

# SKY MEADOWS RANCH

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MARCH 21, 2009 UNAPPROVED MEETING

### MINUTES

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**TO REPORT A FIRE –**

**911**

**800-562-6010 - DNR**

The meeting was called to order by President, Colin Ferrin, at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Ferrin, Joyce Munson, Linda Wood, Kris Johnson, Ron Bell, Julie Ring.

**ABSENT:** Jay Schmid, Pierson Smith - working

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Colin began the meeting with these statements:

a. Starting with the April meeting there will be no heading during the meeting called Member Concerns. The board will follow Roberts Rules of Order and member concerns need to be put on the agenda by an e-mail or letter to the board requesting time to speak. The e-mail or letter must be received one week prior to the meeting and the board will make time to address old and new issues.

b. Per legal advice, Sky Meadows has been foolish to not tape meeting minutes as they are a legal document and may be used to confirm proceedings.

c. The board will address the issue brought forth regarding contamination of water today but may not speak to other issues brought forth in member Poole's letter per advice from attorney.

d. Member Licia Miller has stepped forward to join the board as the 9<sup>th</sup> member. As this position has been open for 3 years and Licia is a qualified candidate, the board will vote and seat her today.

**Motion 09-012 was made by Colin/2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce to seat Licia on the board. The motion passed unanimously.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Joyce Munson stated that the meeting was being taped for the minutes and tapes would be stored for future reference.

Joyce is still requesting e-mail addresses from anyone who would like his or her minutes e-mailed versus mail.

Joyce has received 3 letters from Sky Meadows members with regards to the survey vote in February's minutes. They cannot be read at this time in board meeting forum per attorney's advice. They will be kept with the tapes of the meeting until further notice. Joyce advised the board that she had not made copies for them as she had just received them from her basket before the meeting. Julie asked if Joyce had a scanner and

could they be scanned and sent to the board members. Joyce will do this and the rest of the board can get back to Joyce or Colin if they have comments or recommendations. Joyce asked Licia for her e-mail address and it is included in this document.

Ron Bell stated that we just got through announcing that we need to get things on the agenda in advance and we need to have a clear-cut way of handing this in the future. Ron does not feel it is reasonable to have only 1 or 2 people on the board deciding how we handle the review/response to incoming mail. Joyce stated that from now on it will be handled as discussed. She reiterated that she did not know when these letters came into the post office. The bookkeeper brings to Sky Meadows on the Friday before board meeting. Joyce will ask that letters/correspondence be kept in their envelopes so that we have an idea when the correspondence comes in. Joyce will scan all e-mails and letters received prior to meetings to all board members so that they have a chance to review and provide any input.

### Minutes corrections:

1. Ron Bell – Item two is a correction to the meeting minutes under the secretary's report. Ron does not think the Ron referred to in paragraph 2.a. is him. The simple statement “Dale, Ron, and Pierson – one simple statement – dog is gone. Ron stated he has tried to stay away from specific relations to the dog incidents because he has not had any. Ron does not know how he got in on that statement. Joyce apologized as she was not at last month's meeting and with the tape, sometimes when you have more than one or two people talking at one time, I thought I had the voices correct. The tape is not 'messed up”. Ron stated he did not think it was him. Joyce will make the correction to the minutes.

2. Joyce talked about the e-mails she had received from two members about how minutes are taken and reported. Joyce is attaching the constructive criticism to this month's meeting minutes but will not address each item separately. Joyce will review each item and see if she can incorporate into her reporting of meetings. **See attached.**

3. Dale Degour addressed the lack of corrections to meeting minutes by Joyce over his last meeting statements about SMAC, the dog issue, people's responses to these issues and Joyce's editorialize of these statements/corrections. A fairly long, member involved discussion followed on these items. Dale feels that the people reading my 'summary of corrections, they are not getting the correct picture of what he is trying to get across. Joyce again stated that SHE would not make these statements as minute corrections as the topic involved is still not going to be addressed in the minutes per the attorney's recommendation.

