

# **Forest Lakes Owners Association**

## **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

*Chevelon Butte School Building*

*August 16, 2008*

### **1. Call to order**

The August meeting of Forest Lakes Owners Association was called to order at 2:05PM by Mack Hume. Mack led the group in the pledge of allegiance. There were 47 people present.

### **2. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the July 2008 meeting were approved.

### **3. Treasure's Report**

April Pontious read the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$24,692.08. The ending balance is \$29,881.23. There is \$105,634.95 in 5 CD's. Total assets are \$135,516.18. The Treasurer's report was approved.

We currently have over \$100,000 in the bank; when some of the CDs mature they will be moved to a different bank to avoid having more than \$100,000 in one bank.

### **4. Membership**

Jesse Bonfeld reported that there are 587 members of FLOA. That is approximately 75% of the community. Thank you to all the paying members. The money goes to support all our activities. Encourage your neighbors to join!

### **5. Fire Auxiliary**

Jan Walls Reported there will be an Ice Cream Social on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7:30 on the Fire Station green. Thanks to all those who attended the rainy one in July!

Jan Walls received applause and a hearty thank you on behalf of the Fire Auxiliary Board for all the needed donations to the Fire Department.

The Fire Auxiliary would like to welcome all residents to join the Auxiliary. The money raised goes to support the Fire Station. It is only \$6.00 for an individual or \$10 for a family.

### **6. Fourth of July Picnic**

Frank reported that \$4,507.02 was raised at the picnic, about \$600 more than last year. The Board will decide whether to keep the ticket system or go to cash.

A motion was passed not to have tickets at next year's picnic except for the raffle.

### **7. Labor Day Pancake Breakfast**

Frank Astemborski reported that the Labor Day Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 30 from 7-10 am. The cost for adults will be \$4.00 and children \$2.00. The price is being increased 50 cents.

The bake sale for the Fourth of July Picnic made \$200 less than last year. Please pitch in and bring cakes, cookies, pies, muffins, or any other types of pastries for the Pancake Breakfast. Mary Reid is in charge of the rummage sale. Please contact Frank to volunteer for the breakfast.

### **8. Fire Department**

Dave Rodriguez, the interim Fire Chief, answered a question about why so many helicopters are used around Forest Lakes. The fire department has to follow protocols for the welfare of the patient. Since there is no trauma center in Payson or Show Low, the patient has to be flown to a trauma center in Flagstaff or Phoenix. The patient does have the right to refuse service if they are mentally competent.

Ben Froehlich reported that the Fire Chief position was offered to a candidate who turned it down. A more aggressive search for a Chief is going to begin soon.

**9. Green Waste Site**

Mack Hume reported that the new site is still very busy, although the site is not working as smoothly as hoped for because of the rain. Mack asked that people please have patience as the kinks get worked out. The cost is \$2.00 per load for residents and \$5.00 for contractors. There is no grant to support it. The fees charged help to pay for the cost. The Fire Department Board has allotted \$10,000 to cover the costs. If more is needed, FLOA will consider helping. Only trees and needles are allowed. No lumber of any kind, rocks or dirt. Thanks to Dana McKeever for all her hard work running the site. The hours are Thursday through Saturday from 7:30-3:30. The site is closed when raining.

**10. Jim Paxon**

Jim gave a fascinating slide show and lecture on forest fires around the nation. The message was that because we have suppressed natural forest fires for so many years there are too many trees per acre. Our national forests and personal properties need to be thinned to prevent massive fires. Thinning does not mean clear cutting your lot. But it does mean reducing as many as 700 unhealthy trees to a healthy 80-100 per acre with debris raked yearly. Jim said "We must manage our forests and our properties or Mother Nature will do it for us."

**11. FLOA Annual Meeting**

Karen Foncannon reported that the FLOA annual meeting will be held Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Library. John Oberreuter from the Water Department will be there to answer questions about the new water meters.

Mack Hume and Karen Foncannon are up for re-election. If there is anyone interested in being on the board please contact Mack. One more person is needed. Anyone interested in being on the FLOA Board should submit their resume to Cheryl Rife at the library.

**12. New Business**

A question was asked about the status of the van, currently parked next to the Fire Station, that had roof damage due to a heavy snowfall. Mack reported that the insurance money has been received, but until a new chief is hired, nothing can be done about it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28PM

Minutes submitted by: Lexi Leopold

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Members Present: Mack Hume, Karen Foncannon, Lexi Leopold, Wendell Lolling, Jane Cummins, Jan Walls, Jesse Bonfeld, April Pontious, Frank Astemborski

Board Members Absent: