

**MINUTES
ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017
ARROWHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 2:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Kim Norwood.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

President Kim Norwood called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 2:15 P.M.

Also present were Dick Bloss, Vice President; Bridget Isle, Secretary; Dale Breckenridge, Treasurer; Patty Greeves, Member; Becky Stilley, Member, and Jim Matteson, Member. A full quorum was determined.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE POSTED AGENDA: a) addition to committee reports of the Election Committee; b) consolidation of AIA meetings. President Norwood asked for a motion to adopt the agenda, moved by Bridget and seconded by Dick. Agenda adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS HELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20/21, 2017:

With no changes suggested or needed, Patty made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Dick seconded and the motion passed. The January 2017 minutes are approved as posted.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

AIA Treasurer Dale Breckenridge, reviewed our present "Financial Reports". Dale brought several items to the attention of the community regarding areas that were running ahead of schedule, such as diesel fuel usage. Dale feels these seasonal issues will level out as summer approaches. Dale announced that our Annual Audit was completed in April 2017. Anyone interested can receive a copy from the business office. Jim addressed a board decision made but not implemented by last year's BOD to add \$25,000.00 to the budget for road maintenance for the Alpine Road. The current BOD agrees with the community that this is a very important expenditure and should be identified as a separate line item. Dale made a motion to add and fund a line item to our budget for annual repairs and upkeep of the Alpine Road. Dick seconded the motion and during the discussion phase, several questions by attending property owners were fielded by board members. Jim gave a brief history of the road agreements. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

OWNER COMMENTS:

a) **Joanie Aufderheide**, Vender Chairperson for the Arrowhead 4th of July Picnic, reminded the community of the upcoming annual picnic held at the Fire House. Volunteers are needed in several different areas. Please contact Joanie to sign up for volunteer positions. This year's picnic date will be Saturday, July 1, 2017; b) **Bill Conway**, Forest Liaison, announced he had MCH packs with him and they could be picked up after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Report on Security Cameras for the Fire House:** Bridget reported that the Association has received a bid from Superior Alarm in Montrose, the same company who installed and monitor the security cameras at our winter parking lot. A final decision will be made after we confirm the Arrowhead Fire Protection Board (AFPD), (regular meeting on the second Friday in June), will split the onetime installation fee. No monthly charges will be assessed. The total installation price is \$2,726.00/split, it will be \$1,363.00 each. These are high definition (HD), quality cameras and will cover the main and office as well as the bay doors of our fire house. Two cameras will be installed on each side of the building. These cameras may lower our insurance rates. It was suggested by a property owner to check into a live feed camera inside the building for meetings. Bridget will ask Superior Alarm if that is a possibility and report back. Communications Liaison Lisa Ditmore will check with our webmaster to see if we have the capability to provide a live feed from such a camera for meetings.
- 2. Report on relocation of Horse Corrals:** Patty reported that the Gunnison County has issued Arrowhead a Permit to relocate the Association Horse Corrals. The new location will be behind the Service Building at the Winter Parking Lot. Patty reviewed the signage and regulations needed for this project. A work date will be set in the next week to move horse corral panels from the Livery to the new location. The County Permit is day use only and for property owners and their guests. Our legal team has a new boarding agreement for property owners, and we hope to be up and running within the next few weeks. The association thanks Lucia Liebon and Will Hobson for the many years of allowing the association to lease their Livery area.
- 3. Report on Winter Parking:** Jim reported that the 2016-17 winter season experienced only a few problems. Unauthorized parking by Non-Owners by individuals without a Visitor Pass is a recurring challenge for Patrol. Jim is researching expanding Winter Parking into an area just north of the current Winter Parking Lot for the 2017-18 season for overflow trailer parking. May 31, 2017 has been set and announced as the date by which all equipment/vehicles/trailers must be removed from the Winter Parking Lot.
- 4. Report on Arrowhead Real Estate Holdings:** Dale reported that the Association has six (6) lots taken through foreclosure for delinquent HOA Dues. The Association has paid the current taxes owed, but has not paid any taxes that were in arrears. A list of properties for sale will be placed in the next issue of Smoke Signals for interested parties.
- 5. Report on Winter Logging:** Jim reported that there would be no logging in our area during 2017-18 winter season. However, logging will likely start up again in future seasons through the year 2020. As always, safety and road conditions are of a major concern. The U.S. Forest Service is always striving to improve the operation.
- 6. Report on New Tree Cutting Permit Form:** Dick reported that the new Tree Cutting Permit Forms are now in use (sample on the AIA website), by owners and are to be used for all future tree cutting requests, per our legal team.
- 7. Annual Review of AIA Governing Documents:** Patty announced that she and Becky will be reviewing our AIA Governing Documents, as required by the CCIOA regulations. These meetings will be posted and are open to any interested owners.

