

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 MEETING
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President Terri Brooks called the meeting to order with twenty-one members in attendance.

Program

Blackrock Neighborhood Chair Nancy Schwiesow presented the program for the meeting. It was planned that Wintergreen Resort General Manager Jay Gamble would present the program, but was not able to attend due to illness. In his place, members of the Wintergreen Resort management team presented a slide show entitled “Wintergreen – A Special Place – 4 Seasons, 4 Generations,” especially prepared for Mountain Women. The following resort managers participated:

**Nancy Tynes, Director of Membership
Stacy Dawkins, Director of Lodging
Christine Williamson, Spa Director
Lori Zaloga, Director of Marketing for East Coast Properties
Josh Elwood, Marketing Manager**

Nancy Tynes reported that membership is strong, as are real estate sales. She reviewed a list of activities and services available to members of the resort. Wintergreen is still experiencing staffing challenges as a result of COVID. Lori Zaloga explained that with Pacific Group’s purchase of the resort, it can be considered that Wintergreen no longer has a landlord – it is like owning your own house without having to pay rent.

Pacific Group must spend approximately \$2 Million each year to keep up with maintenance projects. In 2022, an additional \$2 Million will be spent on capital expenditures. This period of hyper-inflation and supply chain disruption is complicating management’s desire to reinvest in and fully staff the resort. Management’s focus on projects is to do things well.

In 2021, \$500,000 was invested in new snowmaking and grooming equipment. Because of the resort’s good equipment, Wintergreen was able to bounce back from this winter’s warm weather spell faster than other resorts in the area.

Upcoming projects include installation of new lighting in the tennis building, adding eight out-door pickleball courts, and redoing the clay courts. At Lake Monocan, new chairs and new sun shades have been ordered.

Golf improvements include the purchase of 72 new golf carts in 2021. They are working on improvements at Devil’s Knob to enlarge the tee boxes and to improve landscaping, signage, lighting and pavement.

Christine Williamson reviewed activities at the Wintergarden Spa. Activities at the Aquatics and Fitness Center are coming back after COVID. Upcoming improvements will include installation of new hot tubs and decking. An ABC license is now in place and

they are working on getting food service. The Spa has added new treatments, including use of CBD oils. Hours will be extended this summer.

Stacy Dawkins addressed improvements to the Mountain Inn, including new lighting, carpeting, automatic glass doors, and railings, which will all give a better sense of arrival and presence. The resort is refocusing on conference group and wedding bookings. There are currently 34 weddings booked for the coming months.

Questions from those attending addressed issues of golf cart path improvements, use of guest passes and reopening of the Coppermine (which they say will require a staff of 69). Issues discussed included the need for additional associate housing and whether Pacific Group is considering construction of a hotel (they are not). It was noted that there is no longer a separate membership for Stoney Creek Owners. WPOA is working on setting up EV charging stations. Management team members indicated they will take questions and comments from the Mountain Women into consideration when reviewing upcoming projects.

Business Meeting

President Terri Brooks then conducted a short business meeting. Joyce Clayman and Carolyn Felling served as a Nominating Committee for Steering Committee openings. The following slate of nominations was read:

Judy DeWitt – Chairperson for Laurel Springs
Ann Marie Goss – Chairperson for Devils Knob
Lynnda Gilliam – Recording Secretary
Carolyn Felling – Vice President

A motion was adopted to accept the slate of nominations. The new Steering Committee members were unanimously elected. The Steering Committee is looking to find a replacement for JoAnn Armstrong, who serves as Communications Secretary.

Lee Bruno from the Devils Knob neighborhood was welcomed as a new member.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022, at the Chestnut Springs Picnic Pavilion. The Devils Knob Neighborhood will host the meeting. Carolyn Felling has planned a program for the meeting

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by
Lynnda Gilliam
MW Recording Secretary

MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 MEETING
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Call to Order

President Terri Brooks called the meeting to order with nineteen members in attendance. This month's meeting is being hosted by the Devils Knob Neighborhood.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held April 8, 2022 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Mary Carlson, President Brooks presented the Treasurer's Report. As of the end of March, there was \$592.14 in the account. In April there was a deposit of \$55 for dues and an expense of \$75 for rental of the Dunlop Room. Dues will remain at \$3.00 per meeting. Since the schedule of meetings may vary, dues should be paid at each meeting rather than annually.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members: Becky Hamill, Pat Rose and Sherilyn Henry. Jo Ann Armstrong collected addresses so that everyone will know what neighborhood they are in.

Group Reports

Bev Holloway reported that notices of the meetings of all of the Mountain Women groups will be sent to all members. If you are not interested in receiving notices for a particular group, contact Bev to be taken off the list.

