

**PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING  
MINUTES, MAY 28, 2007**

**Board Members Present:** Margaret Jewett, Carol Morris, Bill Dolmovic, Mike Moroney, Bill Hurley, John Kracik, Sharyn Flavin

**PPOA Members Present:** Barbara Dolmovic, Cheri and Bill Benton, Kit and Betty Korf, Paul Cohen

**Minutes from last meeting** September were approved with minor changes. Current and future minutes will be posted on website communication board at: <http://www.ponderosa.com/pondo>

**Treasurers Report:** Consists of budget sheet, Light engine fund and the treasurers report. Was presented by John Kracik and accepted. Another fund raiser was suggested for the light engine.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Sunshine Committee:**

A. John Bard (Tamarack and Kramer) died and is survived by his two daughters flowers were sent.

**2. Social Committee**

A. Cheri Benton has volunteered to be a member! Welcome.

B. Tonite at 4 pm the annual Thanksgiving get together is scheduled at the Graves cabin. BYOB and pot luck.

C. Snow day will occur sometime in February, the social committee will meet together and arrange/finalize the dates/events and plans for the day.

D. Members expressed interest in a less strenuous hike, possibly the next hike taking place at the Trail of 100 Giants. We may reserve a group campsite at Redwood campground and have a BBQ.

**3. Membership Committee**

A. Currently there are 165 members that have returned their dues. A very good membership response.

B. Betty Korf completed the Ponderosa Directory! Looks great and will be given only to the PPOA members. Margaret will tally and be responsible for distribution. Barbie will be the contact for the master list / updates.

**4. Fire Safety**

- A. 4 X 4 X 4 is the current limit for burning, with someone in attendance at all times. With all of the deforestation that has taken place, many piles are double or triple that size. There are rumors that there will be a one time burn allowed for all of these piles.
- B. Members expressed concern over the hazards of such large piles. A letter was proposed to be sent to the CDF; not to permit such large scale burning, to stick to set criteria. Sharyn will draft a letter and sent to Margaret / John.
- C. Charging the homeowners for the light engine to monitor burning was also discussed.

#### **5. Newsletter**

- A. Bill D would like to draft a letter of opinion to the newsletter about the deforestation.
- B. Charging for ads was discussed and is under development. Any PPOA member would receive a discounted rate.
- C. Sharyn will purchase and get a bulletin board up at the lodge for the PPOA, she will continue to work with Mary.

#### **6. Roads/Streets/Signs**

- A. Four posts purchased.
- B. The county came up and put a new sign a Holby, the old wooden sign is being held hostage in Visalia. Margaret will write another letter requesting its return.

#### **Old Business**

- A. Margaret is working on developing a 'tickler' file. So far in May/July meeting the election should be brought up for September.

#### **Informational:**

- A. Lorna Rambo is retiring and will not be replaced. Our contact would be in California Hot Springs. Concern was expressed over the inability for that individual to reach us during the winter when the roads are closed.
- B. Some one will write a letter of concern to Priscilla Summers, of the Tule River Forest District (USDA).

#### **New Business**

##### **Light Fire Engine Update**

- A. The light engine is in Camp Nelson at Boz's. It is a 1979 with 7600 miles on it, in pristine condition. Failed to pass CA smog requirements, this is not a surprise. Is being serviced. John request assistance with the DMV process.

- B. Last week on the PCSD building we had a great turnout and community effort. Repeat tomorrow at 9 am. The roof is on and inside walls are up.
- C. Monte McGowan was kind enough to use his trailer and take the scraps down to the dump.
- D. Doug McLaughlin has agreed to supply the rollup door for the engine garage- either as a donation or deep discount.
- E. Plan and Procedure is needed for the light engine, Paul will begin to develop the plan. Right now the first responder would call 911, and go to the PCSD building and sound the alarm.
- F. The Lawry's donated ~100 ft of 2 ½ inch hose.
- G. Bill Hurley will speak with George Brown about procuring hoses and the supplies that we will need. He will be invited up to make an assessment on the emergency and evacuation plan, which is his specialty.
- H. Training on the engine will also be addressed with George Brown. Tulare county fire department members are not to participate in any training activities.

**Next PPOA meeting dates:**

To be determined.....

The meeting was adjourned with no further business.

Minutes submitted by Sharyn Flavin.