

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, May 5, 2025  
Magalia Community Center

Minutes to be transcribed by the Executive Director at a later date

Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair

1) Call to Order & Board Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Board members present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Monica Gaxiola, Treasurer, Rich Gingery Jr., Secretary, Lucas Warmerdam, Vice Chair (via Zoom), Phil Howard, Ryan Soulsby, Ryann Pinnegar. Jake Bates, Disc Golf Commissioner, and Executive Director Chris Rauen.

2) Guests: John Stonebraker, Community member & PRPD Board Member, Jeanne Brovelli (Community Garden Committee), Nancy Jorth (Youth for Change – Family Center);

Quorum: Board Quorum requires four (4) members. Quorum has been met.

3) Approval of Minutes: April meeting minutes have been submitted for review. Ryan Soulsby asked that the minutes be edited to say that, in the discussion of membership fees, “included dyed discs” needs to be changed to “excluded.”

***Motion to approve minutes was given by Ryan & seconded by Rich. Minutes approved 7-0.***

4) Treasurer’s Report – Monica Gaxiola: Balance \$65,320.72 in Tri-Counties account, with two pending deposits from disc golf / Shasta Series & donations.

5) Guest: John Stonebraker, Board Member, Paradise Recreation and Park District.

John joined our meeting tonight as a community member and to provide counsel during several agenda items. He shared how MCP board members & volunteers could help support him and ensure that positive goals are met at PRPD that will benefit the Upper Ridge.

6) Hiring of additional employee for South Pines Disc Golf (the Executive Committee has met twice on this matter since the prior board meeting in April – Rich, Lucas, Monica and Linda)

Jake is needing to step back and will not be able to continue putting in add'l volunteer hours as he had done the last few years. This will leave the pro shop needing to be staffed by someone else every other weekend, necessitating the hiring of an additional employee. Rich shared that the meetings on this involved the four board officers (Linda, Rich, Lucas, and Monica), with Monica providing counsel on whether MCP has the funds to hire another employee. Rich emphasized with the committee that we are a non-profit board, and as such, it is normal for our

balance sheets to always be close in terms of revenue vs. expenses. The committee determined that Jake's work & dedication do warrant leaving his contract intact as is and not to amend his salary, and that with the increased revenue that the disc golf program is making, it would be reasonable to bring on another employee. Even if the disc golf revenue stayed status quo, this could be managed without a budget issue. Jake & Lucas added that they are offering to work with the board if the MCP numbers were to be adversely affected, however that is not foreseen at this time. Proposal is for Lucas to be the new employee, at which point he would step down from his role as an MCP board member. Lucas has agreed to \$4000/yr and Monica, as treasurer, has approved with & is comfortable with the numbers.

John raised the question about legal implications of Lucas taking a low salary. Lucas and Rich shared that a salary-based method solves this, as disc golf hours are unpredictable and not within the normal realm of a typical work day, plus additional hours would just be considered as volunteer.

***Rich motioned that MCP hire a new employee to cover the pro shop on weekends, at a salary of \$4000/yr. This was seconded by Ryan Soulsby. Motion carried 7-0.***

7) Resignation of Board Member & Officer Role: Lucas Warmerdam, Vice-Chair

8) Nomination of new Vice-Chair: Ryan Soulsby (Ryan accepts the role)

***Rich nominated current Board Member Ryan Soulsby to serve as Vice-Chair; Phil Howard seconded. Nomination carries 6-0.***

9) Family Center on the Upper Ridge – Nancy shared that there is an additional staff member now working with Lorraine. The center is now seeing 18 consistant families per week, with their official Facebook page having just launched plus word of mouth. Expanding cirriculum w/ gardening-related program for parents & children happening this summer, adoptive family support group, crisis intervention for families. Looking forward to tabling at Music on the Green on selected dates this summer as well.

10) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Chris started his report with a shout out to Jake, Ryan & Lucas for the success of the Shasta Series Tournament over the weekend, and acknowledgement of their work the past year to increase traffic & sales at South Pines.

\*Major\* tree work scaling back. However as people continue to return & build new homes, questions have come in from property owners about the trees behind their lots. MCP nor Safor is going to start a precedent of removing standing green trees, but we will work with property owners on any obvious and identified hazards on the course that could affect a home or the public.

