



Sky Meadows News

Next Board Meeting is

February 17

at 9:00A.M.

Hope to see you there.

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**Sky Meadows
Website**

[www.skymeadows
ranch.com](http://www.skymeadowsranch.com)

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**Caretakers
Harold & Diane
509-674-7753**

Days off are
Wed/Thurs

It sure is nice to see so many people enjoying the snow this year. Winter at Sky Meadows always brings a different level of excitement. Excitement like navigating through 30 inches of fresh snow to find a major water leak or finding somewhere to park.

Our groomers, Denny and Cully, have had their hands full also. Heavy snow and high winds caused hundreds of trees to block the trails. It has taken till now to get them cut and cleared from the trails. To date they have cut over 350 trees. Big Creek has caused another challenge on the crossing area. This is the only creek on the way to Easton without a bridge. At the crossing on the Easton side the bank has washed to an abrupt 3 foot edge making it virtually uncrossable. Denny is looking into options to solve this situation.

Upcoming fun: Don't miss Playday this year (see page 6). Along with the normal activities the Vintage Snowmobiles of the Inland Northwest will be there and are planning activities in the upper meadow. Congratulations to Sky Rider Howard Briggs. He finished 1st place in the vintage race held at Haugen Montana. He was shown taking his victory lap on Q13 NEWS.

Be safe, have fun and we'll see all of you out on the mountain.



Thank you to our board members for their continued efforts on our behalf.

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Treasurer– Joyce Munson 360-779-8279

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Vice President– Bob Swenson 509-674-2544

Water– Trent Ely 253-670-8099

Fire & Safety– Dale DeGour

Roads- John Tedeschi 425-837-0552/

Activities-OPEN

 Sky Meadows Ranch & Country Club Board of Trustees Meeting January 20, 2007

Notices

- The caretaker work hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 Pm Friday through Tuesday.
- The fire station on Peoh Point Road has a recycling center. You are encouraged to use recycling to reduce the amount of garbage and be environmentally conscience.
- Incorrect parking is going to be strictly enforced, no vehicles will be allowed to park in such a fashion that they block entrance roads or block other people from being able to remove their vehicle.
- Be aware that parents are responsible to supervise their children using snowmobiles, sledding and/or other activities in Sky Meadows.
- Monthly Potluck is Wednesday February 21st.

Un-approved Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sky Meadows Ranch & Country Club was held in the Cabana. A quorum was present and the meeting opened at 9: 00 a.m. January 20,2007.

1.Board Members Present: Irene Burke, Kris Johnson , Steve Locati, John Tedeschi, Dale De-Gour, Joyce Munson, Bob Swenson, Trent Ely.

2.Members Absent: Dave Anderson

3. Presidents Remarks:

1) Irene reported that the trial date for the Peder-son lawsuit has been postponed to June.

4. Minutes:

1) Question was asked regarding the minutes from the last meeting that there is a policy in place regarding a fine of \$150.00 for causing damage to the groomed surface on the roads after grooming starts. Irene suggested that, since this was a board motion passed and approved that it be added to our published road policy.

2) Correction to the minutes that, Item 10, paragraph 2, that it was not waste management that Harold was asked to contact to have the old fuel tank from the lower lot removed. He was asked to try and find a company which could remove and dispose of the tank.

3) It is noted that the minutes correctly reflect that the Caretakers Christmas Bonus was to be \$500.00 gross. The Treasurer paid more than that amount.

4) *Motion Johnson/Munson to accept minutes as written and corrected and/or noted above.*

5. Members Input:

1) Question asked as to why we meet in the Ca-bana and pay the additional cost of heating in- stead of the lodge.

A) Bob reported that the meetings are held in the Cabana due to traffic of members and guests using the lodge, privacy issues of having closed meetings to discuss employ- ment and legal issues and the configuration for meetings is better.

2) It was asked as to why we have closed meet- ings.

