

**Silver Lake Home Owners Association
General Meeting – Minutes**

APPROVED

September 2, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m., Amphitheater

Board Members Present: President Alan Siemer, Treasurer Erik Foraker, Secretary Barb Andrews – Board Members: Scott Carroll, Richard Jenness, Gerrit Wood, and Ken Kendall

Call to Order by Alan Siemer – 4:00 p.m.

Review and Approve July 7, 2018 General Meeting Minutes (Barb Andrews) – No discussion. (MSCU) Carroll/Case, Approved.

Officers Report:

President, Alan Siemer – Items to be discussed under New Business.

Treasurer’s Report, Erik Foraker –

- Four months into FY19
- **Revenues - \$24,661.52**
- Home Owner Dues - \$22,050 (45 collected of 49 budgeted) (\$19,069 to go to meet budget)
- Family and Associate - \$2,170 (62 collected of 70 budgeted)
- NFH Associate Dues - \$175 (7 collected of 8 budgeted)
- July Social - \$266 net
- **Expenses - \$13,184.75**
- **Net Income - \$11,476.77**

- **Checking Account Balance - \$23,929.43**
- **Savings Account Balance - \$5,214.99**
- **Total - \$29,144.42** (Cash balances should be a little over budget if we stay on track.)

Committee Reports:

Forest and Recreation (Gerrit Wood) –

- Reminded SLHOA that the 2018 NFH Conference in Sacramento confirmed for Gerry that it’s great that the SLHOA is a part of the NFH. A very supportive and informative organization that looks out for cabin owners’ best interests.
- The NFH’s website has posted information provided by an insurance broker that addresses the unique challenges of obtaining cabin insurance. Good guidance offered.
- No password needed to access the NFH website which is found at <https://www.nationalforesthomeowners.org/>.

Newsletter/Directory/Trail Repair Days (Barb Andrews) –

- SLHOA Newsletter will be distributed this coming fall.
- Rim Rock Lake’s algae bloom is on the radar of the USFS and they will continue to monitor it this fall and into next year. People should swim at their own risk/judgment and

avoid taking their dogs/pets to the lake. Updated information from the USFS' water test results was sent to the SLHOA via email and posted on the SL Website. The USFS will not be posting cautionary signs at the Wilderness Trailhead.

- There are at least four known lakes in the Caribou Wilderness that currently contain algae blooms.
- Kim Andrews will be updating the SLHOA Directory and sending out a new one later this year or early next year.

Water and Sanitation (Scott Carroll) –

- Normal water quality levels at Silver Lake for this past season. Will take again at end of season. Testing for drinkability of the lake water includes petroleum byproduct testing which makes this type of testing very expensive.
- USFS has reported that the campground water has been tested okay for drinking.
- Outhouse Pumping: Caretaker, Gene Stewart, currently has 11 cabins on his list for outhouse pumping. Gene will accompany the pumping company on their rounds to ensure all cabins on the list are covered. This work will probably be scheduled for early spring next year.
- Tree Removal/ Tagging – Cabin owners should contact Stacy Kronner if they need a tree tagged to take down. Once it's tagged, homeowners can contact Mark Rayburn to set up a date for Spike Peterson to take it down if they wish for him to take care of it. Spike will only fell trees and not clear or cut into rounds. It's about \$150/tree to fell.
- Sue Landreth stated that the cabin owners (not the Forest Service) are to take care of the clean up with the lightning struck trees between the Landreth's and De graff's cabins. Ken McNany suggested that anyone with a chain saw to help with the tree cleanup. Stacy was recently there to observe and made reference that her people could come help.
- Wood Chipping:
 - Scott spoke to Stacy Kronner about the idea we had to see if chipping tree and pine needle waste would be an acceptable alternative for burning or hauling it away. She said chipping is perfectly acceptable way to deal with the material and that we would want to make sure that the chipped material is then spread no deeper than one inch thick on the soil. She said she often encourages "friendly neighbor" approaches to these types of projects where groups of ten or so neighbors collaborate on renting a chipper to share the cost workload and that she knows chippers are available for rent in Susanville.
 - There is a wood chipping program in Butte County. It's run by the non-profit Butte County Fire Safe Council. The website for the program is here: <http://www.buttefiresafe.net/chipper-program> The program operates early in the summer and residents who wish to participate notify the program and haul their fire hazardous brush to within 5 feet of the road, stack it rows no higher than 4 feet in height, free of mud, rocks and roots, with all the ends facing toward the road, and then the program comes by and chips it all for them. Homeowners can like their driveways/paths to a thickness of 2in, but cannot distribute the wood chips on the main roads. It's about \$1,000/week and they can do about 5 properties a day.