4. Dale had another correction to the minutes. In #10 of the treasurer's report – Dale remembers verbatim. Linda Wood had brought up the point that we needed to set up a separate account for the fire-wise \$7,000.00+ money and it needed to be done. What Dale wanted it clear to the membership; 'while he feels we do not actually have to put the money in a separate account, we needed to put it in a separate account because in his eyes SM members earned the money for fire-wise. That money will be used for fire-wise projects only, not to be used anywhere else.' Dale is trying to make the point that we've earned this money. 'There is nothing illegal about having to spend the money on fire-wise, but sure as hell we will”. This is Dale's correction - “While we can spend the money on other things, Sky Meadows with the board's approval, will spend the money on nothing but fire-wise. It will not be diverted to any other project – it is as simple as that.”

5. Linda Wood stated that per the accountant and bookkeeper, we must keep the money separate because we are a non-profit organization for tax reporting.

6. Colin: Lets move on.

7. Trent Ely had questions of Joyce again about the inaccuracies of the dog issue in the minutes. Dale Degour & Trent discussed at length about my refusal to include this discussion in the meeting minutes.

8. Dale stated nothing was in the minutes about his water leak. Joyce missed this entirely. It has been stated in previous meeting minutes about keeping notes about water leaks. Dale wants this corrected in case he has a leak down the road.

9. Dale Degour voiced his concern about the three websites for the foaming were not put in the last minutes and his efforts to get them included. Linda Wood asked if she could speak on this. Linda stated it was her understanding that Jay is now the Fire & Safety Chairman. I did not get the websites. Linda e-mailed Jay asking if he had them. Linda knew Dale had them but Jay stated he did not but would get them. Linda tried to get them to Joyce for inclusion in the minutes. Dale feels one phone call could have resolved this whole issue in a couple of minutes. Now another month has gone by. Joyce reminded everyone present that she does the newsletter but I do have good help. If anyone has something they need put in, please e-mail or call me and I will do everything I can to get it included. Dale asked Joyce why she was calling it a 'newsletter'. He addressed the board about whether it was minutes or newsletter. Colin stated just minutes. Joyce apologized for using the word 'newsletter'. Dale inquired as how information can be input as a newsletter. Julie asked why we could not put out publication as a minutes/newsletter. She suggests we put a section at the end of the document that could include items of newsletter interest. Joyce agreed this could most definitely be done and would be done from here on.

10. Colin – lets move on.

11. There are 3 ½ pages of discussion/heated verbal exchange about subjects we can not address.

12. Trent Ely for clarification asked if any of #11 would be used for the correction section of this month's minutes/newsletter? Colin stated that if there were any actual corrections, they would be corrected. General conversation will not be in the minutes.

**Motion 09-013 was made by Joyce and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Johnson to approve minutes with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Linda Wood

1. Linda reported that when she wrote this detail yesterday, she had talked to the bookkeeper and we had received payment from 105 members and we had \$33,997.66 that had come in. When Linda got home last night, more payments had come in for about \$5,000.00. Linda wanted to thank all of our members for getting their spring dues paid in a timely fashion.
  - a. Outstanding at this time was \$79,915.35 which will be down about \$5,000.00 to \$74,000.00.
  - b. Current outstanding is \$65,000.000. Past due outstanding is \$9,981.00, all of which have either been liened, are making payments, or have their water locked out.
  - c. The groomer account has \$426.95 in groomer donations. After consulting with the bookkeeper, we have put the groomer and reader board monies in one account. It is a collection account which we are keeping track of by having a running list of members donating. The list indicates which money goes to which area of donations.

Dale Degour stated he was pretty sure he had \$180.00 – Linda had stated \$190.00. Linda told Dale that when she recounted it and checked the list of names, that Dale had given her \$190.00. Both Linda & Dale had counted it – but there was \$190.00. We were \$10.00 to the good

- d. At the time reported, there is \$39,406.83 to pay our bills with. We have to bear in mind that even with the money coming in, we have our \$20,560.00 road payment that will be coming out of this. We are still going to be tight; this will be a way of life for us for awhile, but I think we will be okay.

