

GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSN., INC.

MINUTES

Annual Meeting
7-16-67

The Annual Meeting of the Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Assn., Inc., was held on Sunday, July 16, 1967, having been postponed by letter due to the late thaw and road conditions. Lots represented at the meeting were: 6, 7, 10, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42. Mr. John Holmes, President, presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed and read.

Mr. Holmes introduced our new District Ranger, Mr. Robert Jessen, who greeted us and then introduced his new Assistant Ranger, James Chapin, our primary contact regarding special use permits, and Mr. Dick Hadsill, new in this area. Mr. Roy Burkett, fire patrolman in this area, was ill and could not attend and will be replaced by Mr. Hadsill during his illness.

Mr. Ed Fietsch asked Mr. Jessen if, once you have the chain saw inspected at the Ranger's office, do you have to bring it in to be checked every year? Mr. Jessen advised "No".

Mr. Jessen advised the Forest Service has agreed to pay to SMUD part of the road they are constructing. In the present agreement, they will have to bring to grade only. The Forest Service is contemplating now paving to Loon Lake and, depending on bid price, will determine if we put a base or black top on the road to the bridge in the next year or two.

The road to Hell Hole, 5 miles approximately, is funded for 1969. If funds do come through, completion may be two years after that, so that the road to Hell Hole will be by 1970, or something like that.

Going on now is a timber program in Robb's Saddle country. We are scouting out in the Dry Lakes area over the next year or two, and will look up this way in another year or two. P.G.&E. is waiting for road construction to get to their land, and SP is thinking about logging on their land.

This fiscal year there is a line item in the budget for recreation tied to the SMUD project. Construction will start next summer on the campground project and road construction, \$500,000, primarily done by contract.

Robb's Saddle is going to have a roadside rest. Associated with this is taking care of the garbage and in the next week or two will have a cat to provide a dump. We are making a cut through Deer Creek to Lawyer's.

Your Association is now a recognized organization by the Forest Service.

Jim Chapin spoke that we will be inspected for a fire prevention inspection by Hadsill. He will be looking for proper clearing around the house, spark arrestors, and anything that could be a fire hazard in the next week end or two. If he does, he will look you up or write you and give adequate time to correct the problem. The other inspection will be for compliance with the terms of the permit. A minimum of once every three years we do this. I may not be able to do all cabins this year. When doing this, I am seeing that everything blends in with the environment, and County Sanitation will go along with me.

During the winter applications for three lots were processed: Lot 46 was transferred to Johnson, Lot 8, which is vacant, to Belford, Lot 9 to O'Brien. Mr. Jessen further advised "We are trying to get everything finished and cabins started and completed so we can have a nice looking tract. Those folks who haven't completed their cabins, I'll be looking you up. Camp fire permits for barbecues or open fires are required. This doesn't cover burning of debris or pine needles. When the dump is finished, we will haul this type debris or pine needles to the dump available for garbage, trash and burn the whole works. We will take care of it and be responsible for burning it. We will also be using it for the camp ground. The crew is working at Loon and then will be working on Gerle and it will be opened in September. Next Spring will be completely finished working on Gerle."

The Peninsula area is the only improved camp ground, 52 camp spots. We have a lack of signing in the area and they are ordered. We will be building an orientation center at Cleveland Corral. There will be a picnic area and will probably man the area on week ends for hand-out information.

The State Law requires clean up of any combustible material thirty feet back, clear past your property line.

Question was asked if we could have a "Dead End" sign. The present sign will be relocated that designates "Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract" and the new signs just put out will be a big help. Wait a few weeks and see if that does the job, otherwise, we will put up a dead end sign. The camp ground sign will be family shaped, such as the Peninsula sign. Approval was given for a bulletin board, see Mr. Irish to design the area.

Jim Chapin will consult with the County Sanitation Department to allow us to use outhouses in the winter. As long as it doesn't cause pollution he will approve it. We will look at it to see that it is kept up. A rifle range has to be signed, kept up and cleaned up under Forest Service. Inform the people in the tract this is the place to go in the pit. Work this out among yourselves, but we can't call it a rifle range officially.

Chalk mark any snags. Do not take down any snags unless I put paint on it. When I send you the letter or inspection form, I'll tell you it's marked. I want to see any live ones before cutting. As far as little dead trees, more than 8 or 10 inches in diameter, I should see it. Question was asked if Forest Service has a list of qualified people to cut trees. Jim advised there are fallers or cutters in Pollock Pine.

