for more than 90 days after a bear break-in, since it becomes an eyesore.
- Discussed the importance of the street signs at each intersection off of MPH be large and reflective enough to be easily noticeable for those driving around and through PMC.
- Primary goal: (a) to educate as many residents and guests as possible on how to protect their homes, garages, sheds, and vehicles from bear break-ins, and (b) to provide local contractor contacts who can aid members in installing bear deterrent equipment.
- Madison suggested working with the Communications Committee (when they become active again) to aid in the strategic dissemination of fliers throughout the PMC community and to coordinate with Staff to post committee recommendations (when approved) on PMCPOA Website. Also coordinate with staff to post bear deterrent information in weekly email blasts and PMC Facebook Page.
- Bear Ambassador: Carolyn suggested that the committee's recommendation include the adoption of a Bear Ambassador Program which could include part-time volunteers if a salaried position is not financially feasible and will check with Abby (CDFW) regarding any on-line educational program that volunteers could enroll in to become educated on bear behavior and deterrents.

- Carolyn will ask Abby (CDFW): (a) when they will be coming up to PMC for their annual wildlife presentation and (b) if she has knowledge of any biology or wildlife intern program at local colleges that could be used in a PMCPOA Bear Ambassador program during the summer.
- Lynn reported (a) he's working with Patrice regarding analysis and statistics of bear break-ins that might assist in determining patterns; and (b) suggested the Committee continue to periodically meet after initial goals are accomplished to monitor effectiveness of on-going education and to provide additional strategies, when needed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Carolyn, seconded by Lynn and unanimously approved at 6:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.