

Mount Dallas Association
Annual Meeting
August 5, 2023, 12:00 pm
Home of Matt and Eden Moss

Directors present: Matt and Eden Moss, Bill Severson, Diana Sibert, Jill Staton

Mt. Dallas property owners present: Anita Bailor, Eric and Jean Eastman, Joe and Peggy Erskine, Jim and Mary Guard, Nash and Linda Gubelman, Jonathan and Alicia McVey, Cain and Leslie Neal, Laura Jo Severson, Tom Sibert, and Curt Widdoes

1. Welcome and introduction were given by Matt Moss
2. Guest speaker: Ben Hallowell, San Juan Preservation Trust Land Steward
 - a. Ben opened his discussion with a Land Acknowledgment.
 - b. A brief history of the [San Juan Preservation Trust](#) was given highlighting the difference between the [Land Bank](#).
 - c. [Hunter Preserve Discussion](#):
 - i. Please see Ben's notes attached to this email.
 - d. Questions from property owners:
 - i. How does an owner establish an easement with SJPT? Contact them and discussions can then take place. Which uses are retained by the owner and which uses are taken over by SJPT are discussed.
 - ii. What did Mt. Dallas look like before a lot of human intervention? Not many Garry Oak. A lot of prairies.
 - iii. Climate change question. Garry Oaks will be very resilient. Possible introduction of Sequoias and redwoods.
 - e. Curt Widdoes was asked to speak about Mt. Dallas and what can be done to maintain our properties safely. He gave a rousing speech, with the help of ChatGBT in the manner of Winston Churchill. It is attached to this email.
3. Matt Moss spoke about the necessity for maintaining our General Liability Insurance and acquiring Director and Officer Liability Insurance. The Welker Lawsuit and ensuing court order does not allow for MDA funds to be used for these necessities. Therefore, monies must be accrued through a Donation Fund. The MDA Board will soon be sending out information regarding these 2 insurance policies.
 - a. Tom Sibert spoke about the fact that donations have always been a part of MDA and that D & O insurance is a necessity.
4. 2023-2024 Board of Directors Vote: Anita Bailor
 - a. Anita explained the voting process.
 - b. No other nominations from the floor.
 - c. Voting took place.
 - d. The vote was unanimous for the current board of directors. Matt Moss, President; Bill Severson, Treasurer; Jill Staton, Secretary; Diana Sibert, Director; and Mark Sheppard, Director.
5. Approval of 2022 MDA Annual Meeting Minutes: Jill Staton

- a. Tom Sibert made a motion to approve the minutes and Curt Widdoes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.
6. Treasurers Report: Bill Severson
 - a. Please see attachment.
 - b. Administration Acct: Postage, PO Box, Website cost maintenance
 - c. Maintenance Acct: Maintaining the road- Weed whacking, removal of trees.
 - d. Donation Acct: Needed for necessary insurance policies.
 - e. Sideroad Acct: An option for any "road" to collect and save monies needed for maintenance of their road.
7. Laura Jo Severson; Firewise Coordinator
 - a. Reminded everyone that the Fire Department will come out and do an assessment of individual properties and offer advice on fire retarding practices.
 - b. Property owners were encouraged to turn in the number of hours they have spent in safeguarding their properties against fire.
 - c. Firewise lead with the fire department:
 - i. Kathleen Salinas, 571-761-4800, kathleenassalinas@gmail.com
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm. We all enjoyed a delicious potluck and rousing conversation. Thank you very much to Matt and Eden Moss for hosting such a wonderful annual meeting and potluck!