

**MT. HOOD FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSN.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 02, 2014**

**Members Present:** President Paula Hoiland, Ken Hoiland, Mark Beckius, Michael Halligan, Scott MacCaskill, Amelia Wilcox, Secretary Carolyn Raz

**Members Absent:** Joel Grayson, Webmaster Daryl Philippi and Tom Reynolds

**Guests:** Buz Raz

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm at the cabin of Amelia Wilcox.

**State of the Accounts:** Though Michael Halligan agreed at the last meeting to take over the duties of Treasurer, Paula first needs to revamp and streamline the accounting system and change the location of the bank accounts. Likewise, she will change the location of the post office box because of the limited days and hours of accessibility of the current location. Ken Hoiland will act as interim treasurer with recording keeping only and not as a signer, and Carolyn will be the co-signer on the checks.

**Financial Report:** Paula gave a breakdown of the expenses for the annual meeting and several other line items. In prior years, the Association has only been charged a minimal amount for use of the Welches Elementary School for the Annual Meeting. This year, she received a bill for over \$300. She will look into an explanation and possible reduction to amounts charged in previous years.

**Total assets - \$31,620.** Currently, only 46 percent of the cabin owners have paid their dues for 2014, as opposed to 62 percent by the end of 2013. It is anticipated that participation will reach the 2013 level by the end of the calendar year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Recap of the Annual Meeting:** Paula said the new dues card and the card with important phone numbers was met with great enthusiasm. The new cards show the road and cabin numbers and the current membership year. At the bottom of the card is a line offering a \$1,500 reward for the arrest of

anyone breaking into a cabin. The idea is to have the cards placed in a cabin window. It was suggested there be a photo contest for cabin owners to submit forest related pictures with the winning picture to be on the face of the 2015 dues card. This will be a subject for a future board meeting.

The raffle items were well received. The Association gratefully acknowledges the vendor (local businesses) participation which was augmented by \$56 from the Association. The grand prize, a gift certificate from the Rendezvous Restaurant, was particularly well received.

Donation to the C2 Committee: Since 2008, the Association has donated \$30,000 to the C2 Committee. The committee's goal is to have Congress enact a new, more equitable and affordable annual permit fee act. The existing Cabin Fee Fairness Act has resulted in such high fees in some tracts, that it is forcing cabin owners around the country to abandon their cabins.

Donations from members to MHFHA designated for the C2 Committee totals \$1,550 for 2014. It was unanimously accepted that the Association would match that amount. In November, if the bill passes, there will be a great expense for implementation and the Association might have to ask for further donations at that time.

New Board Members: Joel's term expires in November. Additionally, there is an unfilled Board position. Discussion included a suggestion to try to attract some younger persons to join the Board for a broader age representation.

Highway Clean-up: Upon the recent death of a mountain icon, Joie Smith (owner of Alpine Towing), a local woman asked Paula if MHFHA would be willing to cede part of the highway that we clean in lieu of a portion of the highway higher up the mountain. The goal of the local woman is to use the highway portion as a memorial to Joie. Discussion included recognizing that our Associations' participation includes many people and splitting our work area would be more difficult to supervise and maintain safety. The Board did not offer a motion at this time.

Oregon Forest Homeowners Assn.: Amelia, the newest Board member of MHFHA, will be attending her first OFHA meeting in

September in Bend. It was agreed that MHFHA will pay her mileage and one night's lodging.

Road Signs: Years ago, each Forest Service road had a carved wooden sign. Several years ago, an award was given by the Forest Service to a cabin owner who personally undertook the restoration of the sign on Road 28.

Paula suggested we look into the cost of having 19 new signs carved. Buz volunteered to get a bid/suggestions from Ray Glenn, a local man who has carved signs for establishments on the mountain as well as for private individuals. The signs would reflect the tract name, such as Mile Bridge or Camp Creek. The bid will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Forest Road Maintenance: All the Forest Service roads in the summer home track are in disrepair. The Forest Service has little or no money to grade, fill pot holes, gravel or repave. Scott suggested that members of the Board inspect the roads and look into the cost of repairs. Buz volunteered to ask David Linn, a local excavation and road repair company owner, to attend the next meeting to address what could be done to manage our road and fill in the pot holes and the cost. David is a Forest Service-approved contractor who currently provides snow removal for a couple FS roads that are paid for by the cabin owners.

Newsletter Articles: Paula asked that articles for the November newsletter be submitted to her by October 15.

Meeting Dates: Board meetings will be held on the first Mondays in November, February and August. The annual meeting will be the third Saturday in June.

The next Board meeting will be November 3, 2014.

3:35 pm - meeting adjourned.