

# **GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSOCIATION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **JUNE 23, 2001**

The meeting commenced at 12:15 p.m. with the Forest Service representative, Dave Boyer, giving his presentation. It was mentioned that this is a very bad fire year as its very dry. You can pick up copies of this year's fire restrictions from their office. There will be no burning permits being issued this season due to the expected danger. It was also mentioned that the Forest Service will be completing the inspections for permits this year and they will be issuing letters to individual owners for non-compliance issues.

It was also mentioned that the forest clearing around the paved road has been cancelled. There was only one positive public review on this project and one very lengthy negative review on it, so it was cancelled. It was mentioned that the President of the tract had received information from Don Harrington that indicated it was still on. Dave mentioned he would double check with Don and get back to us.

A question about the color of paint for cabins came up. It was mentioned that the colors provided in the samples provided by the Forest Service are no longer available. This discussion also brought up the question regarding roof colors. The Forest Service indicated that they don't like people painting the roofs because the paint peels off and there's shredded paint on the roof, so basically what the Forest Service is going to do is if the cabin owner can keep the roof color painted they can do so until reissuance of the permit in 2004 at which time they will have to put on a roof that will be a permanent color. Questions came up at that time asking why someone would have to go through the expense of replacing a roof that is in perfectly good condition just because of the color. The Forest Service indicated that if the cabin owner wanted their permit reissued, they would have to replace the roof in order to comply with the new rules. The Forest Service indicated that this was based on the Region V National Forest Service guidelines. A question was asked if the Forest Service buildings also had to follow these guidelines with reference to appropriate colors. It was stated that no, what the Forest Service does on their buildings has nothing to do with the guidelines for summer home tracts. It was asked what was driving the changes the Forest Service wants to make and the representative indicated that these are the same rules that govern all of California within the Region V boundaries.

The Forest Service was asked to clarify the fact that decisions that were made by their predecessors are no longer valid. If the current Forest Service employees don't like the color of a roof or a cabin, they have the right to change it. In another two to twenty years, if the current employees are no longer around, the new employees have the right to again change the requirements. This was affirmed by the Forest Service staff at the meeting; their comment was that rules change, permit requirements change. It was mentioned by a cabin owner that we had the right to appeal. Staff was asked if the Forest Supervisor and the supervisor of Region V were backing these comments being told to us today and he said absolutely. It was mentioned that we had finally received a copy of the new handbook, which we had to get from San Francisco as the local office wouldn't provide us with a copy. It was stressed again that we don't own the property, we only own the cabin. Dave ended his presentation by meeting with several individuals who had wanted to talk to him about cabin paint and roof colors.

Roll call was taken to determine whether or not a quorum existed to continue the meeting. This year the cabin owners also introduced themselves during roll call so new owners could acquaint themselves with existing owners. It was determined that a quorum existed.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Bitterman/Kiefer) to accept the June 2000 meeting minutes as presented.

It was mentioned that the tract appraisal was actually behind schedule. The Forest Service, not Mick Dunshee, was the one behind schedule as there was not enough staff to complete the review of the appraisals. We would receive information on the completed appraisals as soon as they were available.

The dumpster was brought up again this year to reconsider whether or not we brought one back into the tract. The bear seemed to be the biggest problem with the dumpster. Phil Fittings had placed a chain around the dumpster this past season to keep the bear from dumping the garbage all over the tract. The agreement with the garbage company was that the chain would be removed before garbage pick up on Monday mornings. It was to lie on the ground next to the dumpster until after the garbage was picked up. The chain disappeared, but it had helped a great deal to have the chain there – it definitely kept the bear from dumping the garbage all over the lower road. There was also discussion regarding the types of things that are to go into the dumpster. Phil Fittings and his wife had made a sign which hung above the dumpster indicating the type of trash that should be placed in the dumpster. It seems like some are not adhering to those guidelines. The garbage company is supposed to be picking up what is classified as regular household garbage, which doesn't include pipes, old furniture, tires, etc. It was suggested that we try a bigger dumpster, but the cost of a larger dumpster was high. If everyone followed the guidelines for what to put in the dumpster, a larger dumpster would not be required.

Also regarding the dumpster, after speaking with some of the campers in the Airport Flats campground it was discovered that the Forest Service had been telling the campers that if the dumpsters in the campground were full, they could go through the green gate and use the dumpster there. A phone call was made to the Forest Service and we were told that the employees would be informed that our dumpster is not available for the campers' use. The cost of a two-yard dumpster is averaging \$24.50 per pick up. It runs just over about \$600 per year for garbage. American River Disposal will only make one pick up a week, and they will not pick up toxic items such as paint cans, paint cleaners, etc. The only size dumpster available that is truly bear proof is a large walk-in size dumpster, and that cost is over \$100 per pick up, which would run approximately \$2500 per year just for garbage pick up.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Lile/Goshorn) to reinstate the garbage service to what was previously used here, which is the two-yard size, but leave it open for possible improvements in the future.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Gondola/Rodgers) to purchase a chain for the dumpster.

The financial report was presented and it was moved/seconded/carried (Rodgers/Bitterman) to accept the financial report as presented.

The participation for work parties in 1999 was great. There was a large turnout at each work party that represented the majority of the tract. Last year wasn't so good. Part of the work party for this year is to work on the 3 redwood tanks at the top of the hill. There are woodpecker holes that need to be plugged and some caulking that needs to be done. The 7500 tank is doing really well, but the two 5000 tanks need a lot of work. The overflow from the 7500 to the first 5000

tank is going fairly well, but there is no overflow at all to the second 5000. We should probably work on the first 5000 this year, and then work on the second one the following year. It was suggested that we try July 14 and 15 as one work party; August 11 and 12 for the second, and September 8 and 9 for the third.

It was suggested that maybe we should get rid of the old tanks and replace them with new tanks. Work parties would need to be established, however, to tear down the old tanks and haul away all the wood as well as installing the new tanks. The tanks that were purchased for the well system cost approximately \$5000 each.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Frink/Bitterman) that we look into the cost of tanks to replace the old wooden tanks and revisit this next year.

It was also suggested that there was a need to channel the water that comes down the road in inclement weather to prevent the road base on the road to wash off to the side. Before anything can be done, however, we will need to get approval from the Forest Service.

It was again suggested that people keep in mind that the start time for generators in the tract is 9:00 a.m. and they should be off no later than 10:00 p.m. If there is a need for someone to run this type of equipment prior to 9:00 a.m., please be courteous enough to ask those people in the tract if they mind if you start earlier if you are having a work party or a hired contractor come up to do some work.

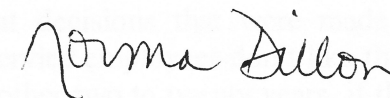
Nominations for the board made by the nominating committee are Wayne Fluke, Dave Frink, and Wayne Lile. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved/seconded/carried (Goshorn/Bitterman) that nominations be closed for board members.

It was brought up that we are in need of a new ram pump for the old water system that has been maintained for fire prevention purposes. A new pump would cost approximately \$1095. It was suggested that the board take a look at this information and maybe bring it up again next year. It was suggested that it is a good idea to maintain the old water system.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Bitterman/Gondola) that Bill Dillon be retained as president.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Bitterman/Goshorn) that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary