

ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2007

Meeting Date: May 19, 2007

Presiding: Gary Keiser

Board members present: Gary Keiser (President), Lindy Lindner (Vice-President), Richard Ostrom (Secretary), John Moseman (Treasurer), Bruce Saunders, Paul McDermott, Ralph Ambruster

Gary Keiser called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at The Inn at Arrowhead.

A motion was made (Rich Ostrom) to approve the March 17, 2007 minutes, seconded (Lindy Lindner) and carried unanimously.

Financial Report: John Moseman

John referred everyone to the copies of the financial report and reviewed the association assets. He noted that income for the first four months is tracking well. Regarding the Fire Protection District funds, John stated the balance of the \$15,000 that was authorized for transfer from the undesignated surplus fund at the March meeting was gone and that the total funds required, primarily for legal fees, would probably be closer to \$50,000 to \$60,000. The utilities are currently over budget but that situation is expected to level off over the summer. The Association audit is finished. At the moment it is in draft form and no final copy is available. John said there were no findings and everything is in order. There has been an increase of approximately \$2,000 in our insurance payment due to an increase in payroll.

A motion was made (John Moseman) to approve the financial report, seconded (Rich Ostrom) and carried unanimously.

There was some discussion about the cost of insurance for the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. The assets of the department have increased and, as a result, the cost of insurance has as well. It is estimated that the insurance will cost about \$5,700 per year.

Security Report: Lindy Lindner

Lindy reminded the group that all snowmobiles and trailers must be removed from the lot by the end of May. Since the last meeting, security requested bids from several dealers for a new snowmobile. As a result of that a new Skidoo 800 has been procured which has a two year warranty. The decision has been made to sell the Switchback. Lindy announced that security has redesigned the fire pit permits and that any home owners who want to operate a fire pit must re-apply. Sometime in July there will be CPR training.

Fire Department Report: Bruce Saunders

The fire trucks are now outfitted with foam. The firehouse is equipped with DSL but the firehouse computer is not able to handle DSL. Therefore the firehouse will have to purchase a new computer. The computer is necessary to provide the fire fighters with timely weather information which can be critical in an emergency situation. The annual 4th of July Picnic which benefits the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department will be held this year on June 30th. There is some question as to the progress towards scheduling first responder training. Bruce will check that status with Mike Wigent when he is available.

Heavy Equipment Report: Ralph Ambruster

There is now a committee to explore the possibilities for putting a toilet in the winter parking lot. Ralph is arranging meetings with engineers and personnel from Gunnison who can advise on the best approach. Gunnison County has completed work on the Alpine Plateau Rd. for now and will do further repairs sometime in July or August. A volunteer from Gunnison is coming to Arrowhead to work with Ralph to develop a road plan. The use of Magnesium Chloride will be part of the discussion. Ralph noted that Will Hobbs is doing a great job maintaining the filing roads. During the spring and summer months he will be spreading more gravel and installing culverts. Money has already been budgeted for these activities. Ralph reminded us that observing the 20 mph speed limit is the best way to preserve the health of our roads. It has been decided that the purchase of a steam cleaning device to help maintain our equipment is warranted. After much research it has been decided that a Hotsy Steam Cleaner at the cost of \$5,500 would be a prudent purchase.

A motion was made (Ralph Ambruster) to authorize spending approximately \$5,500 from the capital expenditure budget for a steam cleaner, seconded (Rich Ostrom) and carried unanimously.

Design Review: Gary Keiser

Two more houses, a house addition, two garages and a shed were approved in the April and May meetings. That is a total of four houses approved in 2007. The Committee surveyed the subdivision and noted 31 fences. Perimeter fences are not allowed and internal fences must be approved. Some of these fences have been approved and some have not. The Committee's primary concern is the rock fences being constructed along driveways or along filing roads. Some of these have been hit by the groomer and some are hazardous to snowmobilers. The Committee is considering prohibiting any rock fence over 12 inches high within the filing road right-of-way, generally ten feet from the road. Members are going to review the fences and consider further at the next meeting. The Committee also surveyed the subdivision for debris along the filing roads left from construction. Letters will be sent to several owners requesting clean-up.

Fire Protection District: Bruce Saunders

The Fire Protection District petition was signed by approximately 260 people. The committee did an excellent job in procuring these signatures especially since this was done during the winter and many people are not in residence at Arrowhead at that time. We are now entering the next stage of development. This will require an election to approve the district and the election of a five member board. To self-nominate for one of the board positions you can download a form from the internet. These forms must be submitted by June 1, 2007. The ballots will then be drawn up and sent out in August. We will not be able to receive any monies as a fire protection district until March of 2009. The question of transferring additional funds to the fire protection district account was raised again.

