



Broad & Gales Creek Community Association, Inc.

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Tony Bello, President
Steve Phifer, Vice President

Sallie Salter, Secretary
Chuck Upton, Treasurer

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting November 14, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Board Members Present:

Steve Phifer, Dennis Gaither, Mark Rippeth, Tony Matthews, Sallie Salter, ~~Missy Rhodes~~, David Burket, Chuck Upton, Tony Bello

Community Members Present: BJ Reed, Alison Bentz, Jeff Bentz, Marianne Burlison, Dusty Desteunder, Ethan Candesso

Adoption of Agenda: Tony Bello

1. Motion to approve the agenda.
 - a. Motion to approve by Chuck Upton
 - b. Seconded by Dennis Gaither
 - c. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Sallie Salter

1. Minutes of the 2023 annual meeting were issued for approval.
 - a. Motion to accept Steve Phifer
 - b. Seconded by Chuck Upton
 - c. Motion passed.

President Report:

1. President Tony Bello presented his reported:
 - a. This year we have seen a lot of growth in our community. I was originally elected to the board at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Since then, I have overseen many changes including population growth, fire fighters coming and going, and maintaining the community building with the help of Sallie Salter and Compassion Ministries.
 - b. We are financially stable and is one of the biggest accomplishments since I have been board president. Alison Bentz has done a tremendous job as bookkeeper to maintain compliance and accountability, especially with the CPA. We are in a much better place by being fiscally responsible.
 - c. I am very grateful for Chief Tony Matthews and his dedication to the fire department and all he has done for the fire fighters and community.
 - d. I am announcing that since I have served on the board since 2018 and president since 2020, I will not be seeking a nomination for the board and officially retire from the board.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Chuck Upton presented the Treasurer's Report and financial statements.
2. Dusty inquired about the negative balance on an account.

- a. Alison mentioned that she has not received receipts on some accounts, and she cannot pay until that is resolved.
 - b. Chuck also mentioned the importance of keeping up with receipts and turning them in a timely manner.
 - c. Alison mentioned that she can print year-to-date reports to show unpaid balances from missing receipts for periods extending prior to the monthly report.
3. Motion to approve by Steve Phifer
- a. Seconded David Burket
 - b. Motion passed.

Fire Department Report:

- 1. Chief Tony Matthews Reported
 - a. Year to date 632 calls, 100 calls down from last year mainly due to a reduction in EMS calls. Chief spoke with the county and EMS is in pretty good shape and will only reach out when needed.
 - b. Training
 - i. 36 personnel spent over 1500 hours training this year to date which he is proud of for a department of our size.
 - c. ISO Inspection
 - i. This year's inspection was cancelled due to a car accident the inspector was involved on the way to the inspection.
 - ii. With the flooding in the mountains, everything has been postponed for a year.
 - d. Equipment
 - i. Engine 4 is about 23 years old and nearing its life expectancy of 25 years.
 - ii. We have held off on getting quotes until the building and other vehicles have been paid off, which should be coming up this year.
 - iii. Focus on financing and getting funds straight to investigate a new truck, preferably an aerial or ladder truck to accommodate the multi-story houses in some of the new developments.
 - iv. Department carries below 8:00 minute timeline from the time of dispatch to the time on-scene. Just under 3:00 minutes from the time of dispatch to time of in-route putting us average nationally.
 - v. Picking up several retired fire fighters from other areas that have moved here.

Standing Committees

- 1. No committees reporting that require action.

Old Business:

- 1. No old business.

New Business

- 1. Appointment of Teller by President Tony Bello
 - a. Dusty Desteunder
- 2. Election of Board Members for expired terms.
 - a. Expired terms for: Tony Bello, Steve Phifer, Missy Rhodes, Mark Rippeth
 - b. Nominations open to the floor.
 - i. Dusty Desteunder nominated Mark Rippeth
 - ii. Sallie Salter nominated Maryanne Burleson
 - iii. Mark Rippeth nominated BJ
 - 1. BJ Declined the nomination
 - iv. Dusty Desteunder nominated Ethan Candesso

- c. Since all board members are running uncontested, they are elected by due process.
- d. Tony Bello stated that since there is one board member short, the president that will be elected in December has the authority to appoint a nominating committee to recommend a board appointment that must be voted in by the board to fill that empty seat.
 - i. Election Results per Tellers
 - 1. Mark Rippeth
 - 2. Maryanne Burleson
 - 3. Ethan Candesso
 - 4. TBD

Adjournment:

- 1. Motion to Adjourn by Steve Phifer
- 2. Motion Seconded by Dennis Gaither
- 3. Motion passed.
- 4. Adjourned at 7:27 PM

Respectively presented by Secretary Sallie Salter.

Approved by: Patrick A. Bello
Signature

11/14/2025
Date