

## Minutes

MLS BOD Meeting  
Association Office  
October 22, 2009

Present: Linda Crouse, Patti Pitcher, Dave Ruwe, Steve Benson, Nancy Bierenga, Dale Zahn & Judi Henshaw-Staff Liaison  
Excused: Jim Schab, Laura Durham

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Co-Chairman Linda Crouse.

**AGENDA: Motion made approve the agenda. Support and Carried.**

### **Administrative Reports:**

**MINUTES: It was MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes from August 20, 2009. Support and Carried**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**It was MOVED and seconded to receive the financial report. Support and Carried.**

### **STAFF REPORT:**

1. Judi Henshaw reported as of October 13 the West Central Association listings are active on the Rapattoni MLS. Conversion was quite smooth.
2. Sheri Hixson from SWMRIC is cleaning up the MLS – listings without accurate municipalities are being corrected and many Z-10 areas need to be corrected –this field was misused, with the latest conversion new area and sub areas were added (P &T), Z-10 would only need to be used for the East side of the state or in the upper peninsula.
3. As of October 1 Realtor counts for 9 SWMRIC Associations is 3,198  
Battle Creek - 198, Branch County – 93, Greater Kalamazoo – 764, Hillsdale County – 83, Mason Oceana Manistee – 200, St. Joseph County – 133, Southwestern Michigan - 719, West Central – 228, West Michigan Lakeshore - 780

### **Unfinished Business:**

### **New Business:**

### **CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

No report

**SWMRIC REPORT:**

Fair Housing complaint – resolve the problem – SWMRIC is not the MLS it is only a data base for the MLS – complaint should be filed against the Association/Office holding the listing. HUD wants SWMRIC to request Rapattoni design a field to monitor marketing remarks for inappropriate wording, but HUD will not provide such a list.

This committee stresses we should educate the members again.

GRAR has voted to join SWMRIC – no signed documents at this time.

**AB STATUS DEFINED:**

AB – Active Back Up; Use it anytime there is a bank involved in the process Bank/Third party has offer(s) that was submitted or verbally accepted. Call for details or something to this effect. Linda Crouse & Judi Henshaw will work on the wording and get it out to the members.

**2010 BUDGET:**

**MOTION made to accept the proposed 2010 budget, Support and Carried**

**MOTION made The MLS Board of Directors recommends to the Association Board that consideration be given to adjusting monthly MLS fees up to \$5 per month more that current levels. Support and Carried.**

Rationale: Current fees have been in place for 8 years without an increase and it is anticipated that GRAR will be joining SWMRIC at some point during 2010. MLS Board believes the time to moderately adjust fees is at the start of the year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting November 19 or December 17, 2009 @ 9:00

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Prepared by Judi Henshaw, Staff Liaison