There is still a lot of downed wood leftover from the Camp Fire along the course that needs to be removed. "A Helping Hand" will help us by removing most of the logs with a partial trade for any oak and cedar, which he can use for firewood.

New insurance – MCP will now be going through Anthony Felix with Omega Insurance (policy is with Berkshire Hathaway THREE) at substantially reduced cost from NIAC. New quote is for \$4326.15. The old policy was quoted at \$7000.

Fall Gala – Joanne Hall organizes major fundraisers for non-profit organizations as well as for golf courses (she was a guest at our April board meeting). She works closely with the Honey Run Covered Bridge Association and has helped them with fundraisers, and was referred to us. The soonest we can do an event for MCP would be the first week of November. Looking at a Casino Night themed gala. Her fee is \$2500 however it does not need to be paid now...once sponsors come on board we can pay her from those donations. We are working on compiling donor lists & potential attendees and sponsors combined with her own contact list. Upcoming meeting w/Linda & Monica on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 11) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake shared the April report from the Zettle system showing a breakdown of player green fees, sales & breakdown of other internal numbers. Ryan said that the trash receptacles along the course are open and exposed to weather & become full of rainwater + other people's trash are ending up in our bins. Could we get funding or get connected with a source that PRPD might have to install better trash bins? John shared that a consultant got the park district connected with grant funding to put in new recycling and garbage bins at their facilities, as did the Town – he could get that info to us, if those grant funds are still available.

Shasta Series was a great success, weather was perfect & everyone had a great time. 108 players Saturday for the actual tournament, 46 on Sunday. \$1310 brought in over the two days.

Jake now has a student through Butte County SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area) who is shadowing him on the course helping with maintenance on a weekly basis. He's put in 300 hours so far.

In looking at the disc golf financial report, John mentioned that as of April 1, the county tax rate has gone up to 8.25% - this will need to be adjusted in the software (it was acknowledged no tax is charged on items in the shop); discussion on the sales tax in general when ordering inventory.

Ryann P. brought up that the local homeschool charters have funds to pay for community partners; she sent an email to her daughters school to see how the disc golf course could qualify as a community partner, and if so, how the course might benefit both from more participants as an educational/recreation experience with funding from homeschool charters. Insurance & background checks required

w/discussion about livescan process. Also talked about the short course/junior course; Ryan Soulsby said he has written up a proposal for the project.

From Linda – working on getting the sign for Les Schwab.

#### Wellness Committee

- A) Community Garden Update – Jeanne shared that all 12 garden beds are now rented out. Planting a “three sisters bed” with corn w/pole beans & squash. Another section with 8 ft tall fava beans. More than half the trees are now planted in the new orchard section. Yard sale has been postponed for now. Shelly with Butte County Local Food Network is putting together a video for the different gardens which will also feature the Magalia garden & hoping for TV airing. Monica suggested getting any video footage saved for the fall gala.
- B) MCP Youth Activities – Ryann had to step back in March & April due to family commitments, Chris reported that he’s been able to gather a group of about 7 total parent volunteers with the need of 3-4 chaparones on any given activity night. We’ve been continuing with 1-2 Movie & Game Nights per month with a total of 25-35 people; some parents dropping off & others staying & participating. Focus has been on grade 6 and under. Crafts now being offered too utilizing supplies from the life skills program. Numbers have dropped off due to after school sports, etc.
- C) Events – Music on the Green

Fall Family Fun Fest – Neighbor to Neighbor grant submission to PRPD, Kristen is very supportive of making this happen again. Concern from prior attendees has been cost of food if the only food offering for this event is Izzy’s. Dan and Jameson are open to working with us on a special quick meal that would be closer to the 5-7 dollar range per person. PRPD was understanding of this concern as well.

Outdoor Movie Night submission to PRPD as well; unknown at this time due to new grant stipulation not funding entertainment.

Phil reported the concert series starts June 14 and will run till August 23. Not running into Sept/Oct due to colder weather & darker earlier. Short on funding by a few hundred dollars and hoping for another sponsor so that the program is fully funded.

#### 8. New Business:

Next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2025 Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

Minutes transcribed from audio recording and respectfully submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Directors on 3/24/2025.