

MT. HOOD FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2011

Members Present: Gene Comfort, Joel Grayson, Ken Hoiland, Paula Hoiland (President), Tom Reynolds, Carolyn Raz (Secretary).

Guest Present: Buz Raz

7:10 p.m. - Meeting called to order. Minutes of the November 1, 2010, Board meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Though unable to be present, the Treasurer, Daryl Philippi, submitted a report for Board review and discussion. The total assets are \$20,682 with operating expenses of \$3,256 for the year end of 2010. To date, 62% of the 553 cabins have membership in the Association.

There was discussion on the liability of individual Board members should monies not be accounted for or properly safeguarded. **Paula volunteered to look into Directors and Officers liability insurance availability and cost.** She will bring a report to the next meeting. **Paula will also inquire of the National Forest Homeowners (NFH) if they have liability insurance of which we could be a part.**

It was suggested that our accounts should be audited on a periodic basis to keep us in good stead with the IRS and the National Forest Homeowners. **Tom Reynolds, who shares his cabin ownership with his brother, Gary, will ask Gary, a principle in a CPA firm, for a quote on an audit.** It was decided that the monthly bank and CD statements should be sent to Paula for approval and then forwarded to Daryl for reconciliation. **Paula will ask the NFH if they have accounting procedures in place that might be shared with MHFHA.**

Old Business:

New Dues Structure: As decided at the November Board meeting, the new dues rate will be \$20 instead of \$10, per cabin.

Paula will write an article for the next newsletter regarding the increase and the reasons. In particular, we need to replenish the savings account with the \$12,000 given to the Oregon Forest Homeowners Assn. for the C2 Committee work because there will now be additional on-going cost to present our case to the new Congress.

Cabin Fee Act: Because a new Congress was seated in January, the Doc Hastings (D-Washington) bill submitted to Congress to change to a more equitable permit fee structure, but not voted upon, will have to be resubmitted to the new Congress. MHFHA members will be asked for donations that can be passed on to the NFH for expenses incurred by the committee to lobby Congressmen. A motion to contribute \$4,000 to NFH was made by Ken Hoiland and seconded by Gene Comfort. Motion passed. If more than \$4,000 is collected from cabin owners, the Association will donate it to NFH.

New Business:

Destroyed Cabin/In Lieu Lot: A Forest Service cabin on the Zig Zag River was swept away in recent flooding. **Buz Raz will ask Fran Lanagan, Cabin Administrator, if the Forest Service has a policy to give an in-lieu lot to cabin owners who loose their cabins to flood.** It was reported that the Forest Service requires the owner of a cabin lost to a flood to remove all cabin debris from the river. It was suggested we need a newsletter article for this concern. **All newsletter articles are to be submitted by April 22.**

Newsletter: Ken Hoiland volunteered to write an article on the Forest Roads condition and what can be expected during the coming summer regarding repair and maintenance.

National Forest Homeowners Board of Directors Positions: Paula has been asked by the NFH to run for election to one of the five vacancies on the National Board. The Pacific Northwest is under-represented on the Board in light of its being second only to California in number of cabins but has no representation. Recommendations to fill those five vacancies should be sent to all Mt. Hood cabin owners in the next newsletter.

Annual Meeting: The date will be June 18. Board members were asked to check on the facilities at the Dorman Women's Center (behind the Subway Drive-in on Hwy 26, to assess the space and how it might accommodate the meeting.

Future Board Meetings: **May 2** - location to be announced; **July 16** at Gene Comfort's cabin; **November 7** - location to be announced.

Suggestions were offered on potential speakers. Sharon Karr, the NFH Treasurer and active member of the Oregon Forest Homeowners Assn; David Jacobs, Lady Creek Water master; Fran Lanagan, Cabin Administrator; someone from the Rhododendron Citizens Planning Office (CPO) and/or someone from the Forest Service who can talk about Timberline Lodge, the Barlow Trail and other features and attractions in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

8:55 p.m. - Meeting adjourned