Question was asked if electric motors on boats could be used in Gerle Reservoir. Usage of electric motors is to be determined. We will write to your President and give you the word. There won't be a boat ramp, nor beach nor change house. SMD is supposed to clean up logs.

Trees for planting are available from State Forestry. Ten to fifteen dollars per thousand. They should be local species, not objectionable in odor or spreading type. So you have to be careful what you plant. Sequoia gigantea is not native but you can usually get it at a nursery.

President Holmes advised F.G.&E. gave an estimate of \$500,000 for bringing power into the area.

Mr. Rusk of Placer Gas was introduced. The gas would be cheaper than the 35 cents we are paying per gallon if we used larger storage tanks, 23½ cents. You can

You can buy a new tank for \$209, or used at \$125. If only six went in together, we would serve them. We have 23 accounts in the tract now. 150 gal. tank rental is \$24 per year; to buy, \$150 new, \$75 used, plus installation costs. Mr. Chapin advised the Forest Service will want to pick the site; installation required would be on basalt blocks, 10 feet from the cabin, 13 feet of pipe tarred and wrapped. Tanks should be painted green. On a showing of hands, seven indicated they were favorable to this service: MacDowell, Irish, Brattland, Holmes, Russell, Manhart and Dillon.

The question of where gas refrigerators may be purchased was asked and Mr. Rusk advised there is a source in Los Angeles and they are guaranteed.

Mr. Rusk also advised the gas man comes in every three weeks. The big tanker would come for the big tanks, the 250 gal. tank rental is \$30 per year and requires a slab 5 ft. by 3 ft.; 150 gal., slab 2 ft. by 3 ft. The man who installs the tank will service the equipment and has life expectancy if kept painted. A service man for summer repairs would be available when there are three or four calls.

Mr. Irish reported on the road repair. Estimate for repairs was \$6,000 or \$1 per foot, 4 in. of gravel compacted, 12 ft. wide. To get his equipment back in here later would be twice that.

Water Committee Report. If you are in the neighborhood of the water pumps and discover something not working right, report to Camber, Irish or Holmes to take care of it. Do not walk on the pipe line.

The black pipe from the tanks needs wire brushing and asphalt. Filter and screening need installation and door cover needs helping hands. Chlorine system needs installation. A few places on intake line needs shoring up with cable or strap. Need pump house. One pump could not keep up with the water usage going on during the week. We are to limit our watering to hand watering only.

We will have two work parties; one next week with Mr. Fietsch in charge, and the following week end with Mr. Irish in charge. Mr. Hart and Holmes have wire brushes and Fietsch will get the materials needed. Starting time is 9 a.m.

Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Fietsch reported the committee nominates the following candidates for election to the board: Peyton Black, Clyde Jones, and George Manhart. Motion was made by Mr. Irish, seconded and duly carried that the nominees be elected replacing Mrs. Cail, and Messrs. Carey and Mahoney. Your 1967-68 Board Members are: Barbato, Black, Dillon, Holmes, Clyde Jones, Manhart, and Kris Rodgers.

Mr. Holmes asked that the 1962 committee on Rules of Conduct be reactivated and draw up printed rules for members and guests. Mr. Black to chair the committee. Report is due in one month.

Mr. Holmes advised the bulletin board site will be selected immediately following the meeting.

Question was asked as to how many are interested in a land swap if property could be obtained and offered to the Forest Service. Interest was unanimous by the membership. Mr. Jessen spoke on the Forest Service feelings that "we want to be managers of Forest Service lands; however, when the area gets so changed that you have a city instead of a forest, then the Forest Service wants to get out". We have a blocked up area surrounded by Government Agencies and we are in the process of acquiring a SMUD piece of ground and we are becoming more solid and would not be receptive in this area.

Rife Manufacturing Co. sent a parts list for the pumps and certain pieces of equipment should be on hand for repairs and emergencies, amounting to \$121.

It now costs \$833.63 to join the system. The lots that do not belong are: Lots 8, 9, 13, 14, 26, 46. Two lots are vacant. Mr. Jesse reported on his contact with these people, they have six months' time to buy in since the pressure was put on them, so they have this summer to react. We don't intend to let these lots lay. Where it has been slack in the past, we want the County Sanitation with us, so there is room for either one to act and we will act jointly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

June Holmes
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Recording Secretary Pro Tem