

**Silver Lake Home Owners Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. Amphitheater**

**Board Members in Attendance:** President: Barb Andrews, Treasurer Emeritus: Erik Foraker, Secretary: Sally Timperley, Board Members: Tara Bedney, Stephanie DeGraff, Rob Yelland, Hap Heiberg, and Laurel Moulton  
**Absent:** Treasurer: Pete Bogardus

A round of applause went to Scott Andrews for the work done on the new benches in the amphitheater. They looked great!

**Call to Order** – Barb Andrews

**Attendance** – Sally Timperley

**Introduction to Board Members** – Barb Andrews

**Review and Approve Agenda** – Barb Andrews

**Review and Approve September 8, 2021 General Meeting Minutes** – Sally Timperley. No Discussion.  
(Approved Carlsen/McNany)

**Officer's Reports:**

**President's Report** (Barb Andrews)

- 1) Introduce Guests:
  - a. USFS District Ranger, Russell Nickerson and Special Use Permit Administrator, Debbie Foote. Russell reported on post-Dixie fire projects being worked on which include emergency repair work that will focus on the fire lines that were put in, and the burn rehab work will focus on culverts and roads. These are priority projects. Russell will try to provide Barb with a list of tree fellers that the USFS works with. He also stated that public campsites are pack in/pack out due to limited resources and management this season. There is water is available at Silver Bowl Campground and the restrooms are open in campsites. Debbie Foote mentioned she is responsible for tagging trees, and will be getting up to speed on becoming familiar with the Silver Lake cabins, inspections and tract issues.
    - i. Unable to attend: Acting Resource Officer, Colleen Heard, Natural Resources Officer, Janie Ackley and Cal Fire Firefighter, Sarah Gibson, who was stationed at the lake during the fire.
    - ii. Two USFS fire engines from the Lassen (Eagle Lake and Westwood) should be able to attend today's social – invited as a thank you for all their efforts during the Dixie Fire.
  - b. National Forest Homeowners President, Meredith Randall
    - i. Meredith spoke about fee retention, FEMA funding for cabin's destroyed by major disasters such as wildfires, sustaining the Recreation Residence Program through no net loss of cabins, and the NFH Economic Benefit Study.
    - ii. She also reminded everyone that beginning in 2025, our annual special use permit fees will be allocated to the Forest Service rather than the US Treasury. At least 80% of the retained fees are intended to be allocated back to the forest where they were generated to help fund the costs of administering the program and to provide support for other recreational programs such as campgrounds, picnic areas and trails—a total of approximately \$376M over a ten-year period! Recreation residence special use fees generate over \$4,700 per acre annually, one of the highest returns to the Forest Service (and the U.S. taxpayer) for recreational use of National Forest lands.
- 2) Future maintenance of fire defense lines around cabins and roads – Fire Abatement Committee (Hap Heiberg, Jeff Cutler, Jed DeGraff, and Laurel Moulton)
  - i. They will be working on Guidelines for additional maintenance around cabins, such as determining an appropriate amount of wood stored at cabins, etc.
- 3) Propane Delivery – Staub came and filled propane tanks on Memorial Weekend.
- 4) Satellite Phone Rental, Sierra Electronics, Reno – Gene has possession of the satellite phone.

- 5) Garbage pick-up for season – As of June 28, a 25 yard garbage bin was delivered to the usual staging area behind caretaker’s cabin. Garbage will be picked up once a month. If it gets too full, Gene will call to have it picked up earlier. Please be mindful of what you dispose of and take recycles back home with you.
- 6) Newsletter / Barb Andrews for Ian Foraker
  - a. Fall Newsletter – please submit news to Ian at slhoanewsletter@gmail.com
- 7) National Forest Homeowners 2022 Annual Conference, April 29, 30, 2022, Vancouver, WA
  - i. Barb attended and was able to present on using community science and the iNaturalist app to reconnect with our forests and observe what has survived and what is hopefully returning.
  - ii. Help make observations of pine marten populations, post-Dixie, for USFS biologists. If observations are uploaded within the Dixie fire boundary, they will automatically become part of the Dixie Fire Project and become baseline data for recovery studies in the area.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Erik Foraker for Pete Bogardus) - Highlights for period ending June 25, 2022