8. **Report on the Alpine Road:** Jim reported his surprise to find Gunnison County has made some needed repairs to the Alpine Road. He will continue to work with Gunnison County and the U.S. Forest Service on annual road maintenance. Jim also explained that Arrowhead property owners do not pay any taxes to Gunnison County for this purpose as a result of a legal action taken against Gunnison County in years past by the developer.
9. **Report on Flint Lake Sucker Fish:** Becky reported that she has coordinated with the Department of Wildlife and the property owners to arrive at a mutually agreed upon solution to this problem. We have a contract in the works with a Gunnison fish bait business who has agreed to come several times this season and scoop up this invasive fish species from Lower Flint Lake. New signage will be posted at the lakes to warn residents and their guests of this problem. The Association will continue to stock the Flint Lakes this season as planned. We expect it to take several years to resolve this problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **An Action Without Meeting (AWM):** President Norwood announced that the BOD found it necessary to hold several AWM's between our January 2017 meeting and this May meeting. The issues were as follows: a) Property owner dispute; b) Arrowhead owned lot offer on 275 Crest Drive; c) Requirement for a Gunnison County Permit for the new location for the Association Horse Corrals.
2. **PATROL:** Dave Reddish, Lead Patrol Liaison, reported on the digitalizing of Patrol records and the few necessary items required to accomplish this. Dave and Jim Gelsomini gave a detailed presentation Friday to the BOD regarding this process and the benefits to our Patrol Operations and streamlining administrative Patrol duties. Dave updated the community on the new mini truck and items still required to make it fully operational for the Patrol mission. The mini truck is up and functional and has been a useful asset to Patrol staff. Our community was reminded on the importance of having proper address signage on your property. It helps both Patrol and our "First Responders" during all emergencies. Dave also stated that Patrol would be seeking one additional Patrol member for the summer months. A Job Description and announcement of this opening will be posted on the Arrowhead Association Website.
3. **ARCHIVING OF FINANCES:** Board President Norwood announced that this topic was presented as an option at Friday's meeting and that the Board did not want to post our finances in any other way that we currently do for the sake of ensuring privacy.
4. **CONSOLIDATION OF MEETINGS:** President Norwood announced that the BOD is reviewing the consolidation of monthly meetings into an Executive Session on Friday morning, eliminating the Work Session on Friday afternoon while still holding the Regular Meeting Saturday afternoon. An advantage to having both meetings on one day would be having our legal team with us during both meetings. However, any changes to the currently posted meeting schedule will be posted in advance of the scheduled dates.

REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS: Communication Liaison – Lisa Ditmore reported her deadline of May 24th for all ads and articles for the upcoming June/July Smoke Signals. She thanked all property owners who have forwarded their Arrowhead photos for her to use on our website, Face Book and for Smoke Signals publications. Lisa reviewed recent updates she has made improving the homepage of our AIA website. A brief review was given on what information is considered to be of Arrowhead “Blast” importance. It is to be used only for emergencies and to disseminate very important, time critical information. If you have not added your email address to receive these important messages, you can do so by contacting Lisa Ditmore. All email addresses are strictly “Confidential” and will not be publicized.

DESIGN AND REVIEW: Joyce Boultner reported she currently has one house along with several garage and shed construction permits for the season. Joyce expects that this will increase over the summer months. A reminder on the importance of having proper signage for fire and emergency responders posted out in front of each property. Last season, Design and Review added several new board members and they are working to update their forms to be more user friendly and efficient to improve our record keeping.

ARROWHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Don Keoltzow reported on the progress of the acquisition of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department. The price is right at \$1.00. More information will follow as this AFPD/AVFD pumper truck acquisition project gets closer to completion. The next AFPD meeting will be the 2nd Friday in June 2017.

FOREST MANAGEMENT: Bill Conway announced that he had MCH patches with him which owners could pick up today right after the meeting. He reminded the community of the upcoming clean-up days ahead and reminded owners to bring gloves, rakes and any materials needed for the day. These days are scheduled for every 4th Saturday of the month. Bill announced that the “No Stump Dump” is now officially open.

MAINTENANCE: Jim announced that the Association would be posting a Job Announcement for a Maintenance/Mechanic.

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Lindy Linder announced that the Association will have two board openings for a three-year term starting in January 2018. Please forward your letter of intent to her by July 15, 2017. The Election Committee is seeking an additional member. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Lindy or Bridget Isle. Look for other important dates related to the 2017 election to be posted.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President Norwood reminded that future work meetings for Regulation Review, required by CCIOA, will be announced and are open to the community.

OWNER COMMENTS: a) Several bear sightings as well as coyote sightings have been reported on filing roads and owner property. Be careful with your animals and keep your eyes open while out walking. b) The internet is being worked on with hopes for better Wi-Fi coverage for the community. c) The Arrowhead Book Club has their list of summer reading posted and welcome anyone interested to attend their next luncheon. d) Joyce reminded the community

of the Pot Luck Dinner Tuesday the 23rd will be a “Good-Bye” send off for JR and Billy Ellis. Call Joyce for any information; e) Joanie Aufderheide, Chairperson for the 4th of July Annual Picnic would like those interested in volunteering to help to please contact her. She also will be giving dance classes and anyone interested should call Joanie.

ADJOURNMENT: Dick moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Patty. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 4:45 PM

Submitted by Bridget Isle, Secretary

Approved as submitted at the July 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

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Secretary/Member

AIA Board of Directors

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Communication Liaison – May 2017 Report:

It's a pleasure to be back as the Arrowhead's Communication Liaison and I look forward to reconnecting and working with each of you!!

For the SMOKE SIGNALS:

- All ad & articles for the upcoming June/July need to be in no later than May 24th.

Arrowhead in Colorado (AIA) Facebook:

- I want to thank many of the owners who have provided photos and information to share with our fans!

AIA WEBSITE:

- We are working to make key components of interest on the site more readily accessible with "one click and you're there." No need to play "seek & find!"
- We added direct access icons for:
 - **Arrowhead Weather**, which includes the Current Conditions, Forecast and Linda Dysart's Snow Report.
 - The **Business Directory**
 - The **Arrowhead Community Calendar**.

BLAST EMAIL LIST:

- If you want to receive important messages and community updates in the form of an email, I encourage owners to be added to our Arrowhead Blast Email listing at arrowheadblast@gmail.com
- This listing is strictly for Arrowhead residents & owners only and will remain a confidential "post only" email account.

INFORMATION BOARDS:

- I will be working to clean up and re-organize the two boards, located at the firehouse & heavy equipment shed.

Lisa Ditmore

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FOREST MANAGER REPORT

5/20/17

Distribution of MCH packs to owners started yesterday. Available at winter parking lot Wednesdays and Saturdays for the next 3 weeks between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM. If you can't make those times contact Bill to make other arrangements. A new message will go out when it is time to put up the MCH packs. If you can't meet the recommended time lines let Bill know and he will make it happen.

Moderate amount of blowdown over the winter. Douglas fir and spruce blowdown are a concern because they will attract beetles. Standing Douglas fir trees were just starting to come out of dormancy and the ones that were killed by beetles were turning red. That process will continue when the weather warms again.

