
RHEANNON SCHOEPHOESTER, PRESIDENT

Term expires: 2023

As I mentioned, my name's Rheannon Schoephoester. I've lived in the Rim full time for about 27 years and have been serving on the board for 3 ½ years now. My seat is currently expiring, but I will be running again, and would be happy to continue for another term if the membership would like.

I welcome members' comments, questions, and concerns to do what I can to help this little community that I love so much, so please feel free to send me an email anytime.

Some of what I oversee as President will be covered in other director's reports, so I'll try not to cover their portions.

It's been a very busy year for my role as well as many other board positions.

I handled or helped with many different things such as contracts, legal documents, going to court, dealing with banking changes, working on communication with members. I've spent time collaborating with the manager of Snowater, and I also had frequent communication with the President over at Snowline and meetings with their Board where we have shared ideas and processes to help each other's communities run smoother since we are such similar communities.

I worked on broadband issues, some violations, reviewing house and site plans for new builds, communicating with staff, and trying to help solve issues for them, I worked on reviewing resumes, and interviewing many candidates for the Community Manager position over the last year, as well as hiring our new Community Manager Hannah. I as well as several others spent a lot of time on the clubhouse repair and remodeling project, and on both the cost coverage and the color and selection committees as well.

Before spending time on the Board, sometimes I wondered what it was that the board really did for MBR. After joining the board, I quickly saw all that went into this process, and I'd like to extend a warm thank you to all of our board members for all the work that they put in.

Below I'll just mention a few specifics.

Communication

In the past there have been a few concerns about members wanting more communication. I know past presidents have worked on this too, and we've tried different things over the years. Currently we have the website Announcements page, the meetings minutes online, and we ask members to send us an email if they have a specific question that isn't answered there. I haven't heard one single complaint this year regarding communication, so I'm hoping no news is good news, and we are finally on the right track, but again I'll say it like I do every year, if members do have questions, please just send us an email and we are happy to answer them. If you don't reach out, there's no way for us to know if you have a question or concern.

Hot Topic of The Internet or Broadband

Unfortunately, I don't have any amazing news on this like I really thought I was going to this AGM. I have participated in many meetings, emails, and phone discussions about this issue. I've had meetings with representatives for grants, and the port of Bellingham, along with Snowline, Snowater, Ziply Fiber, & Whatcom PUD.

We were so close to receiving a grant just a few months ago, and those working closely on it told us they were very confident we would receive the grant, but in the end, they chose to give it to someone else.

Steve Pand drafted a lovely letter for us, and we collaborated again with Snowline and Snowater to all add our logos and signatures and sent it out to several different government officials, and others that could help.

We were even asked to do an interview with King 5 news, but they later changed their minds about doing a story on our area for now. But all this is to say that this hard work hasn't all been in vain, we are finally starting to get noticed and heard, and it does move us in the right direction.

I'm told once again that there are more grants coming this way that are supposed to bring fiber to our area, but at this point I think we just have to be patient, and we'll continue to send out some more letters and do what we can to bring awareness to those who are in a position to do something about it.

Newer Vehicle Registration Rules

If you as a member are not present at your property at the same time as your Vendor (or repairman, worker etc.), then that Vendors license plate number must be registered with MBR before they arrive. The only exceptions are if this vendor has their own gate cards given to them by MBR because they have registered their business with us, or if their vehicle is an official business vehicle that is clearly marked with their business name.

ALL vacation rental or house cleaners must be registered as well, these are considered vendors.

Also, we have a new gate system coming soon and it's important for members to know that all owners should also have their vehicles registered in their portal at this point. We have not begun fining for this yet, but it is something that is now required, and eventually fines will have to take place for non-compliance with this, so we want to get the word out first.

Last But Not Least, Our Grounds Staff

Our grounds staff have had another tough year with us being short staffed almost the entire year. That being said, they still gave us a long list of tasks they've been working on, and they have done a lot this year! While everyone may not always personally see what it is they are doing and working on, they are getting a lot done, and I'm sure our grounds and maintenance director will share more about those tasks in a bit here too. Please take a moment when you see them to quickly give them a little thank you for all

their hard work. It is very hard to find staff these days, and we want to make sure that ours really feel appreciated and that we keep them around.

That is all I have for now, and I'd like to pass it on to the next director, our secretary, David Hill.