A) Irene reported that closed meetings are for discussion of employment and legal is- sues only.

3) It was asked if we could have a recycle bin to cut down on the garbage and to be more environ- mentally conscience.

A) Kris reported that it was a matter of ex- pense for the recycling service and that we would look into it again.

B) Caretakers reported that the service is not available in our area.

C) It was mentioned that the fire station has a recycling center.

4) It was suggested that there be a safety policy in place regarding the usage of the rescue sled. The fire and safety chair stated that he will start working on this.

6.Caretaker’s Report:

- 1) Water leaks during Christmas and New Years were a substantial strain on our system. One leak was in the bunkhouse and was not reported by the guest for several days. A large leak was from an owner who did not turn off his water; 87,660 gallons were lost by this owner. The leak will result in a substantial water charge.
- 2) The recovery of the system is going well now.
- 3) The caretakers snowmobile is broken again. He is currently using the rescue sled.
- 4) The propane company has reported that the deliveries service will change and that we need to designate the preferred vendor.
- 5) Harold will be in water service continuing education class February 6 through the 8th.
- 6) Harold was asked if he assists people when they get stuck. It was reported that previously he had instructions from the board to not pull people out.
- 7) *Motion Locati/Swenson that the board authorizes Harold to assist members who are stuck in the parking lots, at his discretion, when his schedule allows, and only during his normal working hours. Passed*

7.Correspondence:

- 1) A note was received from a member stating several members concerns. The issues not otherwise addressed in these minutes are;
 - A) Is it true that Sky Meadows is considered a recreational community only and therefore the main road and the back parking lot is only cleared for the weekenders?

Answer – No it is not true. As stated in the Covenants, the Real Property is to be used for recreational and residential. Snow removal is to occur as needed based on conditions, not based on weekend usage.
 - B) Request again that garbage bin be crushed at least once a week and more on big weekends of Christmas, New Years and 4th of July. Also can snow be moved away so it is accessible from more than one end of the bin?

Answer – The garbage bin is to be crushed as suggested and the snow removed all around the bin.

- C) There have been trailers parked in the weekend parking area for over a month now. Why is this allowed?

Answer – Enforcement of guidelines is always difficult. The caretaker will address the situation.

- D) What happened with the lady who was hit by a snowmobiler in the parking lot and broke her leg?

Answer – No one at the meeting had any knowledge of this situation.

8. Treasurers Report:

- 1) There has been only one lien this last billing cycle.

Collection	\$2.88
General Bank	\$103.53
MRS Club Dues	\$87,218.67
MRS Water Capital	\$21,475.94
MRS Water Operation	\$200.00
Water Capital CD	\$74,688.61
Savings	\$14,365.05
Total	\$200,376.34

- 2) *Motion Swenson/Tedeschi approve Checks 8382 through 8398 be approved. Unanimous*
- 3) The last road escrow fee refund has now been sent out and no money is left in the account. If anyone who thinks they have a refund due them and did not receive, they should contact Joyce.
- 4) The audit review is in need of being completed. Volunteers will coordinate with Joyce and Irene.
- 5) A report of all of the duties that the bookkeeping service performs was presented.

