

FOREST LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes - Monthly Meeting – May 18, 2013
CHEVELON BUTTE SCHOOL

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Nelson at 2:03 pm. She led the assembled residents and Board Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with as Board Members had previously read them and there were no corrections. At this time President Nelson read the Letter of Resignation from Member Sally Kennedy. With regret, it was moved (Judy Summers), seconded (Jane Cummins) and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was given and disclosed that total assets are \$158,604.60. A full report is attached to these minutes. Frank Astemborski moved, and it was seconded (Ted Cary) that the report be accepted. Motion passed and it will be filed for audit. Those present were reminded that Forest Lakes Owner's Association is a 501.C.4 organization.

Bear Smart Campaign

A flyer has been made and is posted throughout the community to remind people to take caution concerning our on-going bear problem. The biggest issue is trash being left out where it is accessible. Residents are strongly urged to keep their "garbage" under lock and key to prevent damage.

Highway Clean-Up

This project is scheduled for the Thursday following the up-coming holiday. That is May 30th. Volunteers are to meet at the Fire Station at 9:00am where Rick Brunton and Mack Hume will assign workers. All residents are welcome to come and help.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Volunteers are always needed. Set-up will be on Friday afternoon, 3:00 pm at the Fire Station. Clean-up also needs one or two strong men to be available to put all the equipment back into storage following the event. This year we have received a donation from Hickman Eggs and Chris Bennett, Debbie Skeldon and Mary Hume will be preparing them. There will be no additional charge for the eggs, contrary to previously published information.

July 4th

Independence Day celebration will be on Saturday, July 6th, at the Library. There will be arts and crafts, games, activities, tattoos for the children as well as hot dogs, drinks. Details will follow. There will be a (third annual) Charity Ride through the community organized by Scott/Chris Bennett. This year funds donated will be given to the FLFD Auxiliary to enable them to purchase gurney lifts for the Fire Department. Line-up will be at Bugle's Restaurant at 8:00am. The FLFD will supply a truck to escort them on the Ride. Last year over \$1,000 was raised. This year's entrée donation can surpass that amount! It was moved (Judy Summers), seconded (Frank Astemborski) that FLOA donate 50% of the cost of the permit needed for this event. Motion was passed unanimously. The issue of a liability waiver was discussed and Bennetts will work with the FLOA Board President to be sure this is covered.

May Ice Cream Social

Auxiliary Board member, Pat Hennessey, made an appeal for pies and brownies to be donated for the event on Sunday, May 26th, following the Pancake Breakfast. Event will be from 2:00-4:00pm at the Fire Station.

Green Waste Sight (GWS)

President Nelson and Fire Chief Rodriguez brought residents up-to-date on the issues surrounding the GWS. Snowflake Energy has gone out of business and the Forest Service has closed down the sight because of fire danger. Both of them are working very hard along with the Forest Service (new Ranger Christopher James) to find both short-term and long-term solutions to our dilemma. Currently the FS is working to create a bumper zone surrounding the GWS, felling trees and making a dozer line around it as well. The Fire District has separated the materials into five smaller piles.

President Nelson has received notice that there will be a truck/trailer in our community on Saturday, May 25th and that party has volunteered to haul off all needles he received.

Reservations are needed. She has also talked with Supervisor Mandy Metzger in Flagstaff about this issue and asked for help from the County as well.

Heber and Show Low have transfer/slash stations, but they're for those residents only.

There was much discussion between the Board and residents and current time, there is no quick fix, but the three entities (FLOA, FLFD and Forest Service) will continue to work hard to find solution(s).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library – Cheryl Rife had no new information to give.

FL Church – Jean Jacobs told those present that Church starts on Sunday, May 19th, 10:00am. They are planning community-wide potlucks and those will be announced when dates draw near.

Piecemakers – Helen Noyes reported that there will be TWO quilts being raffled off this year. Both are on display at the Library/School Building. One will benefit the Library, the other goes to the quilters.

FLFD Auxiliary – new President Shirley Tolby reminded citizens that tee shirts, etc., will be available for purchase at the Pancake Breakfast.

Fire District – residents and guests are strongly cautioned to be aware of the dangers of our dry forest conditions. On May 23rd, the National Forests AND the State will be putting in place state-wide restrictions for all areas.

Black Mesa Ranger District – Ranger James told meeting that Stage 1 restrictions (“to make sure any fire is contained) are in place and to be very careful at this dangerous time of year.

They are set to make the decision on the Rim Lakes Thinning Project. Comments were received over the past year.

A second project, Larson, to thin forest beginning in 2015, is set to be examined. Lumber will be distributed to companies to be re-used. FLOA residents are invited to participate in this project. Contact the Forest Service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Rodriguez reported for our temporary deputy Robert McKeever, that there have not been any new break-ins reported.

Phone Books are here and are available for purchase, \$1 each. They are available throughout the community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Judy Summers Approved by Judy Nelson and will be posted on the website.

Members Present: Judy Nelson, Judy Summers, Jane Cummins, Ted Cary, Mack Hume, Frank Astemborski. Not Present: Mary St.Germain, Rosie Watson and Debbie Skeldon.

Community members present: 21