- e. The money that is shown in the treasurer's report under our savings account. I have the paperwork to set up the separate account for the fire-wise money. I have to have board members sign on that paperwork today and next week I will get it set up. It will be a money market account which will give us a little bit of interest, which will be helpful.

- f. Linda also talked to the board about making some early payments on our groomer. The groomer payment is not due until October but it is fairly large payment but we also have a road payment about the same time. These will be out of our winter dues which will really make us tight for winter time because we must buy propane and diesel for the groomer. Linda would like to make a monthly payment on the groomer or as we get the money after the monthly bills are paid. Joyce asked though she had not seen the contracts on either, is there any verbiage in the contracts on how the payments are to be paid? Colin said the contracts would have to be renegotiated. Bob Poole stated he would support anything that you want to do. Julie questioned whether there was anything in the contract that said we could not pay early. You would not have to renegotiate if there is not anything in there. Linda said there is no such clause that says we cannot pay early. Linda is sure the Poole's would like to have their money. Bob Poole stated they did not want to cause duress on Sky Meadows and their finances. He said how bad he felt about the difficulty marketing the older groomer, the Thiakol. He was hopeful that we could work with Norm Cook and get it down to his lot with a for sale sign on it. One problem is that the Thiakol is so wide that you cannot market it in Montana. It costs more to transport than it does to buy it but somebody locally may want the Thiakol if they knew it was for sale. Bob really believes this and that winter time is the time to get rid of it – not in August. Julie Ring asked about if the groomer had been advertised in the Washington Snowmobile Association newspaper. Bob said they had not gone to WASA that he was aware of but it was listed on Craig's list and E-bay. Colin stated there had been an inquiry but they did not want to pay the price. We said to make an offer, but they never got back to us. Joyce mentioned an e-mail she had gotten about an item on e-bay for sale but she did not know what they were talking about. Joyce will look up old e-mail and respond to person to see if this is what they were talking about. Bob Poole just reiterated that we need to find a home for it and now is the time. Bob feels that if the groomer was at the corner on Norm Cook's property somebody would be interested – Sapphire Skies or somebody. Possibly Don May or somebody would haul it down for us and get it visible. Linda asked Bob Poole again that if she could dig the funds out would that be okay with him. Bob Poole again said that he and Linda were willing to work with her.

g. Linda Wood explained that there was an extra check for \$68.00 to the caretaker this month due to the new stimulus package. A change will be made to the electronic funds transfer to get on direct deposit for next month. It takes about a month to go through and the change will be made next week.

h. Ron Bell asked if our Puget Sound Energy bills are estimated or actual. Linda answered that she had checked yesterday with Puget Sound Energy about monthly budget plan but I was told that this was only for residential customers and we have a business account. The bills reflect all of our well pumps, power to our common properties such as lodge, cabana, office, and shop.

i. Linda is also going to contact the businesses we have charge accounts with and see if the due dates can be changed to reflect when we actually pay the bills as we only pay monthly after the board meeting. Some of our bills are always late because of the due dates

j. The property taxes for all of our common properties about doubled this year but some smaller than Linda thought they would be. Ron Bell asked if we are paying our taxes in full for the year and not semi annual installments. Linda stated we are paying them in full. When the fall taxes are due we have a lot of money going out and this way we know that the taxes are paid. Any taxes under \$50.00 are due in full and we have some of those also. Bob Brutsche asked if we should have common properties that are not used for wells, etc. He would like to see them sold as we are not in the property holding business. Trent Ely gave detailed explanation about the five actual properties owned by Sky Meadows and how each lot fit or did not fit into plans for the water system. Ron Bell suggests these are good questions as we should be aware of our assets and how they affect our bookkeeping. If we have assets we are not using we need to get them out of here. That is another way of looking at things when you have already taken advantage of the depreciation. Decision making can be helped by that kind of a process. Bob Poole suggests a report of our assets should be available for members once a year at annual meeting. Linda Wood feels she should also keep on this as we dispose or change things and feels she should also keep the accountant and bookkeeper up to date.

