

**MINUTES**  
**THUNDERBIRD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**August 14, 2023**

The TPOA meeting was called to order by President Bette LoBue at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall and on Zoom. Jack Gross led the flag salute.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Susan Robinson read the TPOA announcement regarding meeting and Zoom protocols.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Mary Roemer read the minutes from the general membership meeting held on July 10, 2023. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Greg Connor reported that TPOA has \$8464.55 in its checking account, of which \$5625 is allocated for the Green Elephant fund. Greg provided a list of the proposed Green Elephant distribution. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the recommended distribution and the motion carried. The distribution list is attached to these minutes. After the Green Elephant distribution, the remaining balance in the checking account is \$2839.55. The savings account has a balance of \$766.23.

Projected expenditures for the end of summer party are \$600 for the band and \$200 for band housing, for a total of \$800.00. Greg also reported that members are taking advantage of the Venmo option for paying dues.

**TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE**

Town of Lake Santeetlah Mayor Connie Gross reported that the town had ordered new microphones for use at town meetings which should improve sound quality especially for those attending meetings by Zoom. She alerted TPOA to an issue with an email message being sent out by TPOA. She reported that the town received a Golden LEAF Foundation grant of \$72,697 grant to address storm water runoff. Mayor Gross reported that the town intends to continue infrastructure improvement, including addressing the water issue for those residing at the top of Thunderbird Mountain.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

Beth Carlton reported that volunteers met on July 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for trash pickup. Beth extended thanks to Bette LoBue, Diana Simon, Greg Connor, Becky and Larry Block, and Kevin Haag for volunteering. The group utilized 2 new grabbers but is short on vests and will be requesting that the North Carolina DOT provide those. The next trash pick-up will be on August 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**FOCUS/MEMBERSHIP**

Susan Robinson reported that the committee has been working on an update to the by-laws and has been considering new web services to include electronic voting in future elections. The committee is also examining ad hoc issues such as water levels at the lake which have been a concern to some homeowners.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Frances Connor reported that the end of season band party will be on August 26, 2023, at Chalet Village. This year's band is Men Without Memories. The tents are already set up. Hot dogs and some drinks will be provided.

**WELCOME COMMITTEE**

There was no update this month from the Welcome Committee.

**NEWSLETTER**

Bette announced that October 5 is the deadline for newsletter articles. Members should send proposed articles or social blurbs for Bette's Around the Mountain column by that date. The completed newsletter draft is due for formatting by October 12, and the deadline for the newsletter mailout is October 19.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Old business including the status of water availability during electrical outages was addressed in Mayor Gross' town update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Susan Robinson summarized her discussion with the local USPS postmaster about package deliveries. She covered issues related to lake water levels in her Focus Committee report. Greg Connor reported on the Green Elephant Fund in the treasurer's report.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m., and guest speaker Kim Hainge spoke about hiking on nearby national lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Roemer  
Secretary

## **TPOA Green Elephant Fund 2023**

### **Proposed Distribution 2023**

Graham Co Rescue Squad	\$ 500
Graham Co Public Library	\$ 250
Graham Co Historical As	\$ 175
Graham Co Schools Knights Pantry	\$1100
Graham Co Schools Caregivers	\$1100
Santeetlah Vol Fire Dept	\$ 500
Meadow Branch Vol Fire Dept	\$ 150
Grace Place	\$ 400
Meals on Wheels	\$ 550
Valley River Humane Society	\$ 350
Stecoah Valley CA Center	\$ 300
Partners of Joyce Kilmer	\$ 250
 Total	 \$5625

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