

Nomination Committee Meeting Minutes

Galena Country Tourism
Thu., June 20, 2019, 3 p.m.
Admin Office,
101 Bouthillier St., Galena, IL 61036

The Nomination Committee met Thu., June 20, at 3 p.m., to review nominees for the expiring Eagle Ridge Resort, At Large and Small Lodging board director seats. Chair Raechelle Ahmed, Mike Murphy, Colin Sanderson, and Rose Noble attended. Bobby Hahn was absent.

Noble explained the process for soliciting nominees. An invitation, with a deadline to respond, is sent to all dedicated contacts for businesses in a GCT board business segment, in this case the At Large and Small Lodging. Noble collects all responses and brings them to the Committee for review, discussion and to come up with a recommendation for the full board to vote on at the next board meeting. Noble noted that Colin Sanderson had confirmed with her via email, his interest in remaining on as Eagle Ridge's seat so she did not notify stakeholders of this seat.

Noble shared the names of those who responded to the invitation. **See attachment A.**

Small Lodging- The committee discussed Cheryl Rife, representing Elizabeth, Illinois, as a great option but ultimately shifted to consider Jack Deiter, representing Galena, Illinois, as their recommendation. The committee thinks Jack's youth, enthusiasm for the tourism industry, and involvement with Airbnbs brings an element to the board that we currently do not have.

At Large – The entire committee likes Nikki Peebles, representing Galena, Illinois. Peebles is the current seat holder and the committee agreed they'd like to see her remain on. The committee praised Peebles' commitment to tourism and this organization. Noble agreed and asked if the committee would like to recommend Peebles to the full board. She also reminded them that the full board would have to consider Peebles long-standing seat with GCT and be prepared to answer questions on why other nominees would be overlooked. Overall, the committee was happy to recommend Peebles remain on and understood the scenario Noble noted.

Officers - Noble mentions Peebles as a good fit for Treasurer again as she knows financials as has been working well with GCT during her time at this seat. She suggested the committee recommend Peebles, should the full board vote to keep her on. Sanderson voiced his desire to remain as for Chair and the committee agreed. Noble mentions that Sevey has voiced desire to be an officer and could fill the opening Secretary spot that Burcham is giving up. Murphy agrees. Noble mentions Radin's desire to remain as Vice Chair and the committee agrees. The committee also discussed the option to eliminate the Secretary position and allow for another Vice Chair officer, so that notes can be taken by a staff member during board meetings.

Murphy says he would be interested in co-chairing the Vice Chair seat with Birgit if the board felt this was an option.

The Committee decided to recommend Jack Deiter of Big Bill's Sandwich Shop and Airbnb owner to fill the Small Lodging seat and Nikki Peebles of Illinois Bank & Trust to remain in the At Large seat. The Committee recommends Colin Sanderson of Eagle Ridge & Resort to remain in the Eagle Ridge seat.

The Committee decided to recommend Colin Sanderson as Board Chair, Birgit Radin as Vice Chair, Nikki Peebles as Treasurer and Merri Sevey as Secretary for board officers during FY'20. However, the Committee would like Noble to look into the officers situation and report on whether or not this can be amended. At that time, the board will determine whether to move forward with another officer structure and re-nominate officers.

With no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 4 p.m.