**Motion 09-014 was made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce to approve checks 9060 thru 9075 to pay our bills. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **CARETAKERS REPORT** – Harold

Harold announced he would be going to water classes the 23 – 26 of March to keep up his CEU. He also wanted everyone to know that the water was safe to drink – we have never had any boil water orders and that there are no animals in our tanks A few comments, not reportable, were made but Harold stated this all he had to report.

#### **INFO LIAISON & ACTIVITIES** – Julie Ring

Julie has some items which you can read under the newsletter section.

#### **ROADS** – Ron Bell

Ron had two items that he asked for Harold's input on:

- a. We are going to leave the road closed signs up as long as we can – correct?
- b. We are ready to put some weight limits on our roads, especially this asphalt. Do we have the signs and do they provide a weight?

Harold answered that yes we do have the signs and he believes that the weight stated is 10,000 pounds. They were made up 3 years ago. Ron said that was fine with him but he was thinking they should go up pretty quick. Harold said they would be up tomorrow.

Bob Poole stated that we have 5 inches of asphalt on that road. The drainage is good over the road. He would be more concerned about hydraulic pumping of our gravel. He felt the signs should go

up before it starts pumping. Ron stated that somebody may think he can't drive up there but I can drive up a trailer and leave it in the lot for two weeks and we do not even want them to do that. Trent Ely asked about moving the dumpster to the bottom of the hill. Harold feels that we have to make an exception for the dumpster. Bob Poole still does not feel this will be a problem. Trent talked about his job driving truck as about how local deliveries to members would be handled. Joyce told Ron that she would be sure a statement goes in this minutes to make sure all members are aware of the weight restrictions. Ron thought that would be okay but since this is official Sky Meadows business Ron thinks that we can have a line item that states:

### **A WEIGHT LIMIT OF 10,000 POUNDS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

We do not want members bringing in loads of rock or anything heavy until the roads firm up. Ron reaffirmed that we would have signs and a heavy italicized line item in the minutes. Again Trent Ely suggested the replacement of the dumpster. Colin and Harold talked about past habits of members when dumpster was moved. Bob Poole again emphasized that the, base surface is not what you are going to see hydraulic any longer as long as the drainage continues to go on the outside of the road . The hydraulicking that you are going to get is at the T up here is what will pump. He also does not think the dumpster issue will be a problem. Linda Wood thinks that the bigger issue will be the roads within the community as they start to soften up and erode. Ron feels that things are getting to complicated here. He will go along with Bob – he thinks the dumpster service will be alright where it is. That's it.

### **WATER REPORT – Pierson Smith (report given by Colin)**

Colin stated he had received an e-mail from Roger of Databar regarding the Firefly. The company will be here April 13<sup>th</sup> to install more Firefly readers. Roger has also picked up a roadrunner unit for us so that we can accomplish the installation. Trent asked for clarification – when we say roadrunner, is that what is used to install the reader. The one we had was on loan or are we going to buy one. Linda said that we are not buying one, they are loaning us another one. Julie asked if there was going to be a class for training this visit. Colin says no it will just be installing. Six members were trained previously and the same six will divide and conquer like last time. Trent asked who the members were that were trained previously – Linda Wood, Harold, Kris Johnson, Bob Johnson, Pierson, and Colin are certified to install. Colin suggested if any other members would like to volunteer just show up on April 13<sup>th</sup> and the 'six' would be happy to take you around and show you how to do it. That's it for the water.

### **ARCHITECTURAL REPORT – Colin Ferrin.**

This position will be passed over to the new board member, Licia Miller, but for today Colin had no requests to report.

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS – Kris Johnson. No report today.**

### **FIRE & SAFTEY – Jay Schmid.**

1. Dale Degour reported that he had gotten Louie an agreement, wrote it up, and handed it off to him. Louie is perfectly okay with the agreement and he is going to wait until grant money comes through to be paid. Dale reminded that we have the \$7,000.00 and that is good.
2. Dale – road off of Eastgate just outside of Sky Meadows. Dale contacted DNR and they gave him a new guy – he cannot pronounce his last name – but he is going to meet with Dale once the snow melts and see about getting culverts put in for the proper drainage for that. The new gentleman was very receptive to that.
3. Dale – fire-wise – he would like to restate that if the members property goes to the roadside and they have concerns about fire wising, removing trees, or delimiting trees, they need to

contact Dale as soon as possible. Dale is really trying to be clear on this so that members understand. Dale states "I am not trying to piss members off but still get the job done." Member Wally Opfer interjected that it is a little late.

