

High Sierra Meadows Homeowners Association Annual Meeting & Picnic Meeting Minutes

Sunday August 31, 2014 1:00pm Lot 130

Donnie Maxwell, President, called the picnic and meeting to order at 12:45pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The annual meeting started at 1:20pm.

- 1. Introduction of U.S. Forestry Officers:** U.S. Forestry Officers, Cooper Fouch and John Brinley, (HSM member) were present and discussed the French Fire. The fire consumed 14,000 acres and cost \$14 million dollars to fight. He stated that there had been a minor break in at Minarets Station over the winter and that traveling on 4S81 could be hazardous in early spring due to mudslides and fallen trees.
- 2. Message from the President:** Donnie Maxwell introduced the entire Board (Terry Kaiser, Mike Compton, Richard St Marie and Debra Compton) Donnie reported on the road repairs that had been made over the summer. Slurry seal of the existing pavement and scraping of the roads at the front and back gates. Donnie has been talking with Senators Wheeler and Farley about low or no interest loans over a 20-year period for repaving of all roads. He also talked about the fire situations we had this summer.
- 3. Treasurers Report:** Mike Compton gave the July 31, 2014 Treasurers report and explained the Reserve study annual update. We have adequate money in our reserve account. The Reserve study stated that there are some painting projects that need to be done next year and he asked for volunteers. Mike stated that the assessments for next year are to remain at \$161.
- 4. Committee Reports:**

Fence: Dr John Edwards reported that the fences were in tacked until the French fire at which time the fences were cut so that fire equipment could be moved around. This allowed the cattle to enter the meadow. As of today all fences have been repaired and the cattle removed. Dakota Webster and a friend have been helping him repair the fences. It was mentioned that the board consider a fire committee. Cal Fire and US Forestry now have keys for both gates. Lisa Peterson offered to help with a fire committee and to refurbish the fire hydrants. She suggested that we have a map with lot

numbers and fire hydrant locations readily available to the Forestry Service, Cal fire and EMT's.

Keys: Rich Stevens not present.

Roads: Bryan Webster not present. Donnie reported that we are looking into dust off for the front and back gates in the spring.

Pond: John Finch reported that the pond is very low and there have been three different fish planted into the pond. They are small mouth bass, blue gill and crappie. He has been cleaning out dead trees when possible and stated that the dead trees near the dam could rot and compromise the dam. It was stated by a property owner that the rescue apprentices at the pond have been abused. It was suggested that a sign be installed which states for rescue use only.

Water: Patrick Kennedy reported that there was no water test needed until September. Mike Compton shared that he had talked to some one at Madera County and they explained because of the size of the HSM membership the water only needed to be tested quarterly. It will not be tested in the winter quarter so it will only be tested 3 times a year. Terry Kaiser reported that Richard St. Marie turned on the water in the spring and there was a problem with the tank filling up two years in a row. It was reported that owners were opening their drain valves in the fall and not closing them before the water was turned on. When the water was turned on in the spring it was draining out of those valves. Once those were all closed the tank filled. Terry stated that the solar is supplying 40% of the power need for the well at no cost. The propane tank is down to 20% so he will be ordering propane.

5. Consideration and action of any other business: None

6. Comments from property owners: Keys could be purchased from Bruce Angle at lots 57 or 58. The cost of the road sealing was \$14,426. There was a discussion on the repaving of all roads by Madera County Road Department, which would take more time, or there could be a special assessment in addition to the annual assessment with Homeowners approval.

Annual meeting adjourned at 2:07pm

Reorganizational Meeting: At the reorganization meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting, Donnie Maxwell was elected President; Terry Kaiser, Vice President; Debra Compton, Secretary; Mike Compton, Treasurer; and Richard St. Marie, Board Member.