

FOREST LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING – August 15, 2015
FLOA House – 1111 Merzville Road

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting at the new Community Center's FLOA House was called to order by President Judy Nelson at 2:02 pm. The President then led the Board members and residents in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The reading of the Minutes from the July meeting, having been distributed to the Board, there was one correction: the ending balance in June should have been \$14,234.21. With this correction, they were approved as corrected and may be found on the FLOA website.

It was here that President Nelson announced that Member Mary St.Germain has tendered her resignation. The letter was given to Secretary Summers to be filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cummins reported that the current balance is \$15,069.92. Treasurer Cummins moved that the report be accepted as presented, the motion was seconded by Member Skeldon and the motion passed. The report will be filed for audit.

FLOA REPORTS

Annual Meeting – will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015, in conjunction with the monthly meeting. The Board is currently taking applications for new Board members. One has been received from Darwin Reynolds. Other interested parties should contact President Nelson to fill out an application.

Farmer's Market – will be held on Saturday, August 22, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. There will be crafts, food, and fresh vegetables (fresh roasted Hatch chilies and Taylor corn) available for purchase. The FD Dispatchers will be having sandwiches available for purchase and the "Q" will be open for seating.

50th Birthday Report – A DVD presentation may be seen on You Tube. Copies are available at the Community Center for \$5.00 each. The response to the tee shirts was huge – over 250. The Board is in the process of distributing those ordered. If you failed to pre-order one, President Nelson is taking orders for a second run, to be available by Labor Day.

Pancake Breakfast – Sign-up Sheets were passed around. There was some discussion about getting the eggs prepared as the Skeldons will be out of the community that weekend. Member Hume said that it will be covered.

Highway Clean-Up – The fall clean-up is scheduled for Thursday following the holiday weekend, September 9th. Those wishing to participate are asked to gather at the Community Center at 9:00am, where Rick Brunton will give out the assignments. Remember, many hands make light work!

Community Center Updates - Cal Phillips has volunteered to be on the entrance renovation committee with Ted Cary and Les Morey (Mo the Draftsman). The renovation to the front entrance will be delayed until spring to allow the committee to complete the design and to make sure the funds are in hand before they begin.

Signage – President Nelson ordered a new wooden sign on this day to be put out front. In addition, we are getting a lighted flag pole for the front to be displayed all season. There will be a weather-proofed bulletin board placed on the side of the building. Secretary Summers is contacting a Tempe artist to see about a giant "Q" for that building.

Restroom – the second bathroom in the Center is now ADA compliant. All that remains is for a new sink to be installed and some paint on the walls. The assist bars are in and will be installed once the painting is complete.

Driveway – Ted announced that he oversaw the laying of additional gravel on the south side of the Center for additional traffic. He had the gravel placed behind the Center so we have a circular drive now.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Piecemakers – Donna Brunton announced that their annual luncheon will be held on Monday, August 17th, in the "Q". Theme this year is western and the "Q" has been decorated for it.

Water Department – Mary Hume told those present that revenues are down because of all the rain this summer.

FLFD Auxiliary – They were able to raise \$1,815 on their tee shirt quilt raffle. The drawing was held at their monthly meeting, this date, and a non-resident, Karen Sanders won. She was thrilled. The Auxiliary has given \$5,000 to the Fire Department this year, raising their grand total to around \$20,000.

It was also announced that the election results for the coming year are: Mary St. Germain – Secretary; Debbie Skeldon – Vice President.

Fire Department – Chief Rodriguez reminded residents that the new ISO rating took effect in August, changing our designation from a Five (5) to a Four (4). This means lower insurance rates for the community. Their Legacy Building efforts now show they have over \$80,000 in donations and pledges. There will be a 3-hour ATV Poker Run, coordinated by Jeannine Daniels on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. 75% of the proceeds will be going to the Fund.

The recent cell phone outage (July 20-21) severely damaged the emergency response times in our community. Cause: a fiber optics cable above ground was damaged by a shotgun, possible vandalism. Chief thanked John Nelson and his Ham operators for getting communication lines up and operating during the crisis. All residents, new and old, are urged to get Scanners. A 10-channel unit is available on Amazon for \$77.00.

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Chief Rodriguez also announced the receipt of a new grant to purchase a new mini-pumper. Details are available in their minutes. The Community is cautioned to prepare for a 1997-type winter with thirteen to sixteen feet of snow possible. In 2010, we received nine feet.

Sheriff Department – Deputy McKeever reported that in June and July, he responded to 348 calls. Many rain caused, with many search/rescue ones. For the winter the County is providing him with 3 vehicles: a new search and rescue quad, a snowmobile and a side-by-side unit with tracks for winter mobility.

For those who were victims of the burglar last year, his trial begins next month. He has been held in Flagstaff awaiting his trial. There have been no more break-ins in our community.

He also told those present that he is now a First Responder with the Fire Department. When asked about using trained CERT personnel/volunteers here in Forest Lakes, he deferred to Aaron Vick, the Coconino Search and Rescue Coordinator for the County, saying volunteers needed 40-hours of training.

Black Mesa Ranger District – ATV traffic in and around homes on the south side of the highway is being currently addressed. It was reported that much of the signage in that area needs to be re-worked/revised.

Forest Lakes Community Church – They will hold a Potluck following Church on Sunday, August 16th, at the Library/School Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rosanne Smith asked if there was anything that could be done about excessive noise from ATV. Deputy McKeever said that Coconino County has no noise ordinance in place. As to discharge of firearms in the forest, only John Lopez, a federal employee, is the only one who can enforce that issue. Mr. Lopez can be contacted at _____. Currently, the only restriction is that no one can discharge a fire arm within a quarter of a mile of homes while hunting.

Bruce Cummins announced that the President of the School Board has posted her letter of resignation at the School.

Donna Brunton noted that the new rental ordinances go into effect in November. People are urged to contact the Community Development Office or the Assessor's Office in Flagstaff with complaints. Complaints must come from residents. The sheriff's office noted that most of the problems in Forest Lakes are related to rentals.

The Community Center now has developed a "Equipment Checkout Form" to reserve items from the Center. Forms can be found in the file at the front door of the FLOA House or by contacting Ted Cary.

Quentin Tolby did a paper on the Manganese found here in Forest Lakes and will have it available, along with samples of the ore, at the Pancake Breakfast.

Final thoughts: Judy Nelson pointed out the Interactive map on the wall in the Center. She also re-did the Historical Tour and map from the birthday celebration. Now it's all-in-one and available.

Left-over ice cream may be purchased for \$5/gallon as long as supplies last.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10p.

Submitted Judy Summers ; approved by Judy Nelson _____

These minutes will be posted on the FLOA website.

Members Present: Judy Nelson, Ted Cary, Judy Summers, Jane Cummins, Frank Astemborski, Mack Hume and Debbie Skeldon.

Community Members Signed In: 17.