

**MT. HOOD FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSN.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 05, 2014**

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

Absent: Joel Grayson, Scott MacCaskill, Treasurer Daryl Philippi and Tom Reynolds

Guests: Buz Raz

7:00 pm - President Paula called the meeting to order.

Michael moved to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2014, Board meeting. Seconded by Ken. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Daryl, Paula submitted the May status of the association funds. The total assets, comprising cash on hand and CD's, amount to \$27,560. The only major expense was the liability insurance premium of \$1,466. It was agreed to reimburse Paula for her expenses to attend the annual NFH convention in Reno in April.

Of the 551 cabins in the Mt. Hood tract, membership in the association represents 62%, down from 66% in both 2011 and 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

Forest Watch Program

Forest Watch Sign on Road 35A The Forest Service wants the Forest Watch sign on Road 35A to be removed. Paula contacted the Leanne Veldhuis of the Forest Service to request that it remain in place. She was told, under threat of a jail sentence, that it must be removed. It was decided that the sign be relocated and attached to the bridge and Mark volunteered to do it.

Road Captain: It was suggested that Paula, at the Annual Meeting, promote the value of road captains, or similar title, who would disseminate important information to the cabin owners on a road or a given section of a road. Road 32/34 cabin owners have banded together the past five years to contract for snow plowing. The communication to everyone is via email. That email list has been used to pass along information, such as burglaries, illegal gun firing in close proximity to the cabins, important notices from MHFHA, OFHA and NFH, even the

announcement of the Annual Meeting. The feedback from the neighbors has been totally positive.

Security Camera: Given the history of the rash of burglaries in 2012 and recent reports of burglaries on Roads 32 and 35, there was discussion about security cameras on each road. Paula and Ken looked into solar-powered cameras with enough resolution to capture license plate numbers. The price of such cameras was in the \$600 each range each, which Buz said according to his research was a good price.

Mountain Times Article: At a previous Board meeting, Paula volunteered to write an article for the *Mountain Times* about the cabin owners making strides in security to thwart burglaries and other illegal activity. She will try to submit that for the next monthly edition. History indicates that most of the burglaries are perpetrated by people living in the area and the article is to try to dissuade potential miscreants.

Membership Cards: At the last meeting, Paula had introduced a sample membership card used by the Lake of the Woods tract and explained the resultant increase in their association membership. The idea of MHFHA adopting that program was met with enthusiasm. Mark had volunteered to look into the cost of printing a 4" x 6" card with a picture on one side and important phone numbers on the reverse side. On the picture side would be the current year and a space for the cabin owner to write in the road and cabin numbers. On the picture side will be an offer of a \$1,500 reward for anyone reporting information leading to the capture of a burglar(s). The idea is to suggest the cabin owner place the card in a window. Upon further discussion, it was determined people would want the list of important phone numbers next to the phone, not in a window. It was then decided to make the membership card into a post card with room for the addressee and the stamp on the reverse side of the picture in lieu of phone numbers. An attractive card with the important phone numbers would be printed separately and distributed at the Annual Meeting. Mark volunteered to obtain quotes on both the membership card and the phone number card.

It was suggested that Paula announce at the Annual Meeting and in the spring newsletter a competition among the members to submit photos to her to be used for face of the membership card. The picture will change each year to reflect the current year.

If more than one person provides information on the apprehension of a burglar(s), the reward would be split between/among them.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues Increase: At the February meeting, the Board voted to increase the annual dues from \$20 to \$30. It was felt that the increase needs to be justified to the members. Paula will bring that up at the Annual Meeting, as well as in the newsletter the following items:

- 1, Cost of security cameras.
2. The printing and postage of the new membership cards and important telephone numbers card.
3. Reward for the information leading to the capture of criminals.
4. Funds to donate to National Forest Homeowners to further pursue the passage of the Cabin Fee Act

Treasurer Resignation: The association's treasurer, Daryl Philippi, has tendered his resignation via an email to Paula which she read into the minutes a copy of which is attached. He will remain the webmaster.

Michael Halligan volunteered to consider assuming the treasurer position. He will let Paula know within the next week if he will accept the position. If he decides to not to do it long term, he will temporarily assume the duties until someone else steps to the plate.

Committee Job Descriptions: At the last meeting, Board members volunteered to serve on committees. Paula said she would write each committee's responsibilities. The committee chairs will report to both Paula and the Board.