9. Water Report:

- 1) The Caretaker reported that there were four bad bacteria tests in 2005 and 2006. This was caused by the cleaning of the tank and the conversion from the ozinator to the chlorinator system. The State has mandated that there should be no building permits approved until there is a history of one year of acceptable water tests, starting from November 27, 2006. The negative tests were chloroform, and is not considered a health risk.
- 2) The water policy update which was approved at last months meeting was reviewed after correction of section 3, item D, and amendment of Residential Part-time status under Table 1.
- 3) *Motion Tedeschi/Munson, to approve the water Policy as written. Passed Unanimously.*
- 4) Trent reported that he is currently working on an adequate and complete records system as to the water upgrade status. He feels that incorrect designations are possibly causing members to not have opportunity for upgrades that may be available.
- 5) His further goal is to solve the water shortage issues and availability by system upgrades.
- 6) It was reported that the actual usage of water is approximately twenty five percent of allocations according to our records. There are many upgrades which are not completed and work will be done to determine who has complied and who has not to determine actual projected usage.
- 7) It was further reiterated that the main goal to solve the water usage is to make more water available.
- 8) There was 39 man hours involved in finding the recent leak.
- 9) The new Sawmill tank installation and refurbishing of the existing wells are the first issue on the water chair's criteria for spring. It is noted that storage will help existing users but will not in itself increase production to allow more capacities.
- 10) It was asked if the water upgrade policy is based on allocation or usage. It is based on allocation.
- 11) It was asked whether there is a list of denied applicants who would receive priority.
The answer is no, please refer to the Water Service Upgrade Policy which states lot ownership seniority as the priority. The policy is posted on the website.
- 12) Annual water consumer confidence report is due

in July and should be completed by April.

10. Roads & Parking Report:

- 1) Harold was asked what his understanding is regarding the enforcement of parking problems. He states that he understands it is his responsibility.
- 2) Harold was asked by the road chair to have violators towed if there are parking violations which cause blockage of access to parking areas or block other members for being able to exit their vehicle.
- 3) The road chair reported that additional parking area development will be studied in the spring. It has been expressed that with increased usage and the growth occurring a plan for additional parking must be addressed.
- 4) Discussion was had regarding snow removal in the parking lots and main access road.
- 5) *Motion, Locati/Tedeschi, to seek bids from local contractors for snow removal for further consideration. Unanimous.*

11. Buildings & Grounds Report:

- 1) Two heaters in bunkhouse were replaced for a cost of \$1850.28. This money was from the income of bunkhouse rentals.
- 2) A new vacuum was purchased for the bunkhouse.
- 3) Future earnings from bunkhouse rentals will be earmarked for new windows in bunkhouse and doors for lodge.
- 4) It was reported that the owner of property on North side of the lower lodge has been contacted regarding removal of his personal property located on Sky Meadows' land. There has been no apparent action on this by the land owner. The president will send a letter to the owner giving a date of May 15th to have the items removed and informing him that he will not be allowed to store personal property on Sky Meadows' property in the future.

12. Architectural Report:

No report made.

13. Fire & Safety:

- 1) Progress has been made on fire alert system up-

grade proposal. Fire and Safety chair will work on a plan with costs to present.

2) Video surveillance system proposal is also being worked on and a proposal will be made in the near future.

14. Old Business:

1) Proposed Covenants amendments are being worked on by the committee so assigned and proposed covenants changes will be presented at the next meeting. Discussion will occur regarding a membership meeting to vote on proposed changes.

2) *Motion Swenson/ Munson that the proposed update of Policy number FIN-03 be approved. Unanimous.*

.15. New Business:

1) *Motion Locati/Tedeschi that a part time person be employed to cover for Caretakers days off and vacation. Passed unanimously.*

2) A job description and proposed cost regarding the part time position will be presented for consideration at the next meeting

3) Caretakers' continuing employment incentive contract was discussed.

A) Motion Burke/Johnson that notwithstanding the caretaker employment contract, the current caretakers may purchase a lot in Sky Meadows at their discretion. Passed.

B) Motion Burke/Johnson that we sell lot 1 Division 1c for a purchase price of \$25,000.00, being a value based on a 2005 market analysis the board obtained from a real estate agent. Failed.

C) The board will do research regarding the potential of lot 1 Division 1C being a well site between now and the next meeting.

D) Motion Burke/Tedeschi that we offer to sell lot 25 Division 7 or Lot 7 Division 17 for \$25,000.00. Passed, 2 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Locati, Secretary

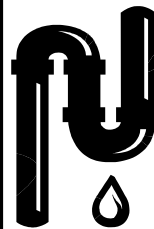
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Locking Mailboxes

We are thinking about putting up another section of Locking Mailboxes if there is enough interest . For more information contact Esther at elazyb@yahoo.com or 509-674-9548 . Anyone who is not leaving their mailbox for a new property owner, please call, or contact Esther by e-mail and let her know so she can connect them with someone already on the list for a new mailbox.



