

LAS CRUCES ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
July 29, 2009

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the LCAR Board of Directors, held at 150 E. Idaho, Las Cruces, NM was called to order by President Chuck Olson at 9:02 am. Present were:

OFFICERS

Sharon DeBaal, President elect
Tim Henderson, Immediate Past President
Dolores DeMers, Treasurer
Michelle Martin, MLIS President
John Mitchener, MLIS President elect

DIRECTORS

John Bacon
Teresa Camacho
Chris Harrison
Elaine Johnson
Shannon Sells-Gutierrez
Karen Stull

Terriane Everhart, Director was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by guest Pat Fell, SW District VP, who was present to give the Board a RANM update.

Members present were John Hadley, Kathy Olson and Jan Signorelli.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda which included new member Laura Romanelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

The Executive Officer presented the Board with revised financial statements showing the journal entries made by the auditor for 2007 which impacted the current statements.

GAD Report

Isaac reminded the Board of the Vision 2040 meeting at the Association tomorrow at 3:00 pm. Representatives from the city and county will be here to make a presentation and answer questions. The Homebuilders and Chamber of Commerce were invited.

A revised draft regarding impact fees will be done in the near future. Isaac visited with David Watts from NAR at the GAD institute. NAR can offer assistance with elections and issues.

The city Light Ordinance will be a topic at the council meeting tonight. Isaac requested the Boards support for the defeat of the ordinance. ***A motion was made and seconded to support the current ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.***

MVEDA did not allow a representative from our Association to sit on their Board per their bylaws. Isaac suggested an ex officio member, but MEVEDA declined. It was suggested that in the GAD report we inform the membership of the money that has been donated to MVEDA in the past and let the membership email them regarding the Board position.

Las Cruces is #2 in the state for RPAC donations, 200% of goal. Deadline to be announced at the RANM conference is 8/21/09.

September 21 is the filing deadline date to run for city council. We will put notice out to try to get a REALTOR® to enter the race. NAR would support this effort.

Executive Officers Report

RANM Door Prize: *a motion was made and seconded to provide a door prize for the RANM conference up to \$100.00. Motion passed unanimously.*

Community Service Donations: There was a request for \$100 each for Toys for Tots and FOP Back to School. *A motion was made and seconded to approve the donations. Motion passed unanimously.*

A request was made by the EO on behalf of Community Service for the Board to cover the scholarships. The Board rejected that idea, but suggested making Community Service the focus at the next REALTOR® Rally.

Get Active Training: The EO asked the Board to send the GAD for this training. *A motion to approve this was made, seconded and unanimously approved.*

Signage: The proposal for logo signage on the building was presented by the EO. *A motion was made, seconded and approved for the new signs.*

Professional Standards: Two hearing panel decisions dealing with failure to certify agents for 2008 were sent to the Board prior to the meeting for review. *A motion was made and seconded to ratify the decision on the first case in which the Participant admitted that he did not certify on time. The motion passed unanimously and the fine stands.*

On the second case, where the Participant did not certify on time but the panel found her not in violation, a motion was made and seconded to send the decision back to the panel for reconsideration and to provide rationale for their finding. Motion passed unanimously.

Failure to Join the Association: A company had a member who had been licensed since May 2009 but had not joined the Association. A letter and fine notice had been sent with no response. *A motion was made and seconded to suspend the Participant. Motion passed unanimously.*

eLetterhead: A cost proposal was submitted by the EO for Onletterhead. The Board decided against the eLetterhead due to cost. Other avenues will be explored.

There was no old business.

Presidents Report

Chuck told the Board that RANM was requesting volunteers for their 2010 committees and encouraged anyone who could to volunteer.

New Business

Pat Fell handed out red line zip forms and reviewed them with the Board. She also spoke about the new tax levy forms and the FIRPTA law which has been inserted in the forms.

She reported that the manufactured housing task force has caused manufactured housing to back off requiring a license to sell the product.

She mentioned the RANM updated website and asked the Board to review it and comment.

Pat informed the Board that bylaw changes will be voted on at the conference and that the contract had been extended for the RANM attorney. The task force for Zip forms is researching a contract. She also said that they were putting Leadership RANM back in place for 2010. The RANM budget for 2010 has been approved with some cuts.

Last she announced that Chuck Olson has been elected RPAC trustee for RANM.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.