NEH Annual Convention: Paula said there was a good turnout of members and an even better turnout of Forest Service high echelon staff from Washington, DC. The Forest Service is strongly in favor of the Cabin Fee Act passage. They don't want to see the dissolution of the cabin program, which will essentially disappear if CUFFA remains in effect due to the extraordinarily high annual permit fees levied on some tracts up to \$27,000 per cabin.

Paula said there was a theme of collaboration between the tracts and the Forest Service. Some tracts, even very small tracts, help maintain trails, look out for forest fires and

other projects. MHFHA needs to look for ways that it can assist the over-worked staff beyond our semi-annual highway litter patrols.

MHFHA Becoming an NFH Member Tract: The value of becoming a tract member instead of individual membership opens the door to availing everyone of, among other things, the NFH website and newsletters. Most importantly, it's an efficient and quick way for the NFH to communicate with individual cabin owners and to gather support and input when issues arise which need to be responded to immediately. The NFH will provide information, perspective and representation on national and regional Forest Service policies affecting the cabins, as well as assistance to tracts in organizing and addressing local issues. MHFHA members can pay their annual dues of \$35 NFH (which is a \$5 discount) and \$30 MHFHA dues at the same time.

Annual Meeting:

Date Change: Originally, the Annual Meeting was scheduled for June 21st, but Paula is committed during that time, so the meeting has been pushed forward to June 28.

Location/Time: the meeting will again be held at the Welches Grade School. Instead of ordering a Port-a-Potty, we will pay to have the school restroom open. Scott has again generously agreed to buy all the food supplies and cook the hamburgers and hotdogs. The Board members will help do the set-up starting at 10:00 am. Lunch will start at 11:45 and the meeting at 12:15.

Guest Speakers:

Doug Gann: Doug is an NFH board member as well as C2 committee member and was instrumental in writing the CFA. He has broad knowledge of the CFA and has been to Washington, DC, to lobby for its passage. Doug will explain and take questions about the status of CFA.

Ernie Atencio: Ernie is the new executive director of NFH. He will report on the latest activities of NFH.

Leanne Veldhuis: Leanne is the Forest Service staff person who replaced Christy Covington overseeing the Mt. Hood recreational homes for the Zig Zag Ranger District. She'll tell what is new or changes that affect the cabin owners.

Invasive Plants: Paula will ask the Forest Service for a supply of brochures on invasive plants to pass out at the meeting.

Travel Expenses: Both Doug Gann (who lives in Leavenworth, WA) and Ernie Atencio (who lives in New Mexico) will incur expenses to travel to Oregon. NFH will pay half of Ernie's airfare, which will be over \$600 round trip. Doug will drive, but needs to be reimbursed for gas. Both Doug and Ernie will spend the night at Paula's cabin. A motion was made by Michael to set aside no more than \$500 to cover expenses for Doug and Ernie. Seconded by Ken. Motion approved.

Door Prizes: It was decided to pass out a few door prizes as both an advertisement for local restaurants and merchants, but as a further inducement for attendance. Buz will seek a gift certificate from the Rendezvous Restaurant, Mark will ask the Zig Zag Inn, and Amelia will ask the Skyway.

Next Board Meeting: August 2nd at Amelia's cabin. Details to follow.

2014 Calendar

May 05 - Highway Clean-up

Jun 28 - Annual Meeting

Aug 02 - Board Meeting at Amelia's cabin and social time

Oct 15 - Deadline for Fall newsletter articles

Nov 02 - Board Meeting

Below is the email that Daryl sent to Paula on May 2, 2014

From: darl_p@juno.com [mailto:darl_p@juno.com]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 3:39 PM

To: p.hoiland@comcast.net

Subject: Re: MHFHA BOARD MEETING MAY 5th

Paula,

I feel it is time for me to direct my energies in other directions. I was on the original board 22 years ago that developed MHFHA. I certainly have used my passion for the needs of this organization and currently I feel have been putting forth efforts that appear to be ignored. Therefore it is time for someone else to step up to the plate and carry on the work.

I think an appropriate agenda item for the upcoming meeting should be "a new treasurer". If someone steps up, I would be more than happy to help them understand the needs. If nobody steps up then this should be the greater conversation.

Seven years ago I formally resigned and was convinced that things would improve with more involvement from the board making the work more shared. And

At that time I had personal reasons as well as the lack of support from the board. Neither of these situations have changed.

The financial report as always is available on the first page of the database,

Daryl

Please note: message attached

From: "Paula Hoiland" <p.hoiland@comcast.net>

To: <info@mhfa.com>

Cc: <ajwilcox@lclark.edu>

Subject: MHFHA BOARD MEETING MAY 5th

Date: Thu, 1 May 2014 08:27:25 -0700