**Profit & Loss**

Permit Holders	\$16,170.00	– (\$490) 52 budgeted, 33 paid
Family & Associates	1,366.00	– (\$35) 73 budgeted, 39 paid
NFH Dues	240.00	– (\$30) 15 budgeted 8 paid
Bank Interest	.08	
Donations	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,776.08</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>4,343.77</u></b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$13,432.31</b>	

Prepaid 2,365.00 (2022 Forest Service Caretaker Cabin Special Use Permit fees)  
2023 Caretaker Cabin Improvements - \$2,750 Budgeted

**Account Balances**

Checking Account	\$44,582.15
Savings Account	5,218.61
PayPal Balance	<u>70.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,870.76</b>

Erik mentioned that audits need to be done on the financials for the last 3 years (FY20, 21, and 22). Laurel Moulton, Jim Timperley, and Ken McNany volunteered to work on the audits. Erik will provide them with the procedures and checklists for conducting the audits.

**Water and Sanitation** (Hap Heiberg)

- 1) Water Testing, Baseline Test, Spring 2022 - Hap received the Water Quality Lab Report which showed excellent water quality for Silver Lake. The report can be posted on website. Just a reminder, no bathing in lake!
  - a. Pending Fall 2022 – Lake water testing will be for recreational use only.

**Caretaker Cabin (CC) Committee** (Stephanie DeGraff and Molly Brodie)

Barb stated that the Association owns the caretaker’s cabin and it is our responsibility to make sure it stays standing and in good shape.

Priority projects and soliciting help.

- 1) Molly refinished the cabin’s kitchen cabinets, and sewed new curtains among other maintenance (per Gene - Molly and Hap put in at least 18 hours). In recognition of all the work that Molly has done to the cabin, along with Scott Andrews for the work for making the benches, they will each receive a \$100 cash card.

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- 2) The outside of the cabin needs to be repainted. Will be asking for volunteers for a work weekend to get the job done when the time comes.
- 3) The Board has approved a budget for the next 2 years \$7500 with a \$500 contingency for improvements on the caretaker's cabin.
- 4) Other items to be completed include:
  - a) lock/handle for sliding glass door
  - b) repair foot of entry steps
  - c) shutter improvements – Hap will work with Gene to make the shutters easier to use. Plan to use existing plywood at lake, may need additional sheets.
  - d) Queen size mattress and box springs
  - e) Toilet
  - f) Bathroom vanity and sink.
  - g) New cabin flooring.
  - h) 2 marked trees need to be felled.
- 5) Items donated with many thanks:
  - a) Generator donated by Wheelers
  - b) Loveseat couch donated by Dave and Toddy Cutler.
- 6) Additional items still needed would include: recliners, stainless steel flatware, set of knives, glasses and first aid kit. Any donations would be appreciated.

### **Board Membership:**

- 1) Sally Timperly's and Tara Bedney's first three year term was up September 2021, but we missed casting a vote to renew their terms. A vote taken for their second three year term - Sally (unanimously approved, McNany/DeGraff) and Tara (unanimously approved, Siemer/Smith).
- 2) Rob and Gail Yelland are in the process of selling their cabin. As a result, Rob is stepping down from the board as of the July 3 meetings. Many thanks for three years of service.
- 3) New open position on board. Barb asked to amend the bylaws to increase the number of board members to no more than 10, but always 7. This will ensure a stronger board representation. Vote taken and unanimously approved (Carlsen/Sears).
- 4) Family, associate or permit holder can apply for the board. Please see Barb if interested.
- 5) Pete Bogardus and Stephanie Hunt – Their second three year term will be up for renewal September 2022. Will vote to renew terms at Labor Day general meeting.

### **New Business: No New Business**

### **Announcements:**

- 1) Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022 SLHOA Board Meeting 2:00 p.m. (DeGraff); SLHOA General Meeting 4:00 p.m., Social 5:00 p.m. at Caretaker Cabin (Polan)
- 2) Barb and Scott Andrews' mom, Joan, passed in June at the age of 94.

### **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:05 (Approved McNany/Smith)**