

Annual Meeting
June 23, 1968

The annual meeting of the Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Association, Inc., was held June 23, 1968, 10:30 a.m. in the area as prescribed in the by-laws; President John Holmes presided.

Members attending were: 25. Roll call was taken, addresses verified and loss due to burglary reported.

President John spoke that only through an association where the people in the association support it both through their dues but, also, through their personal efforts to make the operation run, their cooperation with their neighbor and the Forest Service will we be able to have a truly successful Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Association. The recent letter that you received from the Forest Service very clearly mentioned the fact that you do not have to become a member but I feel that it is to all our advantage to belong and cooperate. By this method we get our water system and cooperation with the Forest Service through united effort. It was mentioned the association could levy upon non-members operating expenses for services rendered and a little check of statistics indicates we would have taken in \$420 but we did take in less than that. Our expenses for maintenance of the water system and liability insurance policy plus a start on a fire protection system came to \$1.09 more than dues; it is cheaper to be a member rather than a non-member.

Mr. Glen Jones reported finding a wallet of Mr. Jerry Hoza on the banister of his cabin.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Dillon reported it will now cost \$893.70 to join the association. There are eight lots that are non-members and four not members of the water system.

It was suggested a letter of explanation to the people be mailed regarding insurance covering liability, etc.

Mr. Fietsch quoted section 3, article 5, up-keep of the water system; these people should be billed and notice given of 30-day payment of legal bill.

Mr. Dillon is to check over with the MacDowalls if the rate could be reduced for six months' coverage.

MOTION: Mr. Rodgers moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion was seconded and duly passed.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Irish moved we accept the minutes and approve as written and distributed. Motion was seconded and duly passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jessen, District Ranger, was introduced and he invited the membership to a "Show Me" Trip July 27 with the people from Wright's Lake area; personal cars will be used; sack lunches for an all-day tour of this Crystal Basin area.

General comments by Mr. Jessen: Road; by the end of August we should see it black-topped. There should be some delays due to work (up to two hours) for only a couple of days.

the old county road. GP and Wetzel, Ovasia Logging Company is building this road and logging in the Bunker Hill area. Camp ground construction is year: Yellow Jacket and boat ramp. Wench Creek Camp Ground, 80-100 units, and two group camps. You can call and make reservations for a week or whatever they want. We also are building camp ground at Ice House and Cleveland Corral Information point. Logging plans are moving ahead for road on Gerle Creek-Dry Lakes Trail, Michigan-Cal, a year from now and logging on Mich-Cal a year from now. 1965 we had a show-me trip with Wright's Lake looking at this area. On Saturday, July 27, we are meeting at Riverton at 9:30 a.m. and will show them some of the things taking place in the country. Auto caravan of a few hours; joint meals or anything else, plan between the two groups.

We have logged last year right adjacent to the road at Silver Creek to Robb's Saddle. I hope you will consider that an esthetic job but if you thing that is a satisfactory job any logging we do will be in that manner. We are not planning to come into this area at all adjacent to here. Only on a selected basis we would cut out pre-selected trees within 20 years we will be in here picking out the poor trees. Within the next year or two we have nothing planned.

Asked regarding price of cutting trees he stated \$120 is not a high price for cutting a tree. Work with Chapin.

Chpin wanted to mention a few things: When the secretary read off the names and addresses you can see we have continual trouble of keeping track of people. Notify the Forest Service of any change of address. Water System -You have done a lot of work on it this year and ~~ix~~ making improvements which we think is a fine idea. If we would finish the work that needed to be done on finishing the tank and chlorinator and ~~not~~ health inspection will be requested. It was defective and had to be worked on. The camp ground chlorinator is in but the pumps are not working.

Mr. Holmes stated the fire hydrants are in. We have two lengths of fire hose. Two weeks ago the purchase of adapters was authorized and we will construct a cart. Mr. Irish asked what the possibility would be of building a central fire house and all the rest of the equipment that has to do with the water system. If there is a need we could try to work something out. We would want a proposal and sketch of what you have in mind and select a site. We do not have nozzles but would like a place to store these things.

Mr. Chapin mentioned last year we looked at the cabins not completed and we have completed some and it is looking encouraging. For the most part, the places have gotten finished up except for a few and for those few it is necessary to make more progress. One third of the cabins were inspected last year and copies of reports received. For the items asked to be done, there will be a follow-up soon. Also I will be making an inspection on new cabins and cabins not inspected last year. I will put down items needed to be worked on. Our patrolman made a fire inspection and what I am looking at is the actual compliance with the special use permit. Any new additions have to be approved by us. If fire regulations and clean up not done. Regarding ~~xxxxxx~~ paint - natural stains, brown and greens; trims can be gray and white, a light yellow is used in our area, cream used on sign lettering. If something other than brown or green - ask and it may be ok. Last year at the meeting the question was asked about the reservoir but I checkwd into it - electric motors will not be allowed. In the camp ground we have had to control the campers and had to block off the access road to the water. We feel the Angel Creek road is adequate for launching boats but we may have to work something out, it may be a big inconvenience to campers. The road construction people are having a carrying area away from the camps. Butts is the project crew and tied down to his men and project. He will not be patrolling Roy Burkett will be living at Schlein's this next week. Two fine patrolmen for this ~~xxxx~~ area, one has the southern end and Wright's Lake. He did get in early this spring; he has completed this area and is making other inspections, power lines, construction jobs, and as the summer goes on they have more time to get out. People can camp anywhere in the national forest and we do not bother them but watch to see that they use common sense and good sanitation. I think the day may come where we want let people camp just anywhere.

