

**MT. HOOD FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Ray and Kris Amling Cabin**  
**August 12, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Kris and Ray Amling, David Gearing, Doug Hartley, Ken Hoiland, President Paula Hoiland, Secretary Carolyn Raz, Jean Schnadig

**Members Absent:** Joel Grayson, Michael Halligan

2:15 pm - Meeting called to order. The agenda was approved with the addition of information on a Crime Alert computer link.

Minutes of the June 24, 2017, Annual Meeting, with the exception that **Jean** and **Kris** were not Board members at that time, were approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Membership Update:** Because of on-going, extensive medical problems, **Michael Halligan** has been unable to continue as treasurer for many months. **Paula** has temporarily assumed the treasurer's duties and therefore gave the report. Needing to be relieved of some of her work load, **Paula** asked for help. **Paula** will let **Michael** know that **Jean Schnadig** volunteered to take over all the responsibilities of treasurer.

As of July 31, 2017, 314 cabins/members had paid 2017 dues (57%), while 203 of those also had paid 2017 NFH dues (37%).

Given that the membership is less than in recent years, it was suggested that Board members divide the non-membership list and phone those people to encourage membership by using the talking points of the road repairs, the Trust Workshop, and the work being done by a consortium of insurance companies to create a category for cabins (79% of cabin owners can't get or have had their insurance cancelled).

The largest expenditures have been the Annual Meeting, liability insurance and printing and postage for the newsletters. Because the rented screen for the Annual Meeting was unused, the rental company agreed to provide the screen next year at no charge.

The Association's total assets - \$40,060.

**Liability Insurance:** As reported at the May Board meeting, the cost of liability insurance for the Board jumped dramatically from approximately \$1,600 to over \$6,000. Good news: **Paula** was able to obtain the insurance from US Liability Insurance Co., for \$1,100!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Review of the Annual Meeting:** The Board consensus was that having more Forest Service staff present, particularly District Ranger **Bill Westbrook**, was a plus. Also,

having shorter presentations was for the better. The canvas tote bags and coffee cups with the MHFHA logo were well received.

It is with great disappointment that **Scott MacCaskill**, former Board member and chef extraordinaire, will no longer be purchasing, preparing and cooking the hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages. We will need volunteers to either perform those tasks, or as was suggested, see if the Hoodland Thriftway would do the preparation provided we purchase the tomatoes, onions, lettuce and condiments from them. **David** will inquire of Thriftway.

**Road Repair Project:** **David Linn Trucking**, the contractor awarded the bid for the road repairs, is to give **Paula** the schedule indicating the dates and number of days required for each road. **Paula** will then enter the information on the website. She will meet with **David Linn** in a couple weeks to go over the contract.

**David Gearing** suggested that **Bill Westbrook**, the District Ranger, sign off on the contract and permit with **David Linn**.

Board members need to emphasize to the members that these are repairs, not resurfacing.

It was suggested that signs be made and installed by **David Linn** on each road as it is repaired. The signs should have the MHFHA logo with the verbiage in green letters on a white background: "Road repair funded by the Mt. Hood Forest Homeowners Assn. Your dues at work!" **Ken, Ray** and **Carolyn** will get quotes on the signs on 50, 75 signs and the difference in cost between corrugated plastic with wire or with a stick. The signs would be the size of a campaign or "For Sale" sign.

**Board Election Results:** Both Kris Amling and Jean Schnadig were elected as new members to the Board at the Annual Meeting. **Ray, Paula** and **Carolyn** were reelected.

**Barbecue Grill:** A gas grill to be used at the annual meeting was purchased for \$350 to replace the old one. **David** has agreed to store it at his cabin.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Officer Elections:** In accordance with the By-Laws, ballots were distributed to Board members present to elect the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. It was unanimous that **Paula** will continue as president, **Ray** to become vice president, **Jean** to assume the treasurer position and **Carolyn** to remain as secretary.

**Pursuit of New Board Members:** There has been a vacancy on the Board since the resignation of **Scott MacCaskill**. Additionally, the many absences of another Board member due to other commitments, creates another opening. The By-Laws specify that

numerous absences from Board meetings necessitate a replacement. **Paula** will contact the Board member and state a replacement is being sought.

**Paula** has been contacted by a couple of prospective Board members and she will follow up with both of them.

**Hood-to-Coast Relay Race:** The annual race will begin August 25 at Timberline Lodge. From westbound Hwy 26, the course will be diverted onto Road 39 (the Kiwanis Camp road), thence through an opened gate into the Lady Creek Water Works, and onto Roads 35 and 31. **Paula** will put the information on the website.

**Fall Newsletter:** Everyone was asked to submit an article and/or pictures (such as of the eclipse) for the fall newsletter. Items need to be submitted to **Paula** by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Trust Workshop:** A number of members have expressed interest in learning more about putting their cabin and permit in a Trust. Brad Aspell, a former NFH board member and a retired attorney very knowledgeable about the topic, has agreed to give a workshop to our members on the subject. One of the issues is just a single name allowed on a given permit. Originally, it was hoped to have the workshop this fall, but it needs to be deferred till spring. Date to be announced.

**Mushroom Class and Picking Event - October 7:** Many people have signed up for the October 7 class. We need to ascertain the class limit. Also, each participant needs a mushroom permit, which is good for a year. The permit can be obtained from the Zig Zag Ranger Station.

**Cabin Garbage Service?:** As was brought up at the Annual Meeting, the Forest Service has received a number of complaints from local businesses about cabin owners disposing of their trash in receptacles owned by the businesses. There was discussion among the Board members about a possible remedy, such as having a dumpster for members only with key coded access. **Carolyn** will contact the local garbage company to explore options and prices. After obtaining that information, permission will be asked of the Forest Service to position a dumpster on Forest Service property on Lolo Pass Road. This would also be another selling point to potential Association members.

**Highway Clean-up September 23:** **Paula** will not be available to set up the semi-annual highway litter patrols. **Paula** asked for either a Board volunteer or non-Board Association member to run the event. **Paula** will be able to provide all the information to that person.

4:10 pm: Meeting adjourned.

### **2017-18 Calendar**

Sep 23, 2017 - Hwy Clean-up  
Nov 06, 2017 - Board Meeting  
Feb 05, 2018 - Board Meeting  
May 07, 2018 - Board Meeting  
May 19, 2018 - Hwy Clean-up  
Jun 23, 2018 - Annual Meeting  
Aug 11, 2018 - Board Meeting at Mt. Hood  
Nov 05, 2018 - Board Meeting