



SKY MEADOWS RANCH

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2009 UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

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TO REPORT A FIRE – 911

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REMINDERS:

If notification of a members wish to speak at the board meeting is not received by the president by Friday at 5 pm one week prior to the meeting, you will not be on the agenda and will not be asked to speak.

Anyone wanting their minutes e-mailed, please contact the secretary.

All meetings are taped and kept for history purposes.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Schmid, Joyce Munson, Linda Wood, Julie Ring, Licia Miller, Kris Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Colin Ferrin

The meeting was called to order by vice president, Jay Schmid at 9:05 a.m.

Colin Ferrin stated at September meeting that all RV's were to be removed from the various parking areas by October 15th or **they would be towed at owner's expense**. No exceptions unless approved by the board. One park model trailer remains in lower middle lot. Owner will be notified immediately that trailer will be towed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce Munson

A report was given to the board on the number of warning/fine letters that had gone out during the month. Most pertained to aggressive dog, dogs roaming without leashes, illegal dumping at fire-wise pile and lot cleanup. Fines were levied where appropriate.

Minutes corrections: None, but Joyce was reminded by Andy Hansen of conversation that was had regarding a member that felt illegal water funds were being used to make groomer payment.

Motion 09-047 was made by Joyce/2nd by Linda Wood to accept September meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

At this point, the regular meeting was stopped for a presentation from James Monroe, DNR Fire Protection Coordinator for Southeast Region and Joe Weeks, DNR Fire-wise Coordinator. James spoke on topics which were of great value to the members present on fire levels, how they are set daily, and how they affect Sky Meadows during the summer months. Jim spoke on fire-wising and how it affects each piece of property was made clear for all those present. Joe stated Sky Meadows was doing an excellent job of reducing the fire risks and yet still keeping the esthetic value in place. We thank both gentlemen very much for taking their time on a Saturday to come to Sky Meadows.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Wood

1. Final road payment was made.
2. There are 95 accounts at 45 days for a total of \$33,128.30. Total aging is \$43,212.71; 2nd notices plus water lock-out notices for will be going out first part of November. We have \$28,769.00 left to pay our November bills. . We have to continue to cut costs .
3. Foreclosure notices are also going out soon.

4. Dale stated that if we have to spend from designated accounts, (waste management, roads, propane, etc), it should be reported in meeting minutes.

Motion 09-048 was made by Linda Wood/ 2nd by Joyce Munson to approve checks 9174 through 9190 for monthly bills. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CARETAKER'S REPORT – Shawn Walen

1. Shawn did some research on his own and found that the dumpster ordered back on 12/17/08 was not delivered to Sky Meadows. SM will get a credit of \$700.00 and our rental fee will be half of present fee.
2. Reported problem with people bringing animals into the lodge thinking as long as the animal was being carried, it was alright. New signs will be made and placed reminding all SM that **NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN LODGE OR ANY SM BUILDINGS.**
3. Everyone needs to know that Shawn takes his job very seriously and wants all SM property owners to take him seriously. He is rapidly learning our rules, covenants, by-laws, and procedures. You must remember he speaks for the SM board. When he tells someone not to do something, or not to park somewhere, etc., it is not to be debated with him. If you disagree, then bring your problem to the board at the meeting or by e-mail.
4. Shawn has been working in the "swamp" of the lodge and basement of cabana sorting all the parts stored in both areas putting electrical in one area, plumbing/water parts in another. He feels there is an over abundance of PVC pipe pieces. He found a local company that is willing to come up and give a price for all the extra pieces, which will help bring a little money into SM. He will keep about 6 pieces of each size/kind for future need. It was discussed and the board gave him permission to proceed with his idea.
5. Big equipment is being driven on our roads. All of SM is reminded that equipment is to be taken as close as possible to the jobsite before offloading. No tracked equipment on SM roads.
6. Shawn has begun working on cleaning out ditches. The brake on the backhoe does not work so he has been very careful and selective about which areas he is working on. Harold felt it might be an easy fix – if not, Jay directed Shawn to get whomever necessary up to fix the emergency brake.
7. Shawn also expressed a need for another type of attachment for the backhoe to aide in getting the ditching job done. The fire-wise debris has made it harder to clean ditches – it was suggested Dale Degour get the company he used for fire-wise or cleanup to get that debris removed. After some discussion, Shawn will research what attachment he needs, (backhoes are not designed for ditching) and Dale Degour will see about getting attachment with fire-wise money and the fire-wise hours on backhoe will be recorded for reimbursement.
8. Shawn has designed a beautiful new logo for SM. He described the design and thought it might be used on ball caps, tee-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. to generate extra money for SM. Julie Ring will get with Shawn on this project – it was thought to be favorable by those present.
9. Water systems are all looking good. Tank levels are up and pump usage is down. Great job Shawn.

WATER: Given for Pierson by Kris Johnson

Pierson wanted to know if the reservoir storage tank project on Sawmill could be accomplished before snow flies. He had contacted Norm Cook some time ago and was give a cost of \$300.00 to set tank in hole. Gravel will be ordered immediately to get this job done promptly.

ROADS: As reported, Shawn has been working on ditches.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Kris Johnson

1. Fire-fly people were here fine-tuning fireflies and will be back on October 26th to continue same.
2. Someone backed into gate at fuel shed – who? If they would have let Kris know - - it will now be replaced.
3. Shawn needs a key to 2091 Casassa mailbox.
4. Shawn needs tools to do his work. Shawn will put together a list for Kris.

ARCHITECTURE: Licia Miller Three requests received and Licia will be working on them today.

FIRE & SAFETY: Jay Schmid (given by Dale DeGour)

1. Canopy cleanup continues. Eastside of SM finished. Some work on Westside of SM has been done. Dale has crew coming in at their expense to do some cleanup. Also will have grinder in to do stumps left from fire-wising.
2. October 5th was cutoff for this year's fire-wise. A check will be received for work up until this time.
3. As of Monday, fire-wise pile is officially closed for the year. Until it is chipped, you can still put debris on pile.
4. Reader board will not be up this year. It has to wait until spring.
5. I-90 escape route signs will be up by next meeting.
6. Dale needs help from board to remove trees at Skull Springs and Rodeo. Trees severely topped by owner and must be removed.
7. Need to get with Russ Hobbs to designate turn-arounds to be made with fire-wise dollars for fire equipment.

ACTIVITIES: Julie Ring

1. The Girls Night Out fundraiser is next weekend from 6 to 10 pm. Please contact Julie or Francis for your tickets. Many prizes donated. Sounds like a great time for all!!!
2. Julie is still looking for a Santa for the Christmas party; please contact Julie if you can help.

OLD BUSINESS: Jay Schmid

1. The sale of Div 7 lot 17 is scheduled to close the last week of October.
2. Linda thanked Shawn for putting up liability signs.
3. Julie has been doing research on solar panels for pool. Joyce asked Julie to contact Bruce Polenske to get an update on what he has put together on solar heating for pool.
4. Question was asked about snowmobile parking. Joyce will get Colin's drawing to Jay.
5. Jay asked Joyce to get letter to park model owner that was to be removed.

NEW BUSINESS: Jay Schmid

1. Tools for Shawn discussed. Action back to Shawn for list of tools needed.
2. Hanson brothers feel dump truck usage for fire-wise is okay.
3. The Hansen brothers feel that a hearing was needed to be given to them before a fine issued.

Motion 09-049 was made by Joyce Munson/2nd by Kris Johnson to adjourn meeting at 11:52 AM. Passed unanimously

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