

Minutes
 Bella Beach Homeowners Association
 Special Board of Directors Meeting
 September 13, 2022, 5:00 PM
 By Zoom due to COVID 19

HOA BOD members present: Chuck Craig, President; Linda Fender, Secretary; Kim Brook; Brad Schleier; Adele Cooke, Recording Secretary.
 Absent: Dick Chaplain, Treasurer,

HOA Homeowners present: Tim Goffrier, Ed Pinkos

Quorum established. Called to order by Chuck at 5:00 pm

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Fire Pits	Purpose of the meeting – to continue ban on fire pits	Linda moved, Kim seconded that the ban on fire pits continue until the Board feels it is safe enough to have them again. Also that small charcoal barbeque grills with lids may be used only if they are standing on non-combustible surfaces. Motion passed unanimously.	
Adjournment	Brad moved; Linda seconded that meeting be adjourned at 5:15 pm.		

Addendums include:

- Email from Richard Regan regarding fire pits
- Fire Pit Ban in Bella Beach from Depoe Bay Fire Chief

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Richard Regan

Sep 13, 2022, 11:42 AM (2 days ago)

to me, Charles

Date: 13 September 2022

To: Bella Beach HOA Board

From: Richard Regan

Subject: Fire pit discussion

While I had planned to attend the Special HOA Board Meeting today to share my thoughts on fire pits, I will not be able to attend due to a family emergency.

1. There is no question about continuing the ban on fire pits due to the current high-risk conditions that exist in all of Oregon. Anytime a recreational fire is started it poses a threat to escape and become something more serious. Fire fighters are in short supply and to call on them due to an escaped recreational fire is nonsensical.
2. I believe that fire pits in Bella Beach HOA controlled areas should be banned permanently and all existing pits be removed. These pits are considered to be recreational fires for the purpose of warming and cooking. These pits exist at residences that fulfill those requirements and thus only exist for entertainment. Renters have continually shown the disregard for HOA rules regarding several topics, including fire pits. I understand that one home owner removed their fire pit after renters left a blazing fire unattended.
3. Fire pits also cause a nuisance with noise and smoke drifting into other home owner homes. The unwanted smoke is a health concern for many of us.
4. There are restrictions on fire pits by Depoe Bay Fire District that are not being followed, such as a 25ft clear area form any combustible material. I have first-hand knowledge that such violations exist and I am unaware that fire pits have been inspected or approved by the HOA.
5. A permanent ban on fire pits would avoid monitoring and decision making on part of the Board. I also question what the liability the HOA Board and members have if a fire escaped containment from a pit.

The bottom line is that with climate change the western states will continue to have high risk of wildfires, and shouldn't we do our part to help reduce that risk along the Oregon coast?