

PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
BEAR AD HOC COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.  
**APPROVED**

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:03 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Madison Bottorff, Chair; Lynn Stafford, Vice Chair; Carolyn Smith, Secretary; Jennifer Emett, Board Liaison. **IN PERSON GUESTS:** Karla White, Andre Boles, and Deb Tucker; **ZOOM GUESTS:** Sarah Jane Owen, Ian Sawrey.

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda approval: Carolyn moved to approve the agenda. Lynn seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting were approved via email.
4. Madison reminded guests of meeting guidelines.
5. Old Business: Jennifer reported per Patrice: (i) when Patrol finds an abandoned bag of trash, it's taken to the Transfer Station; (ii) there have been only 3 bear break-ins and 1 attempted so far this year--same Black bear with no tags. Need to inform and stress that all members should report break-ins to Patrol and CDFW; (iii) Jennifer will follow up with Patrice to make sure she has incorporated the bear citation protocol into formal written policy.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Carolyn reported:

- Handed out copies of 11 fliers researched from other mountain communities throughout the U.S. that could be used as samples to create PMCPOA fliers
- Discussed how Bear Ambassador programs operate in Lake Tahoe, Colorado, and Vermont using volunteers and/or paid positions; can be part-time for 5 months; centralized person for distributing preventative info, break-ins analysis, statistics, liaison with members and CDFW.
- Will contact CDFW for Bear Aware fliers to distribute at the Lilac Festival

b. Madison reported:

- Presented several fliers she created with pricing of \$120.00 for 500 on card stock;
- Reached out to Communications Committee who are willing to help disseminate fliers;
- Will reach out to Sarah to include bear flier information in weekly email blast as well as incorporating myth busting information to prevent false rumors circulating about bear activity;
- Previewed samples of metal signs for posting at 25 intersections at PMC with pricing ranging from a few hundred dollars to above \$1,000. for larger signs. Will follow up with PMCPOA Maintenance regarding available posts and anything else that might be needed for installation.
- Bear Aware Festival: Reached out to PMC commercial owners who weren't very receptive to hosting another festival and/or event in the village. Hosting a smaller PMCPOA event in the clubhouse area with tables, costumes, bear aware fliers, signs, etc. could be another option.
- Suggested recruiting PMCPOA member with marketing experience to assist in a community bear awareness campaign.
- Contacted local school leadership about creating a bear aware video utilizing middle school students. They're very excited to do the project. Details will need to be worked out.

c. Lynn reported that he contacted Chris Hollenbeck, an electrician installing electrified mats at PMC. He reports that the electric bear mats/pads are safe in terms of human and pet contacts and fire safety, if installed by an experienced electrician and maintained properly. They're very effective in preventing break-ins and virtually indestructible.

d. Discussion: Need to require all STR operators (through their permit process) to distribute bear fliers/info to tenants. Realtors should be required to inform prospective buyers of bear issues at PMC. EC should require contractors to distribute bear fliers to workers with their permits.

**NEXT STEPS:** Madison will incorporate all new information into her previously presented draft report and email a new draft to committee members for final approval prior to the next meeting (May 5<sup>th</sup>).

Goal: present final report to the PMCPOA Board prior to their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Madison, seconded by Carolyn and unanimously approved at 6:33 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.