4. Dale – Dale wanted something put in the newsletter section that although he is collecting donations for the reader board, member can send them to the PO Box 117, Cle Elum address, attention Treasurer so we can get money in quicker.
5. Dale – asked Colin about the website updating but Colin stated he was sorry he had not followed through yet. Dale also asked Joyce to put his phone number on the front of the meeting minutes. Joyce stated she would do this. Dale thinks this is all he has and asks Julie if they can talk right after the meeting.
6. Ron Bell had a question for Dale – when Dale talked to Louie, did he ask him about his insurance and licensing. Ron reminds that we cannot be shy about this with anybody. Dale stated he would take care of that. Ron – standard procedure with insurance is to have us listed as additionally insured. Dale thought we might want to do this with Larrin also.
7. Bob Poole asked if we were putting these jobs out for bid or are we just assuming we will use Louie. He asks because Norm just bought a stump grinder and he's just saying that we now have two people in town – maybe there are three. Dale – previously Louie was the only one with a grinder. Bob Poole – now Norm has a big stump grinder. Dale – it is hard to know how much time it will take for the material you have to grind. Bob Poole – this is expensive equipment and if you have two, they will bid whatever they can. It is good to have the competition. Joyce will download a form that can be used for bids. Dale – Louie is working on two plants, one of which is to be built either in Yakima or central. If he can get what he wants, he will be able to remove all of our fuel for free. So thinking of what you just said, to cut Louie off now knowing what he is trying to get in the near future. He is already working central and with whoever he is working with over in Yakima, I would hate to cut him off now. Bob Poole – I would just like to get a competitive bid and Louie will be competitive if he gets the project. Julie reminded that Louie had been very good about our process of paying him. Dale agreed and stated he had waited 7 months for the grant funds to come in.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Colin – he had one thing, he was suppose to have been working on the security system. He hated to say it, but he had to let it go by the wayside this month because of other issues – but it has not gone away.
2. Ron Bell – under old business which was new business last month, is the item regarding the Washington State Homeowners Association. Jay and I have both looked into this. Ron will be putting this into a motion shortly. Ron would like to prepare the paperwork and everything to bring it to next month's meeting to join that association. It is a \$75.00 membership but feels it would help us with some some resources regarding the management of Sky Meadows. It is similar to what the Evergreen Rural Water Association does for us in relationship to our water system. We would have to be selective about the things that we would attend because even for members they have a charge for some. Once or twice a year they have free seminars but not very often. Ron feels the \$75.00 would be well spent.

**Motion 09-015 was made by Ron Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Wood for Ron to bring the paperwork for joining the Washington State Homeowners Association with a request for a \$75.00 check to the next meeting. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Dale – just a thought for amongst yourselves but if we were to put a couple of light poles across the parking lot as designated spots and at the same time trench across for the power,, we could put something for the cameras at the same time. He has done a little research on his own, he can get a screaming deal on mini-dome cameras which go down to 14 degrees below zero. He also expressed that if people want video systems, to contact Dale.
2. Linda Wood would like something put in the minutes regarding our need for a brick mason or someone with this experience because we have some issues with our lodge chimney. It needs to be repaired and before we spend money, she would like to see if we have somebody in the community who would be willing to look at the chimney and give us ideas on what we can do and what it would cost to be repaired. It needs to be repaired soon as it is becoming a safety issue.

