

Mt. Shasta Forest Property Owners' Association, Inc.
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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2009 – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. Board members present were Jerry Perkins, Ralph Dalessio, Rick Stevenson; Jim Echnoz and Peter Ritt. Also present were Nick Mitchell, Clarice Nutt and members Dan Selby, Bruce Lambert and Penny Stevenson.

Agenda: Two (2) additions were made to the agenda: snow removal on Pilgrim Creek and a thank you to McCloud residents for approval of Measure T.

*Motion to approve agenda by Rick Stevenson; Ralph Dalessio seconded; passed unanimously.

Public Comment: none.

Secretary Report: *Motion by Rick Stevenson to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2008 meeting as written; Ralph Dalessio seconded; passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Given by Rick Stevenson showing a balance of \$32,134.87 in checking account; \$196,087.15 in Reserve Account; \$113,424.83 in Dues Receivable; expenses for December were \$14,614.40.

*Motion to accept financial report as given by Ralph Dalessio; seconded by Rick Stevenson; passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Road Committee Jerry Perkins reported that fall maintenance has been done along with the tree harvest. Due to the slump in the lumber market, trees that need to be cut down will be piled until spring to await the upturn in market value. The market will be re-evaluated in the spring. Cul-de-sacs on Mud Springs and Upper Summit Circle have been re-constructed enlarging them; drainage on Mt. Shasta Drive has been remedied with the rearrangement of culverts and problem areas; brushing and stump removal has been completed. Snow removal is being done when needed by Hitchcock Construction.

More work in 2009 will be planned in order to meet the code for 60' wide thoroughfares for the maneuvering of fire safety equipment.

The board has been informed by Dan Selby that USFS will not be plowing Pilgrim Creek Road anymore. They plan to close the snow mobile park and lumber companies don't use the roads during the heavy snow season. The board will follow up and attempt to obtain a workable solution.

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DRC: Bruce Lambert noted that a couple of culverts have been installed incorrectly. Letters have been written to notify property owners of changes to be done. Those changes have been completed. No other permits have been received.

Discussion was held regarding the lack of members notifying the office when construction has been done or completing their requests for construction or to make any improvements on their property. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the office of the “house number” when it is issued by the building department (Health and Safety Codes). It is the responsibility of the member to complete all permits and notify the DRC committee when their building projects are complete – not the contractor.

Jerry appointed Peter Ritt as chairman of the DRC Committee. Jerry Perkins and Bruce Lambert will continue to serve.

Fire Safety Committee: Dan Selby reported that there were 600 piles of brush to be burned in Section 10 and that 540 piles have been burned thus far. He can resume the project later this year and will be able to use the crews supplied by Cal Fire for about 3 days.

Dan informed the board of the financial support from the ZIB committee. ZIB will not receive funds from the County and there may need to be an election for residents in the county rural areas, such as the Forest and Squaw Valley area, to increase their taxes (now \$45 per parcel) to aide the status for insurance purposes. Cal Fire is closing the station in Yreka due to lack of funds. The stations in Hornbrook, Weed and McCloud will remain open. The cost to keep the McCloud station open is approximately \$145,000 for nine months. They suggest that MSF form their own fire department. There is a water truck available for use in the Forest. Housing would need to be built and maintenance of the vehicle would be required to meet Federal Standards. Volunteers would need to be trained and licensed to manage the vehicle. It could also be used to assist if a fire occurs in near areas. Other details will be addressed by the board.

*Motion by Jim Echnoz for this board go on record to support the ZIB board in seeking an approval for an increase in fees for fire support; Rick Stevenson seconded; passed unanimously.

Clarice reported that Dale Nova from the Siskiyou County Fire Department presented information about a “Green Waste Collection Area” for use for Biomass Production. They would like to see such an area established and pick-up of the green waste could be done at regular intervals to be hauled to the Biomass. Because of the brush etc. within the subdivision, he suggested it would be helpful to set up an area. There may be a fee placed on burn permits.

Caretaker: The caretakers’ hours have been increased to 15 hours per week to allow closer observation of properties for any acts of vandalism or break-ins. Members should be reminded to sign the “Authorization of Representation” permits so the caretaker can check their properties.

Website: New information is available on the website. A BLOG has been initiated for members to express their thoughts anonymously. Members should check it out.

Old Business:

1. Newsletter articles: Deadline set for April 1, 2009.
2. Requirements for telephone grant: The requirement for the telephone service was 75% of the members with homes to commit to telephone service for three (3) years. That quota was not reached as only 39 members responded and the service is denied.
3. The State Exemption for the 501 (C) 4 has been denied. Because the Articles of Incorporation are quite old, they do not meet what the state needs even though the Federal does grant it.

New Business:

1. Payment for rent due by February 1, 2009.

*Motion by Jim Echnoz to pay the rent in the amount of \$4,080.00; seconded by Rick Stevenson; passed unanimously.

2. Neighborhood Watch Program: Jerry Perkins presented information regarding signs that can be and will be displayed notifying members of the private patrol and neighborhood watch program in action.

*Motion by Jim Echnoz to allow up to \$830.00 for the necessary signage; seconded by Ralph Dalessio; passed unanimously.

3. AGT Engagement Letter: Nick Mitchell presented the Engagement Letter from AGT accountants to complete the yearly review for tax preparation.

*Motion by Rick Stevenson to accept the agreement; seconded by Peter Ritt; passed unanimously.

President Jerry Perkins signed the agreement.

4. Removal of snow on Pilgrim Creek: Further negotiations will be followed up by Jerry Perkins. An attorney may be considered to handle the situation. The board members will be informed of developments.

5. Thank you for McCloud Residents:

*Jim Echnoz made a motion to submit a thank you to the McCloud residents for voting yes last November on Measure T increasing the property tax to continue the fire and ambulance department in McCloud and additional support for Cal Fire; seconded by Peter Ritt; passed unanimously.

Clarice was instructed to submit an ad to the McCloud Resource Center for their monthly newsletter.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors set for March 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the office.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Echnoz, Secretary

Transcribed by Clarice L. Nutt