



**APROVED MINUTES  
ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL OWNERS MEETING  
Saturday, August 15, 2020  
ARROWHEAD FIREHOUSE PICNIC AREA**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Kindschy called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Present were: Lowell Kindschy, Vice President Brad Fowler, Treasurer Lance Lehigh, Secretary Keith Dalton and Members Rosanna Harris, Jeri Rau & Jim Matteson. A quorum was determined.

Approximately 40 owners and 4 program managers were also in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Kindschy led the owners in the Pledge of Allegiance. 00:00

**EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE OF ANNUAL OWNERS MEETING AND PROCEDURE:** Kindschy 00:18

**WELCOME MESSAGE AND ANNUAL REPORT –** Kindschy 01:30

**INTRODUCTION OF 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISON REPORTS** 03:08

**2021 BUDGET–** Lehigh 08:12

**ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Arrowhead Patrol – Dave Reddish 09:50

Communications – Lisa Ditmore 12:30

Design Review – Joanie Thompson 21:30

Forest Management – Bill Conway 31:02

Heavy Equipment – Jim Matteson 46:25

Election Committee – Bridget Isle 53:28

**INTRODUCTION OF 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES:**

1. Brad Fowler – will be affirmed to succeed by majority vote of the Board – *AIA Bylaws section 2.5 D. – Voting Procedures for Owners - uncontested elections.*

- A second seat will be vacated in January 2021 and will be filled by affirmative vote of the majority of the Board - *AIA Bylaws section 3.5. – Vacancies on the Board of Directors.*

**REPORTS FROM OTHER ENTITIES:**

*Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department & Arrowhead Fire Protection District – Fire Chief Jim Gelsomini* 58:45



**OWNER COMMENTS:** 01:11:58

1. Suggestion to have NNTC install more emergency landline telephones.
2. Speed limit in Arrowhead.
3. Use caution, stop & listen in “*the cone zone*” for the safety of Forestry and Heavy Equipment.
4. Hwy 50 Project – need for residents to get involved, contact legislators and stay informed.
5. Unauthorized occupation, renting and listing of a property for sale without owner’s knowledge. No reports of other incidents. Appears to be isolated incident.

**OWNER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 01:31:13

1. Fundraiser to benefit AFD – ATV/UTV Scavenger Hunt on Saturday August 29, 2020 – limited to 50 owners - \$10 entry fee. See Lynn Hoover or Brenda James.
2. Exercise under the aspens at Firehouse picnic area M/W/F at 10:00 a.m.
3. Tuesday night “not potluck” dinner.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 01:37:48

1. Enforcement of Regulations – procedure for complaints.
  - a. Placement of speed limit signs.
  - b. Education of new owners and renters.
  - c. Motor Vehicle use – Article 7, Sections 2 & 3.
  - d. Possible pending complaint regarding death of dog run over by vehicle.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Vote – adjourn meeting:** Motion by Dalton, seconded by Kindschy - Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm. 01:53:25

Submitted by:

**KEITH DALTON**  
**Secretary/Member**  
**AIA Board of Directors**

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## FOREST MANAGER REPORT Annual Report for Owners Meeting

### INSECT AND DISEASE

Overall, the Arrowhead Forest is in good condition compared to other areas in Colorado, but there are ongoing concerns that we need pay attention to. By putting up over 15,000 MCH packs per year in Arrowhead the owners and the association have been able to protect our forest from Douglas fir and spruce bark beetles. The only protection from the Western Balsam beetle that kills the balsam trees is to remove the dead trees with red needles as soon as possible. A new threat, the Aspen Beetle has appeared in Gunnison County for the first time since 2002. That beetle has been recently identified on the north side of the Black Canyon and in two areas here at Arrowhead. I am currently in contact with entomologists to determine how serious this problem will be. There is no known control method for this beetle.

Overall, there was less damage this year from the spruce bud worm that eats the needles from all of our conifers; spruce, Douglas fir and balsam. However, there are several areas that have been infected enough that even large trees are starting to die. Hopefully these attacks will ease up in 2021 but there is no way to know at this time. Owners have found that spraying smaller trees with liquid sevin and using ACE Caps on larger trees can be very effective. Information will be available on the website about Nov 1 on how to order both the MCH packs and ACE Caps.

### MITIGATION AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Owners are not doing many contracted Mitigation and Defensible Space projects this year. Sometimes those projects are driven by demands from insurance companies and that does not seem to be the case so far this year. If your insurance company is demanding this type of work, I can help you both financially with grants and by marking trees and providing a corresponding contract to get the work done.

Judging by the size of the pile at the FOREST REFUSE SITE owners are doing a lot of clean up on their lots. Part of that work has resulted from many owners contacting me about HAZARD TREES. There have been frequent questions from new owners about how much I charge for that service. The answer is that AIA pays me to come to your property and help you make good decisions about your trees. That includes hazard trees, insects and disease, and mitigation and defensible space. While I am there I will provide you with a permit to cut any live trees over 2 inches in diameter that we have agreed to.

Another big source of the material going to the Forest Refuse Site is from the monthly cleanup days. Volunteers meet at the firehouse on the fourth Saturday of each summer month and work for about three hours from 9 to 12 to clean up forest debris along the roads. To make sure those wonderful volunteers don't run out of work, I work with a smaller group cutting hazard trees along the roads and generally making a mess for the cleanup day crew. In addition to the hazard trees I have also started pruning trees with a pole saw to increase site distance on curves and corners and where the trees are being hit by trucks and the road grader. The next cleanup day is next Saturday. Meet here at the picnic area at 0900.

The hours of work that people put into these volunteer activities qualify Arrowhead as a Fire Wise community, which can be helpful to owners applying for insurance.



## LOGGING AND ALPINE ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION

Spruce beetles have killed about 5000 acres of spruce trees on the Alpine Plateau. The Forest Service has contracted with Montrose Forest Products to log approximately 3000 acres of those trees, which is the largest timber sale in Colorado in about 40 years. About half of the sale was logged last winter and logging will resume on the remaining part about Nov 1.

A separate contract was issued by the Forest Service to do re-construction work on the Alpine Plateau Road from Hwy 50 to Willow Park. From the point of view of Arrowhead, part of that work has gone well and part has not gone well. Up country the road has been narrowed in many places with deeper ditches that require more attention to driving and stopping in turn outs to let opposing traffic safely pass. There have been questions about the quantity and quality of the new surface gravel since the new rock pit development started two years ago. The end result is that there was not enough gravel to put new surfacing on the Alpine from Ponderosa to Ute and on the lower mile of the Alpine Road above Hwy 50. The new gravel that was put down through Arrowhead and down toward the Hwy contained too much fine material and is likely to become soft and slick when it rains. Arrowhead will work with Gunnison County and the Forest Service to maintain the best road possible but we could have some difficult days ahead; especially in the fall and spring.

### BOTTOM LINE

If you have a question about trees, give me a call, email, or text and I will be glad to help you out.

Bill Conway

Arrowhead Forest Manager