Garden Club – Bev Holloway reported that fourteen members toured the gardens and enjoyed lunch at Phippen Hill in May. A tour of the Wintergreen Nature Foundation greenhouse on Route 664 is scheduled for June 17, 2022. Grafting techniques will be demonstrated and plants may be purchased, followed by lunch at Devil's Backbone.

Epicurious – Sallie Singletary reported that a Soup and Salad Luncheon with local produce is being planned with the Garden Club for August 19, 2022. Prior to the Luncheon, the Garden Club will host a tour of Jo Ann Armstrong's flower and plant garden at 261 Blackrock Circle at 10:00 am. The group will also be working on ideas for the rest of the year.

Book Club – Jo Ann Armstrong reported that the club is a recommendation book club. Participants may share anything they find of interest – books, articles, podcasts, etc. Meetings are scheduled for the Tuesday after the Mountain Women meetings in the Trillium Room at The Wintergreen Nature Foundation.

Handicraft Group – Michelle Stover will lead the group with meetings scheduled for the fourth Thursday or Friday of each month. The group will resume meeting in September.

Wintergreen Organization Report

Wintergreen Resort – There is a new manager at the Rodes Farm Stables. Marti Szczur plans to introduce a new equine program in the future. Laura Thilaut is now teaching Yoga at the Wintergarden Spa. Classes are open by reservation to members (\$10) and non-members (\$15).

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation – This year's on-line auction was successful, resulting in \$18,000 in donations. Katrina Broughman is the new Meeting and Outreach Coordinator. The 29th Annual Sara Ott Memorial Golf Classic will take place on September 9, 2022. Volunteers are needed for the event.

Wintergreen Music Festival – Opening night is planned for July 8, 2022. Vocalist Ally Yablonski will perform music composed by female composers at the July meeting of Mountain Women.

Here to Stay – Members of the organization are connected with people to assist with various household and personal chores. The group also organizes seminars and workshops on topics of interest to their members. Those interested can sign up on the website at www.heretostaywtg.org.

Sporting Club – The group organizes various activities, such as shooting, archery, fishing, boating, biking and hiking. Information is available on their website at www.wtgsportingclub.com.

Old Business

President Brooks announced members of the 2022 Steering Committee, who were elected at the April meeting:

Terri Brooks President
Carolyn Felling Vice President
Lynnda Gilliam Recording Secretary
Jo Ann Armstrong Communication Secretary
Mary Carlson Treasurer
Nancy Schwiesow Blackrock Neighborhood Chair
Anne Marie Goss Devils Knob Neighborhood Chair
Judy DeWitt Laurel Springs Neighborhood Chair

There is still a vacancy for The Springs Neighborhood Chair. Jo Ann Armstrong would be happy to mentor anyone who is interested in taking over responsibilities of the Communication Secretary. Special thanks to retiring Steering Committee members Joyce Claman, Vera Jones, Sallie Singletary and Carolyn Frahm.

New Business

A survey is being developed for members to express their interests and to generate new ideas for future Mountain Women programs.

Announcements

It was reported that Hilary Partridge is improving in her recovery from COVID. Get well wishes can be sent to Hilary at R.R. 1, Box 514, Roseland, VA 22967.

After this meeting, members will meet at the Reflection Garden to pull weeds and cleanup the area.

Program

Vice President Carolyn Felling facilitated “Celebrating Mountain Women and Collaboratively Planning for a Bright New Year” to help determine interests of the members in future programming. Members were asked to make notes with ideas for future Mountain Women and subgroup meetings. Members then separated into groups to review the information collected on the notes and to further brainstorm ideas. Leaders of the various subgroups will prepare lists to be discussed at future meetings.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022, at the Chestnut Springs Picnic Pavilion. The Steering Committee will host the meeting. Refreshments will not be served. Wintergreen Music will provide the program. The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Lynnda Gilliam, Recording Secretary

MOUNTAIN WOMEN
NOTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, June 17, 2022; 9:45 a.m., Trillium Room, The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

President Terri Brooks presided at the meeting. Members present included Carolyn Felling, Jo Ann Armstrong, Anne Marie Goss, and Lynnda Gilliam.

Plans were reviewed for the July 8, 2022 general meeting. Vocalist Ally Yablonski with Wintergreen Music will provide the program, followed by a short business meeting. Anne Marie and Terri will check Chestnut Springs on July 7 to make sure it is ready. Refreshments will not be served. Anne Marie will handle the nametags and money basket. Carolyn Felling will purchase two \$25 gift certificates for Ms. Yablonski and her accompanist.