### MEMBER CONCERS -

Colin - before moving on to member concerns. For those of you who were not here when we started the meeting, I will restate that this meeting will be the last time we will have member issues and concerns. From now on, if you have issues that you want to discuss with the board, you need to get on the agenda per Roberts Rules of Order. In fact, in my conversations with several different homeowners association this past week and counsel, they do not know why we do this – they think it is absolutely stupid. The same issues can be discussed simply by making the board aware that you want to get on the agenda and your topic. The board will make room for you on the agenda –

this is the way we are going to start going. Linda Poole asked what time period will it be. Colin says he needs to have it at least one week in advance and that way the agenda can be put on the website in a timely fashion – this week he has had his hands full with other issues. Trent asked if Colin was committing to any time frame that it will be on the website so that members can see what others are going to bring up – 4 days, a week, etc. Colin stated basically he is going to put for example, Trent Ely in on the agenda Lloyd Opfer is on the agenda etc. - we will make a spot for them on the agenda. Bob Poole, he totally agrees because even in the past with our board, we tend to let the members just interject with comments. We get too bogged down. Colin agreed that we get too far off track and we are going to stop that. Bob Poole suggests you may right up front limit each member on agenda to 10 minutes – this is no disrespect to the member but respect to the board. Colin – that was going to be my next comment. We are trying to move ahead and do things the right way. We get a lot of static for not following through on things. It is not just this board – it is every board. I have been on the board 3 times and I guarantee you that each time I have caught shit for one thing or another. Basically, we just want to move ahead and do things the right way. There will be a 10 minute time limit associated for a topic. If you finish in less than 10 minutes, it does not mean that you save it for later or pass it to somebody else. If you have 10 minutes to discuss a subject and you finish in 5 – it is done. There may be discussion from the floor but by and large it will be limited to a time frame. There will be no discussions that go on for an hour because we have a tendency to take a subject and beat it to death, then stomp it, bury it, dig it up and stomp it some more. We are going to get away from that.

So with this being said, I will read the letter going out to all members with the minutes/newsletter this month. **Please see attached letter.** I gave also attached a letter from Tom Justice with Department of Health. This organization comes every 5 years unannounced and inspect our water system. If there are any problems, they give us a report and a time frame for correction. The last inspection was in 2006 and we are not due until 2011. Please **see attached letter and samples.**

That being said, we will continue on to our last 'member concerns'. We will listen to everyone's issues and concerns as long as we maintain a civil manner. If it starts getting out of hand and unruly we will adjourn and shut you off altogether.

Ron Bell – wanted to add to the comments – “our water system and our monitoring and testing in the last 10 years - despite all the falderal of whether we replace pipes, dig wells, or whatever - each board has consistently upgraded our testing our training, our response to health issues compared to 30-40 years of Sky Meadows – it has been phenomenal. So I think that every board has done the right thing and we are in a position to feel good about what we are doing”

There followed 6 ½ pages of uproar, shouting, disrespect to one another that is not going to be printed. Colin brought the meeting back into order.

Trent Ely – Asked Colin if he sends an e-mail can he expect a response as long as it is not something that involves a legal matter. He stated he had sent an e-mail and only had one board member respond. Colin just stated that anything that goes out by e-mail is a legal document and the board must be careful if/how they respond or it may come back to haunt us.

Commotion erupted again which is not printable and Colin brought the meeting back into order.

Dawn Atkinson – her question was about Sky Meadows policy regarding members information. She feels she does not want to hear about other peoples issues. She was told that Sky Meadows board does not give out any personal info, whether it be address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses to anyone.

Commotion again erupted and the meeting was brought back to order by Colin.

Colin talked about the survey that was sent out in February. Since the survey card went out, the way things have worked out, the board is sorry they ever sent it out. The intention was that since there had been a few issues and concerns about the caretaker, without going into specifics, and the board was trying to get a feel for what the community as a whole felt. It was no different than the survey sent out a few years ago – fewer questions. We were not trying to sway the members one way or the other. All we were trying to do was get a feel from the members – we do not care who the member is. With the responses, the board has a responsibility to decide what we are going to do and how we are going to deal with the issues. It does us no good to sit here and scream at each other. We want to get issues settled in a calm and legal manner. Colin is trying to balance all issues because this is a legal issue, if we do not deal with it properly we are putting not just the board but Sky Meadows out there for a significant law suit. Colin stated he is slow to respond to e-mails because he takes time to digest information. The board, because of one past board member, sometimes feels that they are being dictated to and do not respond. As one member stated several meetings ago, the board is responsible for 90% of what happens in this community. If we start enforcing issues that have to do with the law, then we will be enforcing rules that will upset a lot of people besides 1 or 2. A way to explain that comment, if we become a policing agency, then all of you who have kids or grandkids who come up here to enjoy the area – guess what – unless they are 16 years old, they cannot be on these roads anymore riding 4-wheelers or snowmobiles – we just do not want to go there. Comments erupted that will not be published.

