

Special Meeting
Gerle Creek Cabin Owners
September 17, 1961

A special meeting of all Gerle Creek Cabin Owners was held at Pacific Ranger Station on Sunday, September 17, 1961, in the garage at 10:30 a.m., conducted by Mr. Wynne Maule, District Ranger.

Mr. Maule introduced Mr. Paul E. Fietsch, Lot 21, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Maule announced that Mr. Don L. Arundell, Assistant District Ranger, will be handling all the business on the tract.

Mr. Fred A. Hutchinson, Secretary of Wright's Lake Association, and Mr. Ed Thomas of Wright's Lake Association, were introduced and spoke on their association and how it operates:

They have a Spring Annual Meeting, a Summer Board Meeting;
Their Code - Leave No Trash ... for a desirable natural landscape

They have controlled the outhouses. A spray consisting of 1 inch sheep dip, 1 inch coal oil and 2 inches of water is used in a spray gun.

Mr. Hutchinson's son is Treasurer and we are invited to join next May at their Annual Picnic.

A copy of their Constitution and By-Laws was left with our group; a copy was submitted by him to the Forest Service.

They have a guard because of theft. They built a guard house at the entrance to the lake. He stays until property owners are there and he comes again in the Fall and snow shoes out in December. His pay is a \$500 contract (or \$200 a month).

They incorporated because of liability.

Fire Arms - People were shooting within the house areas and there is a possibility of getting a sign posted by the Forest Service of no shooting within one mile of the lake. Enforcing is difficult but the sign will help.

Through the Forest Service there are no motors or boats.

There are no lights, no stores.

They have an Historical Committee - they found out who built the first cabin, etc.

They have a Fish Committee - they are trying to get lakes planted.

Of 70 cabins, about 60 are members.

They have a 400 gallon tank on the hill from the lake. They tried 3 or 4 wells but hit iron bottom. There is no general water system. They tried one general system but was rusty and most people have stopped using the water.

They drew up the constitution and by-laws for non-profit organization and they pay dues. Paying members, Associate members (camper), pay \$12.50 a year for dues.

Taxes have gone from \$3.50 to \$57 over a period of 20 years.

An Association does not have County voters and the association has never gone to bat.

Mr. Thomas urged cabin owners to get adequate coverage on burglary and vandalism.

Mr. Fietsch stated we cannot elect officers as we have no association or by-laws and asked the group to elect a committee to go over a group of by-laws and arrive at a name and approve the by-laws and constitution so that we can go ahead at a later date.

The following volunteered to act as the Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Mr. Dick Mahoney
Mr. Gordon Brattland
Mr. Richard Rodgers
Mr. Steve Davis
Mr. John Holmes
Mr. Darrel Hart
Mr. Elmo Irish

Mr. Rodgers moved that the seven people who volunteered act as a temporary governing body. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Krook. A vote by roll call was held; the following lots voted in favor: Lot Nos. 4, 19, 13, 24, 34, 55, 32, 10, 9, 43, 40, 38, 7, 37, 6, 28, 39, 22, 31, 29, 44, 30 and 20. None were opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis brought out the fact that bears are an Act of God and insurance does not cover their breaking in or destroying property. It was suggested that all cans be burned or hauled to the dump.

Mr. Wynne stated the Forest Service cannot force you to join the association, but if you don't you wouldn't have water.

Mr. Pietsch suggested we need a committee to find out specifications regarding rules of County, Forest Service and SMUD. As far as County, they will assess us for the improvements you put on the land. Dal Cable, Lot 4, is connected with the business and gives us an estimate based on similar situations and associations in the area...they vary from \$500 to \$1000 for this same complete system, with 40 to 50 lots. We have to get it engineered and get approval from the Health Department and take it through the State and County Health Departments. Fred Morley is a former El Dorado County Health Officer. They have looked at the right of way and diversion point will entail 1/2 mile pipe to get it to the tract. The size of line has to be determined.

Mr. Rodgers brought up question about camping at the swimming hole. Mr. Wynne answered that there is some question about the sign even being there. If there were improvements, it could be controlled.

Mr. Lambert questioned that we are concerned about drawing up by-laws for cabin sites; does the Forest Service make rules for forest service. Mr. Wynne stated campers are not secondary.

Regarding water, the point of origin is 1/2 mile up-stream from the tract. Forest Service has the Water Rights. The Forest Service does not plan to enter into the water system at all. We do not need a tank, the gravity fall is sufficient. Mr. Hart questioned if Forest Service has plans for fire control in regards to the water, to tap into it for fire use. Mr. Wynne said, "Yes, the Forest Service would want it and the people would want it, primarily for the tract", and they would want to tie a tanker into it.

Mr. Rodgers brought out that we could buy an old tanker for a volunteer fire service. Mr. Wynne stated we could have a Special Use Permit to house the t-

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Mr. Wynne was asked what are the prospects of electricity and he stated, "Nothing in the immediate future".

What is the road situation? All new road to Loon Lake, east of South Fork Campground, with gravel base course and County will take it over. It will come out right at Schleins. That road is being built by County, SMD and Forest Service - and Cal-Michigan has given the right of way. The County will take over the maintenance as a part of the County road system; they'll make one pass every other year. The road will not be open all year.

Mr. Wynne stated they are no longer maintaining a waiting list for lots. They have a few names and they will go through them. Basically, we set up two years to build; it depends on the particular reasons for not building and completing within the two years. We are cancelling out and re-issuing the lots.

What is considered complete? You have to use judgment - and so that it is livable - if the major work is done.

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Recorded and submitted by
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