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The meeting minutes are available  
Online

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**Caretaker phone #s**

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# SKY MEADOWS RANCH

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**July 17, 2010 UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

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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 minutes e-mailed, please contact the secretary.

All meetings are taped and kept for history purposes.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Ferrin, Jay Schmid, Joyce Munson, Linda Wood, Licia Miller, Kris Johnson, Julie Ring, Bruce Polenske

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order by president, Colin Ferrin at 8:55 a.m.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Colin reminded all present that if they kept their remarks until proper time on the agenda, things would move along faster.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Joyce Munson

1. June minutes were offered for corrections/approval. Nothing was submitted.
2. Joyce is slowly receiving emergency updates from property owners. She is again asking all members to e-mail their current emergency contact phone number to her. It is important in case of a break-in, fire, or other emergency to have these on file. Please be assured the list will not be given out to anyone. If you do not have e-mail service, the number can be mailed or phoned to Joyce at the Sky Meadows address or phone number listed to the left for her. Your emergency number can also be given to any board member.
3. A reminder to all property owners that if your meeting minutes are returned to SM because of an incorrect address, future minutes will not be mailed until a good address is received.
4. A nomination/voting form for 2011 new board member is enclosed; please fill out and return to Sky Meadows, PO Box 117, Cle Elum, WA 98922 ATTN: Secretary by September 18, 2010.

**MOTION 10-015 was made by Joyce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay to approve meeting minutes for June without correction as noted. It passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Linda Wood

1. Water bills over \$5.00 went out in June, payment response has been good. Any bill under \$5.00 will be sent out with the fall billing Sept. 1, 2010.
2. AR is \$13,251.14 down from last month, included in this are the under \$5.00 water billings. Attorney is working on the foreclosures.
3. Yearly insurance for Sky Meadows is \$35,000.00, we have received no quotes lower than this amount. We have paid out \$9,648.00 in fees thus far. The balance will be paid in monthly installments of \$4,004.77 until balance is paid. This is the same as we have done in past years. We could save money by paying in full at one time, however this is not viable without asking for assessment for insurance from our members.
4. Total of bills paid for July is \$9,778.52, per our bookkeeper, finances are better than they were last year at this time. We still need to monitor carefully.
5. Questions regarding checks for insurance answered

6. Balance in accounts to pay August and September bills \$44,884.67. Income is essentially flat at this time, expenses are ongoing.
7. We have several water capital projects in the works, funding is set aside for them. Roads funds have been spent until the fall billing and most of that revenue will be used for final payment on the groomer. The goal for spring is more road work with all of our roads funds available.

**Motion 10-016 was made by Linda Wood/2<sup>nd</sup> Licia Miller to approve checks 9330 and 9332 through 9345 for July's bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CARETAKER REPORT – SHAWN WHALEN** (on leave)

1. Linda – the water tanks are full and holding.
2. Kris Johnson – Shawn wants to remind all lot owners that they follow the rules for the swimming pool on the reader board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

**WATER – Bruce Polenske**

1. Overview of storage tank project that started in 2005. We are setting up water storage tank on Sawmill Road. At the June meeting we received a bid from Eastside Construction for site prep, setting of tank and rework of Sawmill Road. Other contractors did not return calls asking for bid. Eastside bid of \$7,041.60 for work on tank site prep, tank set and rework of Sawmill road previously discussed by board.
2. Discussion regarding major expenditure criteria and exemptions. Determined that this project falls under water system engineering exemption.

**MOTION 10-017 was made by Bruce Polenske/2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Munson to pay Eastside Construction upon completion bid price plus tax. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ROADS: Colin Ferrin –**

1. As reported we have used our road funds available. Members have been watching their speed and if asked to slow down or correct their actions have been responding well. Note that if you see someone abusing the roads, it is your money being wasted. Property owners will be contacted once with a warning. A second contact will generate a letter and fine for \$250.00 for a load of gravel to repair the damage to our roads.
2. Member on Sunshine Ridge road asks about pothole repair. Colin states that this will be looked into.

**ARCHITECTURE: Licia Miller**

1. No official requests at this time, she has had calls from 2 properties but no paper work received.
2. Colin revisits June discussion regarding tree cutting on two properties. He has no record of approval being given for one of the properties.
3. Long discussion by board and members present on architectural policy and interpretation of incident versus trees cut for fine issuance. Determined that policy will be amended to make it clear that the \$250.00 fine will be for each tree cut that was not approved.
4. Licia and Joyce will coordinate on letters to be sent to property owners discussed at June meeting.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Kris Johnson**

1. Is getting bids for new windows for the bunk house, has been saving bunkhouse funds for this purpose.

**ACTIVITIES: Julie Ring**

1. Date for garage sale will remain Sept. 18, 2010.
2. Waffle & Sausage breakfast fundraiser will be Labor Day weekend Saturday Sept. 4, 2010 from 8 to 11 AM. Volunteers to help are welcomed.

**FIRE & SAFETY: Jay Schmid**

1. Suzanne Wade of Kittitas County Conservation district has asked to speak at August meeting.
2. Working on grant applications for fire wise.
3. **Please be aware of fire level status that is posted around the mountain. If you have any questions, please ask.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion by members present and board on policing glass containers and alcohol in the pool area. We must comply with the state and county rules to avoid pool shut down. The rules are very specific about what the county or state requires us to do if glass is broken anywhere in the pool area. Pool must be shut down, drained, filters cleaned and pool back flushed. This can be a lengthy process and we would not have the pool to use. All agreed that we must be proactive in monitoring ourselves and each other in this regard.

2. It was suggested by a member that a sign be posted with a garbage can next to it for glass containers. The county or state comes unannounced to check our pool, so we must all be aware and please follow the rules.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Travis from L & J excavating introduced himself. He has been talking with Shawn about the security of the water storage tanks in the lower meadow. Shawn had asked him to speak to the board. Colin asks that L&J contact him with ideas and costs for projects to secure and keep our tanks contaminate free. This is a project that has been previously considered, but nothing done, would like to see something done before winter.
2. Jerry Gullickson spoke about the situation with DNR and road from Eastgate to Tank Meadows. He has contacted DNR and brought forth information about making this part of the road part of the green dot system again, or giving us a right of way to use this section. Bruce Polenske has also contacted DNR and Representative Hinkle regarding this issue. Member Dave Chambers has been working with DNR also. We have a good base with some very good people working on this issue. Jerry has agreed to head up a committee with Bruce and Dave to work with DNR to get this issue resolved. Good ideas from members present with constructive discussion.
3. Thank you to members involved in reader board project for donations, design and labor.
4. Bruce Polenske states, kudos to Shawn for all of his hard work within the community.

**Motion 10-018 was made by Colin Ferrin and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Schmid to adjourn meeting at 10:45 AM. Passed unanimously**

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**NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010**

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**DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_, LOT \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please return your form to Sky Meadows, PO Box 117, Cle Elum WA 98922 or  
Put in box in lodge or through the slot in the office door.**

**Please return before August 21, 2010 board meeting.**