Nancy Exe – She had a question about who has the responsibility to make decisions about whether the caretaker stays/goes. Colin replied that the board does. Nancy again asked that her minutes/newsletter come by e-mail. Joyce apologized without going into the last month's issues – she will get it by e-mail plus the people who requested it previously.

Colin – I am going to stick my neck out here about 10 miles and the rest of these kind people here with me. I hope to come to the April meeting with some definite answers about what the board is going to do. I am not going to say what we are going to do because I DO NOT KNOW. I still have legal issues that we need answers to. We have our plates full. This has been going on for two months and the next month will also be full. No matter what we do it will upset some people. We never have been in a popularity vote, we just love getting killed up here. It is important to have people willing to volunteer and also members that bring concerns.

Again, a discussion ensued about where the survey postcards were to be mailed. Colin restated that the bookkeepers will hold on to everything until the Friday before the board meeting. At this time I would like to ask for 2 volunteers for Friday, April 17 who along with 2 board members will count ballots. If you do not want to identify yourself now, be at the office at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 17<sup>h</sup> to meet with Colin and Ron Bell to help count survey cards.

Dale Degour asked about any suggestions coming into the suggestion box in the lodge. Linda Wood said there was nothing in there, she had just checked.

Dale Degour – he knows his timing for the architectural committee amendment for fines is not good but as we are under a timing issue, this is why he wanted it brought up. He wants the amendment voted on and because we are pushing it out so far, if an amendment is going to be made, it takes two months. We are now looking at June which is really pushing it – Dale really wanted the dime in. The implementation will be kinda on the late side. He discussed the process by which the board voted Licia onto the board today we are not following procedure. Colin stated – lets not go there – I was waiting for that comment. I will tell you right now, because this position has been open for over three years and no one has stepped forward, we voted her in today. We are not going to wait

another month. She is in – end of story. Linda added that Licia is well qualified. Dale just stated to be careful of who is going to rant and rave down the road. To him, it is a matter of principal – that is all it is.

Dale asks if Joe Porkka can be authorized to put Fire & Safety on the website with Jay as the chairman and Dale as the committee person with their phone numbers. Colin stated an e-mail would be sent to Joe with the information. Joe Porrka, said documents or anything else that we would like could be added to the website. He can do it. Also an e-mail will be sent to Joe with the new board member's info.

Bob Brutsche – Groomer board this last winter received flack on conditions of the roads going in and out of Sky Meadows. We have our own groomer that takes care of our roads within Sky Meadows. Don May has taken over where Denny left off. People were complaining about the roads outside of Sky Meadows. We had a good season to start off with but it deteriorated from there. The groomer must have 18 inches of snow buildup and the conditions were not there. He did the best job he could with what he had to work with. If someone has concerns, please send letters to Bob Brutsche before contacting the state. He hopes that next year we have a better snow season.

Carolyn Opfer stated that someone trimmed trees and removed underbrush from their property while they were gone. A discussion ensued about why it had been done and why the Opfer's felt it was done improperly. Property easements/rightaways were discussed. Colin stated that in the mid-90s when dealing with right of ways, they had to find the property stakes. About 6 properties have there property lines on the other side of the road and Opfer's is one of them. So when it comes to fire-wise or anything else we had better be sure where the property lines are before any cutting is done. Bob Poole feels that if coordination is done with the property owner, they will usually agree to have it done. Colin just stated again that we need to be sure of property lines before cutting, for fire-wise, or anything else.

**Motion 09-016 was made by Kris and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Wood to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. With no further discussion, it passed unanimously.**