- Scott contacted Zamora's in Susanville (wood chipper rentals) to see what chipper they had and which would be best for the job. He told them that it would be for a mix of pine needles, brush and trees and they recommended their 12 inch chipper, which is their brush chipper. Zamora's says it goes out all the time for jobs like this. The cost is \$288.12 per day 8 hour run time per day (it has an hour meter on the machine), including taxes. After three days they said it's better to go for the week price, which is \$1152.50. Their phone number is: [\(530\) 251-4033](tel:5302514033)
- Recommended that three to five cabins pool together on a chipper rental.
- Wood Burning – Stacy Kronner has also said that the USFS does not have to come out to approve a burn pile location, but that burn piles and burning activity have to meet certain specifications listed on a residential burn permit. Only cabin owners can hold a residential burn permit which they can obtain either from Cal Fire or the USFS and only the cabin owner, not the caretaker, is allowed to burn the pile(s) under their permit. There is currently a moratorium on burning due to weather.
- The last garbage pickup for this year will be the week following Labor Day Holiday.

Nominating Committee and Elections (Ken Kendall) –

- Tara Wheeler Bedney, Sally Jeskey Timperley, and Rob Yelland have agreed to serve on the board. Barb Andrews is pending President, as that position must go to a current board member.
- Ken Kendall has agreed to serve on the board through Labor Day 2019, then step down.
- Votes:
 - Barb Andrews, President - No discussion. (MSCU) McNany Andrews/Landreth, Approved.
 - Rob Yelland – No discussion. (MSCU) McNany/Landreth, Approved.
 - Sally Jeskey Timperley - No discussion. (MSCU) Moulton/Case, Approved.
 - Tara Wheeler Bedney – No discussion. (MSCU) Jenness/McNany, Approved.

Unfinished Business (Alan Siemer) – None.

New Business (Alan Siemer) –

- There are certain repairs needed to the caretaker's cabin that Gene Stewart has identified. They are (i) floor replacement, (ii) repaint the interior fascia (baseboard), and (iii) oil the deck. Some of the repairs are being taken care of by Gene now, but the board will be discussing the remaining repairs and costs at their next board meeting, April 2019, and report back to the SLHOA.
- **Next SLHOA Board Meeting – Saturday, July 6, 2019** at a new time of **3:00 p.m.**, followed by the **SLHOA General Meeting at 4:00 p.m.**, and **Social will follow at 5:00 p.m.**
- **We need a cabin to volunteer to host the July 6 Social.** Please contact Barb Andrews to volunteer.
- **The Sunday, September 1, 2019 Labor Day Social will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Caretaker's Cabin.**

Announcements / Board Member Comments –

- Mark Verke announced that there are wolves in the area. The Lassen wolf pack recently took down the calf belonging to a prominent rancher.
- Sue Landreth has a sailboat she would like to off load.
- Gene Stewart has ceramic mantels for sale at \$10/ea. Please let him know if you need any.
- Richard Carlsen, on behalf of Sue, announced that updated Silver Lake cabin histories are still available. The new inserts are \$5/ea that will cover her copying costs and the remaining funds will go into the Association's Social fund.
- Kirby Moulton has a rowboat he's like to off load.
- John Sears introduced Steve and Nancy Sears as new cabin owners. They recently purchased the Holcomb Cabin, no. 33, next door to John and Judy's.
- Barbie Wheeler Breneiser is giving away a canoe.
- The SLHOA remembered the passing of John Wheeler and Sally Overholser.
- Alan Siemer thanked the SLHOA, recalling all those he served with on the SLHOA Board over the years, and passed the torch to Barb Andrews.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.