

Ponderosa Property Owner's Association

Monday May 30, 2011

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Edited by J. Kracik

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Welcome/Introductions:

Board members present: J. Kracik, President.; K. Korf, Vice President; G. Lack, Treasurer; K. Boriack, Secretary.

Board members absent: B. Dolmovic, S. Duffy, R. Thomas

Others present: B. Benton, C. Benton, J. Innis, G. Innis, B. Korf, K. Lowry

II. Review and Approval of Past Minutes:

There were no minutes from previous meeting to review.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was reviewed and approved with one addition. Added "Donations to Organizations" under Old Business, Item V. b.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was submitted. **A motion to accept as submitted was made/seconded/carried by vote.** (See separate Treasurer's report documents)

V. Old Business:

- a) **Painting of Fire Hydrants**-Bill B. reported that there is a Boy Scout troop volunteering to scrape and re-paint the fire hydrants as a project. J. Innis will be assisting in organizing and supervising the project. **A motion for PPOA to provide a maximum of \$200.00 for food and supplies for this project was made/seconded/carried by vote.**
- b) **Donations to Organizations**-J. Kracik led a discussion regarding donations made to various organizations e.g., Volunteer Ambulance and Volunteer Fire. Discussion led to the possible benefit of a "transport chair" to use in emergency response in Ponderosa. These chairs are lightweight and fold up and are used to carry/transport patients up/down stairs or when a gurney is not feasible. **After discussion, a motion was made/seconded/carried to have K. Boriack locate and purchase one (not to exceed \$150.00) to be placed on the fire truck for emergency response.**

VI. New Business:

- a) **Chipping Event**-J. Kracik shared information related to the previously planned chipping service made available to property owners through the Upper Tule Association's Fire Safety Council. After attending training on the chipper equipment, he reported that the chipper is NOT one that can accommodate large branches/trunks and is manually fed. This chipper cannot accommodate branches larger than 3 in. in diameter and all arterial branches would need to be removed prior to chipping. The bottom line is that it

is NOT adequate to chip much of the debris property owners anticipated chipping. Discussion included possible alternatives and K. Lowry volunteered to obtain three (if possible) bids from chipping businesses to provide this service at a cost to PPOA. Homeowners have already been notified of the previously planned event and there is already a substantial amount of debris at the PCSD building awaiting chipping. K. Lowry will submit to J. Kracik, in the next week, information and bids to hire a chipping service. Each bidder must supply proof of insurance and bonding. Board members will then meet/conference call/or otherwise decide how to proceed.

- b) **Peppermint Campground Clean-Up**-B. Benton led discussion regarding issues with a previous volunteering to clean-up Peppermint Campground. No volunteering event will be undertaken at this time. Clean-up remains an obligation of the Forest Service.
- c) **Nominating Committee For New Board Members/Officers**-Volunteers were solicited for a Nomination Committee for upcoming Board membership/officers. C. Benton agreed to assume this responsibility. There are currently four Board positions expiring August 31, 2011. These include positions currently held by: K. Korf, G. Lack, R. Thomas, and S. Duffy. Cheri will provide to the Board all nominations at the July 4, 2011 meeting. Anyone interested in running for a Board member/officer position should contact C. Benton. The existing Board will close nominations July 4, 2011 and elections will then be held. The new members/officers will be seated at the September, 2011 meeting.
- d) **First Aid/CPR Training**-J. Kracik reported that Cindy Terrill has agreed to conduct an 8-hour course in Ponderosa for the Volunteer Fire Brigade members and other interested PPOA homeowners. The cost is \$25.00 per person and will be held June 18, 2011 beginning at 9:00. **A motion for PPOA to pay the registration fee for any Volunteer Fire Brigade members attending was made/seconded/carried by vote.** J. Kracik will send out a flyer and e-mail advertising the training. After discussion, **a second motion for PPOA to also pay the registration fee for any other interested homeowners to attend this training was denied.** **A third motion for PPOA to provide a maximum of \$250.00 for lunch and refreshments for the attendees was made/seconded/carried by vote.**
- e) **PPOA Newsletter**-S. Wooden has requested someone take over the PPOA Newsletter. A notice went out in the May 2011 Newsletter asking for volunteers. J. Kracik reported that Michel Witherow had previously expressed interest and he will contact her to confirm.
- f) **PPOA Independence Day BBQ and Auction**-This year's festivities will be held Saturday, July 2, 2011. M. Witherow is in charge of the event. J. Kracik will contact her regarding specifics.
- g) **Eagle Scout Project-Grant Innis**-Grant Innis made a brief presentation regarding his proposed project to develop a trail between the Forest Service Road (adjacent to the Ponderosa Lodge) and Slate Mountain. This would allow visitors to walk(hike) from the Lodge to Slate Mountain, shortening the current trail by approximately 3.0 miles and encouraging more hikers coming into the area. Trail development by the Scout group would also include the creation and placement of signage along the trail. The Forest Service has given Grant provisional approval contingent upon him obtaining a commitment from an organization to conduct on-going maintenance once the trail is developed. Grant's father, J. Innis and aunt, Marya Innis will assist with and supervise this project. After discussion, **a motion to adopt/support the maintenance of this trail led by a newly created Trail Maintenance Committee headed by J. Innis was made/seconded/carried by vote.** **A second motion for PPOA to provide a maximum of \$200.00 for supplies for the signage creation was made/seconded/carried by vote.**

- h) **Revised "Notice of Fire Hazard Inspection" and Regulations-**J. Kracik shared a copy of the newly revised "Notice of Fire Hazard Inspection" now being used by the Forest Service when inspecting homeowner's property. He reported that there are some new and different regulations from past years and that he is posting a copy of the notice in the Mail Building "lock box" for all property owners to view. It was reiterated that the Forest Service is NOT sending notices out to property owners, so it is up to property owners to educate themselves as to the current fire hazard regulations. It was also suggested that both sides of the document be scanned and included in the next newsletter, as well as asking Carl Cappellen to disseminate through his Internet listserve. Kent Lowry agreed to see that it was disseminated as described.

VII. Committee Reports:

- a) **Sunshine/Membership:** C. Benton reported that flowers were recently sent to the Rainwaters.
- b) **Social Committee:** No report
- c) **Street Signs/Roads Committee:** B. Benton reported that a Boy Scout is volunteering to inventory and submit a project proposal for repairs of the existing wooden signs in the community. Once the proposal has been received, it will be brought before the Board for possible action. Bill asked members to keep in mind possible future projects to get Scouts involved with.
- d) **Volunteer Fire Brigade:** J. Kracik reported that they had their first training Saturday, May 28, 2011. A new member, John Elliott, was welcomed. John shared an updated Fire Brigade Handbook ready for distribution to members. **A motion to reimburse John for the cost of reproducing the handbooks was made/seconded/carried at a cost of approximately \$200.00.** These will be stored in the file cabinet inside the PCSD Building.
- e) **PCSD Liaison-**C. Benton shared with the group a brief overview of the responsibilities of the PCSD. It was suggested that she submit to the next newsletter an informational article regarding the PCSD and its activities and responsibilities to inform property owners who may not be familiar with PCSD's role in our community.

VIII. Announcements:

- a) **Donation from Shirley Coelho-**It was noted that a donation was received from Shirley, who no longer owns property in Ponderosa. K. Boriack reported that a thank-you letter had been sent on behalf of the PPOA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting will be held Monday, July 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.