Please contact Bill Conway if you see dying Douglas fir or spruce or blowdown on either private lots or community property. In most cases he can arrange for removal at no cost to the lot owner. Early reports are essential to help control beetles.

Although we continue to hold our own at Arrowhead the beetle situation nearby is of great concern and getting worse. Douglas fir beetles to the north and east and spruce beetles to the south. Putting up MCH packs and quick removal of infected trees are our only defense.

Forest Service and BLM are currently planning timber sales above Arrowhead. These sales will not be logged in 2017. Possibly some in 2018 and more in 2019. Bill will continue to comment on these projects with coordination with the board. Individuals can also register with the BLM and FS to receive information; including information on when and how to make comments on their proposals.

Grants are still available to cover part of the cost of mitigation and defensible space. Contact Bill if you are interested in applying for a grant. One grant project is currently under contract and will start work in July.

Cleanup days are planned the 4th Saturday the next few months: first one is next Saturday May 27. Meet at the firehouse at 0900. Bring gloves, good foot gear, trailers, and if you bring a chainsaw please wear full protective equipment.

Bill Conway

Arrowhead Forest Manager

Flint Lakes Sucker Infestation, Solutions & Update

Background:

Board received verbal and written concerns about the number of suckers in the lower Flint Lake. The species is invasive, not indigenous and is rapidly reproducing.

Mitigation Options:

- 1) Electric shock – Stuns large fish and then sucker removal commences with the trout population left to recover. Drawbacks: Loss of smaller trout and trout minnows/fingerlings.
- 2) Temporarily drain lake – All species are allowed to die and once water levels rise restocking of trout will commence. Drawbacks: Suckers are hearty and survive months buried in the mud only to resurface once water levels are restored. AFPD utilizes Flint Lake water for tender trucks should a fire emergency occur.
- 3) Poisoning – Chemical abatement by treating the water and all dead species are removed. Once the chemicals neutralize, the restocking of trout will commence. Drawbacks: Environmental downstream affects. Removal of dead species is very cumbersome and carcass disposal solutions are also unpleasant and complicated.
- 4) Manual removal of suckers – During spawning season in spring the suckers migrate and churn towards the high end of the lake. Volunteer teams will use small boats and cast nets or dip nets to remove the suckers. Ongoing removal would occur with normal fishing and no return of sucker policy. Drawbacks: Manpower, volunteers, and equipment requirements. Removal of the species is cumbersome and carcass disposal solutions are also unpleasant and complicated.

Solution Selection:

After discussing with property owners the preferred solution is manual removal with ongoing mitigation.

Research:

Research was conducted to determine carcass disposal method and options. The number of suckers recovered during the spawn will yield a large amount, perhaps approaching 1000 pounds. Burial was considered. The DOW was also contacted as to the proper way to dispose of the suckers during on-going mitigation. Throwing the suckers on the bank is not acceptable to the property owners and also promotes bear and other wildlife invasion.

Conducted additional research to locate fertilizer companies who may be interested in utilizing the fish for their manufacturing processes. (Repurpose considerations.)

During conversations with DOW they provided a source name that takes suckers and uses them in frozen bait distribution in SW Colorado.

Final Solution:

Contacted the bait vendor and he also conducts removal both during the spawn and throughout the summer (while supplies last). The proprietor has already met with the property owner and board member to discuss spawn timing and has committed to vast removal during the churn as well as on-going removal throughout the summer. There is no charge for this service, trout caught in cast or dip nets are safely returned and the vendor removes all fish to repurpose as frozen bait.

The solution will not completely eliminate all suckers from the lower lake, however, the controlled approach will improve the trout environment allowing the trout to become less affected by the sucker invasion and become the prevalent and heartier species.

The abatement solution will be performed annually to further control and reduce sucker populations.

Next Steps:

Develop signage to provide Flint Lake fishermen directions for proper invasive species handling and disposal. Other contests and incentives are being explored to further assist in abatement throughout the summer.