

Mt. Shasta Forest Property Owners Association, Inc.
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Minutes of
Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Perkins at 10:04 a.m.

Present were Board members Jerry Perkins, Jim Echnoz, Peter Ritt, and Rick Stevenson. Ralph Dalessio was absent due to family emergency. Also present were Nick Mitchell, Bruce Lambert, Penny Stevenson, Joan Dillon and Clarice Nutt.

Quorum was determined.

Public Comment:

Joan Dillon asked why the newsletter couldn't be put back in the McCloud office and have a committee of volunteers do it? Answer: There were not any people that wanted to do the job.

Discussion was held.

*Resolved: Joan Dillon will chair the committee for publishing the newsletter beginning with the November issue from the McCloud office.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings on June 13, 2009, July 2, 2009 and July 3, 2009 were read and approved as written by Rick Stevenson; seconded by Peter Ritt; 4 ayes; 1 absent. Minutes of the Annual Membership meeting in the *draft form* were approved as written by Rick Stevenson; seconded by Peter Ritt; 4 ayes; 1 absent.

Financial Report: Rick Stevenson gave the financial report showing \$24,169.17 in the Operating Fund; \$202,450.06 in the Reserve Fund; and \$39,913.40 Accounts Receivable; Garris Environmental and Rhoades Construction were paid from Reserve Account; overall we are at 97% of our budget for total expenses. Discussion was held regarding unpaid assessments.

*Motion by Jim Echnoz to accept the financial report; Peter Ritt seconded; 4 ayes; 1 absent.

Correspondence Report: Clarice reported that several inquiries had been made regarding the statements; a complaint about some construction that is being conducted and the condition of the roads. Notice was received from Frontier Communication regarding an offer for high speed internet and other business unlimited phone line.

*Motion by Jim Echnoz to arrange for the phone and internet services; Peter Ritt seconded; 4 ayes; 1 absent.

Committee Reports:

Road Committee: Bruce Lambert stated that the brushing was nearing completion. There are still a couple of problem areas. Work on roads and cul-de-sacs in Unit 2 is nearly finished. The pond on 2 A 14 has been widened and deepened and the "walls" re-enforced with rocks; the intersection has been made wider; Crestview Way has been widened and the cul-de-sac improved.

Thinning of trees and ladder fuel is being done along the entrance road by the USFS.

The paraffin emulsion appears to be holding up well. Speeding vehicles still produce some dust. Jerry Perkins reminded the Board that some of the work may not be completed this year due to the need for more funds.

Ron Berryman, forester, has advised the members that a product called **Brush B-Gone** may be used on the brushed areas and the product will help to control growth of new brush. This product may be obtained at the tractor company.

Clarice reported that a permit has been granted to the Association to plow Pilgrim Creek Road during the winter months **IF** the Forest Service is unable to do the job. Signs may be placed on Jack Welsh Drive stating that the road is *privately maintained roads* and *do not block access*. The Forest Service may place signs at Highway 89 advising snowmobilers that the park is not open.

DRC: Clarice reported that several members have requested Construction Permits. Construction of new homes has begun on a couple of lots. Members have notified the office of trees to be removed due to disease. Complaints have been received regarding poor conditions on several lots. Nick Mitchell will send a letter to these members advising them to clean up their properties of poor conditions, hazardous waste, etc.

Fire Safe Committee: Clarice reported that no path has been determined for an escape route for property owners on Elk Springs Drive as yet. Several avenues are being sought.

A Newspaper Report from the Fire Council Headquarters has been published reporting the work that has been done by various Fire Councils.

Cal Fire is urging all members to clear their lots of the Ladder Fuel. The Ladder Fuel feeds a fire should it occur. Cal Fire has changed the building codes to requiring all buildings to be a minimum of 30' from a boundary line as of February 2009. The 100' defensible space is also required. Past fires have influenced Cal Fire to pass a law that if properties aren't cleared and it supports the spread of fire, the owner can be held responsible. Jim Echnoz suggested that an example of "responsibility" be researched and reported.

The present ZIB fund of \$45 - \$40 etc. on your tax bill has been in effect for nearly 20 years. The ZIB Committee has met and considered a request be made to the County Board of

Supervisors to have a 75% increase of ZIB funds and to have the measure placed on the next general election. If the increase requires an additional COLA of 2%, the increase would not be requested. The increase would be determined by the Registered Voters in this ZIB area which includes Wilderness Estates, Squaw Valley residents, Hearst Properties and Mt. Shasta Forest subdivision.

Caretaker: No solution has been worked out to take care of the garbage problem. Jerry Perkins said that a check with the local companies for hauling trash has been explored but no solution has been made as yet. Members need to be reminded that they must remove their own garbage. Several hours a week is required to pick up the trash thrown from vehicles. Urge the members to be more caring for the appearance of the subdivision.

Website Report: The web-master reported that new links had been placed on the web regarding the Ladder Fuel Reduction process. Attempts are being made to keep the membership informed of Association happenings. New links have been included covering the fire protection.

Old Business:

1. Newsletter – Deadline for the next issue is November 1st. Joan Dillon requested that articles for the newsletter be sent to the McCloud office before the deadline.
2. Budget for the Fire House was discussed. More information is needed.

New Business:

1. Association purchase of fire truck: Jerry Perkins requested a refund in the amount of \$2000 for the purchase a 1972 International fire truck from the McCloud Community Services District to be used as a back-up to the water tender. Licensing, maintenance, insurance for the firemen and the vehicle, general liability etc. will have to be considered. Scrutiny of the budget is to be considered.

*Motion by Rick Stevenson to move forward with the purchasing of the fire truck for \$2000 in anticipation of selling it to the newly formed fire company; seconded by Jim Echnoz; 3 ayes; 1 abstain; 1 absent.

2. 2010 dues increase: Discussion regarding the need to raise the dues for operating expenses. Jim Echnoz stated that in order to continue with the dust abatement and there would be costs to develop the lot for a building etc. for a fire department. With these improvements, it can be anticipated that the cost of the fire insurance on members homes can be reduced or at least a possibility of getting adequate coverage. Operating expenses are getting higher. The amount of the dues, special assessments etc. will be noted on the statements. No decision; tabled to next meeting.
3. Setting up a 501 (C) 3 for Fire Company: A draft copy of Incorporation for the Fire Company was considered. This would independent of the MSFPOA. A close relationship with the McCloud Cal Fire Station would be maintained. Discussion was held and resolved that a

501(C) 3 could be an advantage to getting grant funds for the fire company. Fund raising projects would need to be considered to assist the funding. A portion of the ZIB funds would be available and the maintenance of the vehicle and the training of the volunteer fire men would be managed by Cal Fire. Funds for development of the lot and the building for housing the vehicle will be the responsibility of the Fire Company. Nick advised the members of the board that they could serve as the board of the 501(C) 3. Further information will be sought.

4. Update on County Lease for 1 F 08: The lease from the County has not been received due to the Cal Fire fighting fires in the county. Jerry Perkins and Dan Selby have walked the lot and tentatively laid out a plot plan.

5. Update on USFS Station: The registration for Government Excess Property has been honored. The USFS will begin the process for obtaining the station. Clarice reported that there are other items available through this avenue. Research will be continued.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be October 10, 2009, 10:00 a.m. in the McCloud office.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Echnoz
Transcribed by C.L. Nutt