

PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES, JULY 3, 2005

Board Members Present: John Kracik, Gary Graves, Carol Morris, Bill Dolmovic, Mike Moroney, Sharyn Flavin

Absent: Barbara Arnold

PPOA Members Present: Jim and Sue Ruppert, Barbara Dolmovic, Dena Graves, Al and Sharon Odermann, Margaret Jewett, Mary Innis, Jim Ruppert, Susan Wooden, Doug Kramer and Priscilla Summers.

Minutes from last meeting (May) will be reviewed next meeting. Current and future minutes will be posted on website communication board at:

<http://www.ponderosa.com/pondo>

Treasurers report was presented and accepted. John Kracik will be inquiring into new banks to change institutions (due to service charges), motion accepted.

Committee Reports:

1. Sunshine Committee:

- A. George Bailey was seriously injured and has been making a remarkable recovery, a card and flowers will be sent.

2. Social Committee

- A. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** A hike to Freeman Grove is scheduled on Labor Day weekend, September 3rd, Saturday. For those that need a return ride; advance notice is needed. On that same evening Star Gazing at Dome Rock is planned by Father Royer. Enough money is left to provide hamburgers at Dome Rock.
- B. Volunteers to build the PPOA storage @ the PCSD building will be discussed at the September meeting.
- C. Thanksgiving Party is set for November 26th, Saturday night, the Benton's or the Korf's have agreed to host.
- D. The dates of the social events and PPOA meetings will be posted outside of the mailroom.

3. Membership Committee

- A. No new reports.

4. Fire Safety

- A. Priscilla Summers, the new district ranger (Springville office) from the USFS was present and discussed the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), a USFS/community collaboration.
- B. Maps and aerial photos of the area were presented.
- C. The use of grants to protect the communities was discussed. Defense zone plans around populated areas was outlined. Fire fuel reduction; ground pine needles, avoiding fire wood storage around structures, branches cut to 20ft from ground, reduction of crown fires by a 50/50 tree crown to sky ratio was explained as goal over next 2 years. These actions are aimed at reducing canopy burns.
- D. Proposed Actions: retaining Aspen trees, cutting of new growth (to average of 20ft spacing) and controlled burns of the forest. Plan is to begin next summer. A community/USFS collaboration will develop a action plan with priorities, via a subgroup or adhoc group of the PPOA to be presented to USFS within the next 30-60 days.
- E. Concerns expressed:
 - 1. Prescribed burns are often unattended and may go out of control
 - 2. Prior notification should be given
 - 3. Areas that are densely covered with ground fuels in the Nat'l Forest community is to clear? Yes
 - 4. Vacant lots with overgrowth: USFS no jurisdiction. The possibility of letters from the county and CDF. This should be integrated into the action plan.
- F. Next Steps:
 - 1. Ad Hoc group to review the Proposal and respond
 - 2. Identify priorities
 - 3. Reply to Priscilla next 30 days, 60 days at most.
- G. The new ruling of 100 ft clearing of pine needles will be more lenient, next year the ruling must be adhered to.
- H. Burning was prolonged for several weeks, the overall clean-up has gone well.
- I. Unauthorized burning continues. Residents must check with the San Joaquin Air Quality before any burning is undertaken.
- J. Yearly fire hydrant testing will be done. The practice fire drill yesterday during the BBQ went well.

5. Newsletter

- A. No new business.
- B. The volunteer construction of the hose storage will be in next newsletter.
- C. Next newsletter will go out in October.

6. Roads/Streets/Signs

- A. Reflective street signs were presented, the cost was donated by David Whisler (a letter of appreciation will be sent out by Al Oderman). They will be posted as they are completed.
- B. No shooting signs will be posted this week.

Old Business

- A. Radios were purchased and will be dispensed to Bill Dolmovic, Ken Lowry and John Kracik. The frequency will be determined, John will coordinate.

New Business

New Board Member Nomination/Election

- 1. No ballots were sent out. The number of vacancies matches the number of candidates. 51% of the members must vote, an amendment to the majority will be added.
- 2. Margaret Jewett will replace Barbara Arnold and serve out the remainder of the term.

Warehouse for fire hoses/BBQ

- 1. Selection of a work day to build the foundation at the PCSD building was discussed. A weekend in October was decided upon begin on the ~12x16 ft. structure.
 - A. This date will be finalized at the next meeting in September.
 - B. Bill will design and obtain approval thru the PCSD
 - C. Newsletter will announce

Next PPOA meeting dates:

- 1. September 4, 2005 @ 10:30. The selection of candidates.
- 2. November 26, 2005. Time undetermined, the Benton's offered to host, as well as the Korf's.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business.
Minutes submitted by Sharyn Flavin.