

## **Seamark Ranch**

### **Board of Directors**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 16, 2018**

#### **Welcome and Blessing**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Seamark Ranch, Inc. was called to order at noon on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the offices of Gate Petroleum, by Board Chair Ryan Schmitt. Executive Director Fred Meiners introduced guest Pastor Chris Brooks. Pastor Brooks opened the meeting with a devotional around Psalms 68:6, "God settles the solitary in the home", and asked a blessing on the lunch and meeting.

#### **Present**

Board members Ryan Schmitt, Susan Hamilton, Vicki Gillander, Drew Frick, Susan Mack, Dickie Myers, T.R. Hainline, Rick Graham, Jimmy Weeks, Allene Zvara and Will Montoya along with Executive Director Fred Meiners. Also present was Director of Operations and Finance Mandi Landau, Administrative Coordinator Tatjana Drittij and Will Montoya's Assistant Jillian Foss.

#### **Executive Report**

Fred updated the group on ranch happenings, Trey has been reunited with his mom after 3 years, although emotional it was a good thing for him and he still checks in with Seamark! Sara is leaving next week for Santa Fe College in Gainesville. He also shared photos of the Girls' Home vacation to New Jersey and New York City, they also stopped along the way in Virginia to go camping. Fred informed the group that Gene Coleman, Larry Davis and he are going to visit The Hershey School in Pennsylvania to explore their program which is home to 2,000 students!

## **Finance**

Mandi presented the Financial Summary as of and year to date June 30, showing good results and a strong start to the year. She pointed out that the summers have historically been lean in terms of fundraising but giving should begin to pick up in late September.

Ryan added on to this explaining that they are a few couples out there who he is expecting to make a significant gift towards the capital campaign.

## **Development**

The rapidly approaching golf tournament on October 1 was discussed. Susan H. reported that we are doing well and spots are filling up quickly. Will and his assistant, Jillian provided some of their ideas so far for the Dog Walk and are confident that it will be a successful event.

Rick gave a brief update on the Ambassador Program, including an update on our contract with Bridgetek Communications and some new approaches we are going to take.

## **Governance**

Governance Committee Chair Susan Mack presented a short bio of Barbie Bennett, a candidate who will be voted on to join the board at the September meeting.

## **Chair and Executive Committee**

Ryan began by asking the group their thoughts on the 2 new homes, in other words when to pull the trigger and begin building? A lot of discussion led to the board giving the go ahead to start building, if approved by Dan Davis. He also shared that he and Fred met with Mastercraft Builder Group this week and they are confident that the homes will be a 2 for 1 deal due to the incredible amount of vendors willing to contribute their services.

## **Other Business**

Jimmy Weeks presented a report on Land Stewardship. Seamark has about 80 acres of sand pine timber that can be removed, sold and then replaced with native pines. The idea is to leave a screen of sand pine timber during the process so it is not bare. There is no cost for doing this, it will just bring money in and allow the property to have natural and native pines that are aesthetically pleasing. When everyone's questions were answered a motion to approve, subject to the terms of the existing conservation easement was made by Susan H. and seconded by Susan M. Everyone in the room approved.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Upon the motion of Susan and seconded by Dickie the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. Its contents are:

- July population
- YTD July giving comparison
- July YTD referrals
- June financial summary
- June Board minutes
- June education report

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.