

MINUTES OF THE WESTPORT VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 @ 7:00 P.M.
@ Westport Community Center - Abalone Street- Westport, California

1. *Call to Order: - Establish Board Quorum /Agenda*

Mr. Bill Knapp – Chairperson and President welcomed all attendees and called the Meeting to order at 7:02 pm. As part of outreach, the Board of Directors also timely posted and published an optional ZOOM meeting connection. Notice included preliminary Meeting agenda and supporting documents such as prior meeting minutes posted to the WVS website, financial account structure presented to the Board in advance and presented to the Attendees at the Meeting.

Per the WVS Bylaws, membership quorum established for voting Board candidates via in person and mailed ballots was 60 ballots cast of approximately 115 Members. Board Members present at the inception of the Meeting: **Mr. Thad Van Bueren, Ms. Dorine Real, Mr. Bill Knapp, and Mr. Robert Finnell.** Directors unable to attend **Mr. Derek DiOrio.** Treasurer **Mr. Gary Quinton was also present.** Fifteen (15) additional members of the Members/public attending as evidenced by the proffered Sign-In Document to be archived with the Ballots. **A. Roberts, James Geneureax, Sheila Winslow, Lee Tepper, Beck Regalia, Tabitha Korhummel, Lois Senger, Bill Drummond, M. Drummond, Melissa McLaughlin, Art Crone, Jeff Whitehouse, and Pete Dumars** Via Zoom: **Karen Rosen.**

Mr. Knapp functioned as Chairman of the Meeting and Mr. Finnell (Secretary) recorded the Minutes of the Meeting.

2. *Overview of Westport Village Society (“WVS”) and Mission Statement*

Mr. Knapp led a PowerPoint presentation regarding the overview of the WVS purpose and mission statement as a charitable 501 (c)(3) entity. Presentation continued with various annual activities managed or sponsored by WVS over the past year and the continuing challenges of in person activities due to the prior COVID limitations. Mr. Knapp noted that there were currently five open Director positions and five candidates that timely submitted their self-nomination applications. Mr. Knapp thanked Mr. Quinton for his service as Director and Treasurer and noted that Mr. Quinton graciously agreed to stay in the WVS Treasurer role to assist with the transition of the future appointed treasurer candidate to occur on or about October 25, 2023, the next Regular Quarterly WVS Board Meeting. Mr. Knapp spoke to various administrative and non-profit operations and actions undertaken by WVS. Mr. Knapp referred to the powerpoint slide detailing the WVS recent acquisition of approximately 26 acres of land parcel known as DeHaven. Mr. Knapp expressed his belief that the “Members drive the WVS Mission.” Mr. Knapp spoke to the traditional and past WVS fundraising events, such as the Ducky Race and Westport Whale Fest. Mr. Knapp noted that charitable grants are available to WVS, but not much recent activity in that regard and more could be undertaken. Questions were asked and answered. The WVS Headlands Park was discussed and various activities that have been held on the WVS Headlands Park. The DeHaven Beach and WVS Outreach powerpoint slides were presented, noting also the WVS Facebook page, Westport Wave publication (web) and WVS website. Mr. Knapp noted other programs, such as the Community Garden sponsorship/funding by WVS, the Mini-Grant program, and WVS historical book “Belonging to Places” that speak to preserving local history amongst other topics.

3. Financial Report (7:18 p.m.)

Mr. Knapp noted that the WVS fiscal year ends each June 30th. Assets were listed as approximately \$1,892,000, most of which is land. Depreciation process for capital assessment was presented and the WVS Income Statement.

4. Annual Board of Director Election Count Process and Results (7:31 pm)

Mr. Knapp noted that Mr. Quinton and Ms. Real had volunteered to act in the capacity of Inspectors of the Election. Mr. Finnell noted that the total number of eligible voters was between 105 Members to 122 Members based on recent updates from Mr. Quinton's tally and update on annual dues paid. Quorum is listed in the bylaws as ten percent (10%) of Members. Twenty-one Members were present at the Meeting.

5. Open Discussion Forum (7:35)

Mr. Knapp opened up the floor for Member discussion regarding possible WVS activities in the future and priorities, noting that the Board of Directors primarily acts in the role of a facilitator to the Members and local public. Mr. Knapp stressed the importance of volunteer assistance. Questions were asked and answered about the fundraising goals and priorities and tension between raising funds in a profitable manner versus the desire and need for community events. Focusing on "fun events" rather than "fundraising events" could be a new focus. Ms. Rosen spoke to considering educational events and aspect of Native American culture in the Westport Area. Additional topics raised, with questions asked and answered were the status of the Blue Victorian building, underground power lines and PG&E, sidewalk/bike path out to Pete's Beach/Wages Creek Area, Harvest Mussels festival, DeHaven PG&E electric poles, mineral rights status on West Beach reserved by Bank of America.

6. RESULTS of Annual Election of WVS Directors @ Annual Meeting October 6, 2023 (8:12 p.m.)

Mr. Knapp noted the next Regular Quarterly open Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Westport Community Center and Zoom commencing at 6:30 p.m. and he invited all Members to attend as well as the local public.

It was noted that the votes were now tallied by the Inspectors of Election and that based on five open Director positions open and five Director candidate all five candidates were elected/appointed by Members by acclamation:

Incumbent Mr. Thad Van Bueren ELECTED for new three (3) year term;

Incumbent Mr. Robert Finnell ELECTED for new three (3) year term;

New Director ELECTED Ms. Kayla Cooper (term TBD 10/25/23)

New Director ELECTED Ms. Tabitha Korhummel (term TBD 10/25/23)

New Director ELECTED Mr. Beck Regalia (term TBD 10/25/23)

(Mr. Finnell stated the process to archive all ballots and supporting documentation in accordance with the WVS Bylaws and voting rules processes).

7. Approval of Prior Annual WVS Member Meeting of October 7, 2022.

Mr. Finnell noted that the WVS Annual Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2023 had previously been provisionally approved by the Board of Directors at the October 26, 2022 WVS Quarterly Regular Board Meeting

and were now before the Members for review and approval. Upon motion duly made and second, the Members approved the Annual Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2022 by voice vote.

Adjournment.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert D. Finnell, WVS Secretary

Westport Village Society a (501 (c)(3) organization.

Mission Statement: Supporting local charitable and educational projects and fostering the preservation and interpretation of the environment since 1992.