# Finegold Trust Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

Called to Order: 3:51pm

**Attendance:** Tom, Mary, Ron, Marc and Daniel Cryns. Bill joined at 4:00pm.

Discussion with Daniel Cryns regarding his interest in residing on Finegold property as a caretaker:

Marc reviewed the Boards ideas for a caretaker at Finegold that were discussed at the meeting May 2, 2022.

Ron shared that Finegold isn't in a position to be an employer or to provide compensation for any work provided. In the past, personal property has been brought and left on the property, becoming an eyesore, requiring multiple trips to the dump and expensive to remove. It's important to limit personal property and keep the property looking its best. Any work performed by Daniel would need to be on a volunteer basis.

**Daniel**: shares he would like to live in his RV near the solar hook up and near the well. He feels he has skills and a desire to contribute to Finegold. He would primarily act as a greeter, but is more than happy to help on projects whenever he can. He likes to stay busy but would like his help to be voluntary. The adobe house and bathrooms were talked about as current project needs.

The RV he owns makes a great living situation while he builds a movable tiny house to live in. Daniel would like to connect his RV to the water and solar and requests the Trust provide a phone line and WIFI.

Daniel would also like to move some items onto the property soon and is unsure of exactly when he would move his RV there due to the sweltering summers. He agrees to not clutter up the property with junk cars or the like.

#### **Discussion with Daniel continues:**

Daniel agreed to attending the monthly board meeting to discuss activities or concerns at Finegold. All agreed that revisiting Daniel's role frequently and being open to possible amendments will benefit everyone.

Some discussion on how to get the WIFI signal down to the well site from the Gate House land line. There may be a phone line already in place nearer to the pump house. It was pointed out

that the Trust income is very limited, but thought that phone and Wi-Fi were reasonable requests.

There was also some discussion about where sewage would be dumped and Daniel said he was going to use a compost toilet and only produce gray water. Marc thought the existing septic might be an option to dump and black water, but will require some looking into first.

It was also discussed how termination of an agreement might occur smoothly, if necessary, and the consensus seemed to be that a 30 to 60 day notice from either party is reasonable.

Bill states if there is a vote on having Daniel Cryns be a caretaker at Finegold 'I vote yes", he was unable to continue with the meeting and left the meeting here at 4:44pm

Daniel left the meeting at 4:48pm

## **Reports:**

**Correspondence:** None at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron presented the treasurer's report. The recent donations were not specified for any particular use, so will all go into the general fund. Motion made and second to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to reimburse Mary \$88.72 for purchase of two trash cans and \$21.98 for trash taken to the transfer station. All in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Joint Motion made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes of April 11, 2022, April 21, 2022 and May 2, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

**Green and white van-** Bill has left the meeting so the discussion does not include him. Bill's personal vehicles are an eyesore and need to be moved off the trust's property. One suggestion is to have the vehicles towed to Bill's place of residence. Motion made to give Bill two weeks to remove the vehicles off the property and if he is unable during that time the Trust will have both vehicles towed to a location of his choice. All in favor, motion carried. Marc will reach out to Bill.

Proposed Glory Warner and Alija Mujic Wedding 2023: Mary has been in contact with Madera County, Madera County Sheriff's office and the ABC to ask about the need for an event permit and license for alcohol to be served. No event permit or alcohol license is required for a private event on private property when alcohol is not being sold. It's possible it may be required since Finegold is not privately owned. Let's ask Glory if she is willing to research this and take care of what is required. Mary will reach out to Glory. Glory would like to begin some clean up this year, sooner rather than later due to the summer heat. All were in favor of the cleanup plans.

**Port-a-potty:** Mary reports some of the port-a-potties were well used and at least those that are full should be serviced. Motion made and seconded for expenditure up to \$250.00 to have the port-a-potties serviced. All in favor. Motion carried.

Addendum to Trust Founding Document: Tom-tabled

Vision Statement: Strategic planning- Tom-tabled

**IRS Tax filing/Accounting Update-**Mary sent the required information and documents to Sandra at Busy Bee Bookkeeping several weeks ago. Last week she checked in with Sandra, who said it was given to the accountants. The IRS extension expires this next week. Marc will reach out tomorrow to check on the progress and let them know of the extension date.

**California Franchise Tax Board- Mary-** The application for reinstatement of the nonprofit status still needs to be completed. Busy Bee Bookkeeping has agreed to help with this task. It's next on the list after the 2020-2021 IRS return is done.

Volunteer Coordinator Job Description: tabled

Trustee Officer's Roles- Tabled

**Updates on Website:** Thanks to volunteer Gilly and Tom, the meeting minutes now have a home on the website! Mary will continue to have Gilly post meeting minutes when they are accepted and uploaded on the drive.

Septic Renovation-Marc Tabled

**Studio Bridge: Tabled** 

Black and Green Water Tanks: Tabled

#### **New Business:**

Movie Night at Finegold: Mary- Shawn Hickman has asked if he can host a monthly "Movie Night" through the summer at Finegold. He has done so in the past and has the equipment. Ray Warner has volunteered to bring equipment to power the movie. Popcorn will be served and it will be primarily a community get together and fundraiser. The suggested donation will be \$5-\$10 per person. If interested, folks may come in the afternoon and have picnic dinner there. Motion made and seconded to approve "Movie Night". All in favor, motion carried. Mary will reach out to Shawn and facilitate as much as able.

**Daniel Cryns as Caretaker:** (conversation continues) Consensus is very positive. It was suggested the Board develop a memorandum of understanding as well as an amicable termination agreement between the Finegold Trust and Daniel Cryns- Tom will work on the draft. Motion made and seconded to allocate up to \$1500 for the next year to provide WIFI to commence when Daniel occupies the property. All in favor, motion carried.

Ron will research the land line and availability of WIFI through Ponderosa Telephone.

**Notch Haus: Marc**- this building is a hazard. Until we are ready to remove the hazard, Marc suggests boarding it up completely. Will add to next month's agenda.

Next Regular Meeting: June 8, 2022 at 4:00

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:08pm