Water leaks



Maintaining our water system is everyone's responsibility. It is your responsibility on an ongoing basis to shut your water off at the meter when you leave for more than 24 hours.

A leak on a members property drained the system during the busiest time of the year. The member had a break and had not shut of his water.

BUNKHOUSES FOR RENT



\$25 PER NIGHT + cleaning deposit

NO PETS

Bring your own bedding/towels

Contact Diane at 509-674-7753 for reservations

Please clean up after yourselves.

Things to do at Sky Meadows

Annual Play Day and Antique Snowmobile Show

put on by Sky Rider's Snowmobile Club



February 10



Sign up below the cabana at 10:00am

Events start at 11am

\$5 per person (this covers all activities)

This is a fun event for all ages. It is an all day event put on in the Lower Meadow.

There will be contests such as slalom course, barrel race, relay race, yarn race and a kids sled race.

Each event is broken down into age groups. There is something to do for all ages.

We will be selling hot dogs, chili, pop, hot cocoa & coffee.

Awards will be presented in the afternoon.

This year the Northwest Antique Snowmobile Clubs will have an event displaying/riding antique sleds.

Questions: Darcy Kemp darcy.kemp@homestreet.com



Event: *Washington State Snowmobile Association Convention (WSSA)*

Date: Feb.16-19

Details: This is the 2007 convention being held in Yakima. If you are interested in going to any of the events (rides, GPS class, Silent Auction, Dinner) please can call 1-800-783-9772.

Event: *Monthly Wednesday Potluck*

Date: Wed. Feb.21

Time: 5:00

Details: Bring a dish and come visit with your neighbors.

Please send us a picture of your family and friends having fun around Sky Meadows.
If anyone would like to plan a weekend potluck or event we would gladly put it in the newsletter.
Newsletter info: Robin Swenson at 509-674-2544 (happyrb@hughes.net)

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Lost green electronic dog collar over Christmas Holiday. Ryan & Teresa home 425-888-3435 /Cell 206-947-4024 /cabin 509-674-1640.

1984 Phazer - 3800 miles, wasn't used from 1998-2002. From 2002-2005 put on an estimated 300 miles. Last year it was used one time. \$600 . 206-949-3679 or whoohoogirl@hotmail.com

LOADED 1997 Ford F-150 1997 Ford F-150 4x4 Pick-up XLT Super Cab 5.4 Liter V-8 Engine-One owner. Excellent Condition, 120,000 miles. Many Extra's - 4 wheel ABS Brakes, 6 disc CD player, power seats & windows, Trailer tow package, new tires. \$10,000.Truck in Storage at Cle Elum. Contact -John at 360-435-3394 or Cell 425-876-0607.

1994 Polaris Indy XLT Special for sale. It is a 580 3 cylinder liquid cooled. It has about 4K miles on it. I bought

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1/2 page Back Fold	\$60 per month

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it from the second owner. It doesn't get used much, but I have outgrown its capabilities. It is a great intermediate sled! Several years ago, I upgraded the undercarriage with a 1999 Polaris XC running gear. I have the original under carriage as well. A straight sled - not banged up. I have extra drive belt, spark plugs, and cover. Heated grips (obviously). Plastic covers over metal skis. Stored on my property in Sky Meadows. Will accept \$1000 or consider offers. The snow is shaping up for a great snowmobiling season. Don't get left behind! Call Steve at (425) 865-8965 or Percman48@comcast.net.

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2003 Arctic Cat 600 Mountain Cat 1M, Like New, 1300 miles, Simmons Skis, Goldfinger, left-handed Throttle. \$4,500.00 FIRM. Call 509-929-4325.

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