

**ARROWWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 13, 2016 (amended March 20, 2016)**

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

a. Mr. Craig Rhodine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Audio recording of the meeting was conducted. Rules of Order were not reviewed, as there were no questions about them. The Board members introduced themselves at the request of an attendee.

b. Board Members present:

i.	Craig Rhodine	President
ii.	Deb Fiala	Vice President
iii.	Dana Merveldt	Treasurer
iv.	Jeanne Gardner	Secretary
v.	Lonnie Wheeler	Member-at-Large
vi.	Steve Merveldt	Member-at-Large
vii.	Greg Bielanski	Member-at-Large
viii.	Robert Efram	Member-at-Large
ix.	Laurie Efram	Member-at-Large

c. Board Members absent: none.

d. AIA Member Attendees: listed in the attendance roster at the end of this set of minutes.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes from the November 2015 meeting had been emailed to the Board members for their perusal and, therefore, were not read at the meeting. The minutes from the November 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Merveldt provided the Treasurer's report, which was unanimously accepted as read and is attached at the end of this set of minutes.

**V. Committee Reports**

a. **Architectural Control Committee.** Mr. Wheeler reported no new activity; plans for a new home on Furrow had previously been approved by the ACC, and other members reported that the construction was well underway.

b. **Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Evacuation.**

i. Jackie Heyda stated that the AIA website gives substantial information about the Neighborhood Watch Program and about [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov); it also provides information on evacuation and emergency preparation. She said she would like to send an email to the Neighborhood Watch volunteers and have them further contact their people to make sure they are familiar with the information. It would also be a good reminder for members that we do have a website which contains useful information, especially those who are new to the area. The Board gave their approval.

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ii. Mr. Rhodine asked if there was any further word on the emergency evacuation plan which had been taken on by André Mouton. The last word was that it was not going to take place during this winter, as attention was being shifted to the possibility of a major snow event and the “Deep Freeze” exercise which had taken place on the previous weekend.

iii. Ms. Fiala reported that she had received a communication from the president of NEPCO, requesting her involvement in an inter-association neighborhood watch. She had previously discussed this topic with him and had indicated that AIA would be interested, as our Neighborhood Watch is quite active, and it would be good to have a connection with other neighborhoods. It will be further discussed at the May 14, 2016 NEPCO meeting.

c. **NEPCO Meetings.**

i. Greg Bielanski reported on the November 2015 NEPCO meeting. There was a presentation by the County Engineer and County Commissioner Darryl Glenn. Topics were the economic issues and job losses in El Paso County, Santa Fe Trail/Air Force Academy security issues, improvements to roadways and new housing developments and commercial businesses.

ii. Jeanne Gardner reported on the January 9, 2016 NEPCO meeting. The NEPCO Vice President reported on current and upcoming transportation issues in northern El Paso County. The Land Use Committee and the Transportation Committee foresee an increased workload and need more members. One question is whether a Tri-Lakes Regional Transportation Authority should be created to succeed the PPRTA and the BRRTA. The County will attend the March 12, 2016 NEPCO meeting to ask what people want and hear ideas about how transportation should flow in the Tri-Lakes area. Also, a Colorado Deputy Water Commissioner discussed the Denver Basin aquifers, volume, usage, population growth and aquifer life.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Firewise Community.** Lonnie Wheeler said that a meeting had been set for January 27 to work on developing a plan. At the previous meeting, Elizabeth Mayo reported that she had discovered that there would be no available funding for mitigation grants in 2016; this is even though the Black Forest Fire cost the government in the neighborhood of half a billion dollars. Mr. Wheeler said that, in light of the lack of 2016 funding, there probably is not a need to rush to create a plan, just organize and be aware of what needs to be done if and when funding becomes available. However, the January 27 meeting will be the kickoff to become a “Firewise Community,” and we want to get the document ready to submit to become a Firewise Community. We will start regular fire mitigation meetings, see what kind of interest there is, whether they want to participate. This is the forum we will use to spread the information to residents, let them know what a Firewise Community is; by getting the word out, we will be better at mitigation.

b. **Meeting with Fire Marshall:** would we like to meet with him again, or was there anything that needed to be followed up? Lonnie Wheeler indicated that we don’t need one right now, but as we get busy doing things, we may want to revisit.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Vote on the Rules of Association.** The Board members had all received copies by email; they were accepted unanimously and will be posted on the AIA website.

b. **Review of Covenants.** *Dana Merveldt, Bob Heyda, Laurie Efram and Deb Fiala offered to work on the researching and rewriting process, and Lonnie Wheeler offered his technical support.* “New” state laws since the last Covenant revision will need to be reviewed and possibly addressed. Dana Merveldt will take the lead on setting a date for the first meeting to work on the Covenants. Reworking the Covenants will also entail doing the legwork to get people to vote on them; without enough voter participation (50% of the population) they will have no chance of passing. Different methods of encouraging voter participation were discussed; utilizing the Neighborhood Watch program may be effective, as there are established relationships.

c. **Clarification of status of Board member.** The Board voted to recognize Laurie Efram as a full voting member of the Board of Governors, to serve a term ending two years from the last Board member election in September 2015.

d. Lonnie Wheeler explained the expenditure for website security updates by the webmaster. She has installed a new security package which will keep the site from being hacked. He also asked that all Board members make sure they have logged in to the new website email system and created a new password.

**VII. HOME OWNER MEMBER ATTENDEE CONCERNS**

There were no issues raised by any attendees.

**VIII. CLOSING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting session was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.