A motion was made (Bruce Saunders) to transfer an additional \$15,000 from undesignated surplus to the Fire Protection District Fund, seconded (Gary Keiser) and passed unanimously.

Hazel Lake Report: John Moseman

John has received no feedback regarding his previous report and has only one volunteer to serve on a Hazel Lake Committee. He is requesting more volunteers particularly from those who live around the lake. He has put together a plan and timetable for addressing Hazel Lake issues. The plan is for the committee to meet with other engineers to get a second opinion as to the best course to follow. Then a topographical sketch with proposed improvements would be developed. Any associated costs have yet to be determined. The schedule would be as follows:

1. August 1st – All community input must be received
2. September 1st – All topographical maps complete
3. September 30th – Table of costs developed
4. October 17th – Proposal submitted to the Board

Maintenance and Improvements – Paul McDermott

This year a concentrated effort will be made to rid the lowland between the Alpine and Ponderosa of Canada Thistle and other noxious weeds. Native Landscaping has the contract to aid in this matter. If any homeowners are interested in employing Native Landscaping for their lots they should contact David Gray at 970-596-7665. Activity will probably ensue toward the end of May. It is not advised to spray before that time as the thistle must be at a particular state of development for the spray to be effective.

There was a discussion of a chain saw class to be offered at no cost by the Interagency Fire office. It was decided that June 23rd would be the best date for the class so Paul will try to arrange the class for that date. The class will be held at the firehouse at no cost to Arrowhead residents.

There was also discussion of a Community Clean-Up Day to be held July 7th. Volunteers are needed for this event. All will meet at the firehouse at 8:30 a.m. and work until about 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. It was proposed that it might be a good idea to have a form of an “adopt

a road” program within different areas of the community. Neighbors would work together to keep common ground cleaned up.

Wildfire Mitigation: Gary Keiser

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Arrowhead Community has been completed. It was prepared by the CSFS (David Casey), BLM (Dave Kinnatator), and Arrowhead (Bob Rosenbaum). It covers Arrowhead plus adjacent lands and is a requirement for receiving federal grants. The plan includes an evaluation of the wildfire dangers, a description of what has been done, and prioritizes next steps. Hopefully, it will also encourage some of our neighbors to apply for grants and do some mitigation. Our plan for this summer is to mitigate two areas. The first is a relatively small area below Snowshoe and Hazel Lake. We mitigated that area from Rim south in 2005 but didn't quite finish. This will give us a fire break between The Alpine and houses on Snowshoe. The second area is below the Reitz house and north of Columbine down to the Alpine. Parts of the area are very steep and access is difficult, so we probably won't use the Timco. Instead we'll use hand crews with the same prescription as last year: drop all live conifers less than six inches DBH closer than 15 feet from one another, limb all live trees up to six feet, limb all down dead and cut trees, reduce cut trees to not more than two feet, and spread slash as close to ground as possible. That will put the slash where it gets the most moisture to resist burning and rot fast as well as limit oxygen in case of a fire. The CSFS has agreed that this is the appropriate prescription. The work will be done in late June or early July. We don't have a firm cost yet, but it will be less than the \$1,500 per acre paid last year, so we should be able to mitigate at least 25 acres.

A motion was made (Gary Keiser) to authorize Gary Keiser to negotiate a wildfire mitigation contract with West Claim Reclamation for the 2007 mitigation work in an amount not to exceed the budget of \$37,000, seconded (Lindy Lindner) and passed unanimously.

John Moseman requested that the Design Review Committee formulate a regulation dealing with the timely clearing of contractor debris from lots. Said regulation should be brought for discussion to the Board.

Gary reported that he has no new information about logging plans for the summer or next winter. He did write a letter to the District Ranger as president of the Association describing the concerns of Arrowhead residents but did not receive a reply. He said that we want to gauge the willingness of the District Ranger to address our issues and appeal to higher authorities if he isn't accommodating.

Mary Cockes provided copies of some talking points and points of contact from Ron Benson to aid Arrowhead residents in putting together letters regarding the logging trucks. There was also a point of contact, Marlene Crosby, from Gunnison Roads and Bridges to thank for the early grooming of the Alpine.

It was announced that there are three openings for the Arrowhead Improvements Association. Lindy Lindner has declared that she is standing for re-election for one of them.

It was reiterated that the stump dump is a locked facility and should remain so.

There is a new owner's reception on June 15th at the Inn. All owners are invited.

Cheri Ratliff is doing a weekly update on the web site. All are invited to check it out.

It is tick season and all are encouraged to be mindful of this problem.

The dumpster will be arriving sometime in early July.

Betty Chrisman proposed that we think about forming a nature trail somewhere on common ground.

The next Arrowhead Improvements Association meeting will be held at the Inn June 16th at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made (Gary Keiser) to adjourn the meeting, seconded (Rich Ostrom) and carried unanimously.