Terri Brooks and Carolyn Felling will both be away in August. There will not be a general meeting planned for August. On August 19, a joint "Soup and Bread Luncheon" featuring local produce will be held with members of the Garden Club hosting a garden tour before the luncheon and the Epicurious Group providing a luncheon afterwards.

In September, the Sara Ott Golf Classic will be held on the regular date of the general meeting. Therefore, there will not be a general meeting in September. The Steering Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022 in the Trillium Room at The Wintergreen Nature Foundation. Chairpersons for the various groups will be invited to attend to review planning. Other topics for discussion will include planning of the Holiday Party in November.

In October, Laurel Springs will host the meeting on Friday, October 14, 2022. Carolyn Felling will work with new neighborhood chair Judy DeWitt regarding a program.

The Holiday Party will be scheduled for Friday, November 11, 2022. Carolyn Felling and Lynnda Gilliam will serve as a committee to make plans for the event. They plan to meet in early August. Ideas for programs will be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting in September.

There will not be a meeting in December.

Jo Ann Armstrong distributed notes collected at the general meeting on June 10th during the exercise facilitated by Carolyn Felling. Additional ideas were added to the general meeting and group lists. A calendar of events for the general meetings and groups will be reviewed at the Steering Committee Meeting on September 8, 2022.

Submitted by Lynnda Gilliam, Recording Secretary

WINTERGREEN MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 GENERAL MEETING
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President Terri Brooks called the meeting to order with seventeen members in attendance.

Program

Laurel Spring Chair Judy DeWitt introduced members of The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen team, who presented the program.

Kathie Driscoll, Education Director, explained that her goal is to get the public to appreciate the natural beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia through education. Kathie has developed programs related to local nature and cultural history, which have been presented to school children of all ages, libraries, to seniors, and at various festivals. The programs have included field trips, science experiments, and summer camps. In 2021 she presented over 70 programs to over 1,200 children and 17 programs to over 500 adults.

Katrina Broughman, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, was next to speak. Katrina's responsibilities include organizing events and fundraising. She encourages people who live outside of Wintergreen to become members.

Morgan Lohr manages the shop, organizes volunteers and is the greenhouse coordinator. She enjoys working on plant propagation, getting the plants ready to sell. Morgan is working on obtaining books geared towards older children and Nature Foundation merchandise for the shop. They may also feature hand-crafted items in the future.

Business Meeting

President Terri Brooks called the meeting to order. Thanks was expressed to Judy DeWitt and Laurel Springs Neighborhood members for hosting the meeting. It was confirmed that Minutes of the meetings are being recorded. In attendance were 6 members from Blackrock; 4 from Devils Knob; 4 from Laurel Springs and 2 from The Springs. The members welcomed back Sue Carlson, who was visiting from her new home in North Carolina. Linda Ehinger has agreed to serve as Chair of The Springs Neighborhood. There were no new members. A motion was approved whereby the Minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2022 were approved. Treasurer Mary Carlson reported that as of August 31, 2022, there was \$671.17 in the checking account.

Mountain Women Group Reports

Garden Club – Catherine Parker has volunteered to take over chairing the group. Special thanks to Bev Holloway for chairing the Garden Club for many years.

Book Club – The Book Club will not be meeting next week.

Hand Craft Group – Linda Ehinger is the new Chair of the Hand Craft Group. New members were encouraged to sign up for participation in the group. Meetings will take place on the fourth

Friday of the month in the morning, either in homes or at the Trillium House. Details will be sent to members on the list.

Epicurious – No report

Other Group Reports

It was noted that Wintergreen Resort has presented a good newsletter. The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Wintergreen Property Owners Association will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2022 in the Skyline Pavilion. Owners will also be able to participate in the meeting on-line. The various Wintergreen organizations will have information tables set up prior to the meeting. It was noted that Here to Stay at Wintergreen has been providing good lectures.

Old Business

After a brainstorming session, the Steering Committee has developed a tentative schedule for general meetings for 2023. A Calendar of Events will be distributed at the Holiday Brunch.

New Business

Carolyn Felling and Lynnda Gilliam have made arrangements for a Mountain Women Holiday Brunch to take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022 at the Devils Grill. The cost will be \$30.00 per member. Mountain Women will cover a complimentary cocktail and tax and gratuity for the event. Checks made payable to Wintergreen Mountain Women are to be sent to Lynnda Gilliam, P.O. Box 401, Nellysford, VA 22958 by November 3. Invitations were available at the meeting and will be sent to all members via email. Volunteers were solicited to help with making centerpieces for the brunch.

Announcements

The rotation order for neighborhoods hosting the 2023 general meetings will be as follows:

Black Rock
Devils Knob
Laurel Springs
The Springs

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Holiday Brunch on November 11, 2022.

Submitted by Lynnda Gilliam, Recording Secretary