The old signs are out of existence; radio high frequency 76.?

Dump: The dump is open and feel free to use it. Rather than pile material on your property take it to the dump. We will burn every two weeks. We had trouble with some people dumping along the road to the dump. We noticed most of the stuff is construction material from the tract. Let the people doing it now if you see them. Signs: I noticed that we are getting sign with people's names on it. Encourage that the tract get signs and lot numbers and names. Most of the tracts have routed out signs all uniform. Signs come under the special use permit and have them all rustic, uniform. We make our own and several cabinet shops will make them.

Ellis Smart: From the Preserve Office Recreation for El Dorado Forest. Fee study being conducted this year. In March letter mailed concerning this. We are requested by Congress that "Fair Market Value" for summer homes, equal to 5% of the land value of the annual rate. If \$2,000 at 5%, the annual fee would be \$100. Each five years according to the terms of permit we redetermine the fee. The twenty-year term permit says the fees will be re-determined nationwide. It will become effective this year but not effective until 1971. If you had an annual permit the new fee would be applied in 1970. If you would like the annual permit converted to 20 year term permit you may apply. Basis of determining value: All factors are taken into consideration. Capable people are making the survey. There are a couple of dates of ~~similar~~ importance to us. In this letter information to be provided regarding sale of similar private land, any of that kind of information we will have to have by Aug. 1. On October 1 you will receive a letter telling you what the new fee would be. If we were to exchange land, could we do it? It has to be in the public interest. Receiving equal value and there are some of the legal texts that must be applied. When there is an advantage to the government. Recourse - If value of similar land has increased you would be reasonable to expect your land value to increase. What is fair market value? \$68 at Wright's Lake. We have well qualified trained people in S.F. who will determine.
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Do you think the N.F. Recreation Assn would be an advantage to an individual assn? The more people that group together, the more effective they become and that may be an advantage. They do some lobbying but do not know of any effectiveness. There are two bills in Congress that provide in different manners at the end of permit period if (?) covered elected not to renew. What opportunity it has to succeed the Dept. of Agriculture has not reported in favor. This particular tract has until 1971 as far as it is written into the agreement. Recreation area planning this area is indicated to continue as to the year 2000 if F.S. needed for camp ground before the end of the term permit it would be reimbursed for those with a 20-year term permit. The F.S. for political reasons will ~~not~~ not do anything with summer home tract. The tract is a fine use of the land in this area. Permits are public records but not used to determine value.

Recourse - Most effective that you would speak as an association as a pointed group. Committee approach. A little simpler and expeditious. Any individual in spite of that has a right of appeal under law. Concerning right of investment you have right of appeal. You may send for a book that explains the legal procedures and facts to base it on. The quickest and heard more readily is the committee approach. Cal Mich. is the largest private land owner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Committee

Mr. Irish reported labor was expended to repair by drain cock next to outlet so all you have to do is open it and drain it. We don't want to fill the system and then have the whole system drain right out of one particular connection. We cut the water off at the tanks, turn the pumps off, disconnect everything; come back and drain the system by opening fire hydrants near lot 5 and 19 that completes the draining of the system. If you are on a hill and come back in and turn the water on and there is some water left in the line. We are going to have a drop box put in; we want to get rid of the two lines. We will need work parties. We need volunteers to complete it properly. We will post schedules on the bulletin board. Drop box, remove lines, build pump house

and ~~x~~move the system over.

RULES OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Mr. Black reported his committee had approved the following suggested guide lines for conduct. Kept them at a minimum as we come up here and checked with some of the cabin owners and incorporated some of their feelings:

1. There shall be a 10 mile per hour speed limit within the tract.
2. Hondas and motor bikes are to be kept to a minimum in the tract during daylight hours
3. Generators should be shut off at midnight.
4. Fire arms may not be discharged within the tract.
5. Hand watering only.

Each cabin is to have rules for their friends.

New Business: Mr. Rodgers asked Virgil Whitton out of Kyburz to come and speak. He would patrol three days a week at random times during the time when the road is open and once a week by snowcat when the road is closed and will run us approximately \$300 per month, \$7.50 per month per cabin owner. A association vote could be sufficient. This patrolling would consist of checking the owners and visitors. If you were there you would have to prove you are the owner. He patrols all the tracts from White Hall to Tamarack Pines except Sciots Camp. Individuals going in together would increase the fee. During the peak season they do not hire anyone. ~~but~~ MOTION: Mr. Irish moved the executive board make a study, seconded by Manhart and motion duly carried. In order to get them for robbery you have to see them actually doing it. You can sometimes get them for stolen material if the material is found.

Mr. Fietsch reported the Echo Lake Assn. is trying to form a group of all the members in El Dorado tract of which there are eight. They discussed problems of tax increases and want us to participate with them. They are considering hiring an attorney to represent these groups. If the executive board was to recommend it, it would amount to \$2 per person, not to exceed two years. He would speak before the board of supervisors and before the Forestry Dept. as there was any necessity...and also information from New Forest Recreation Assn.

Suggested we contact Teichert for paving of road in the tract.

Nominating Committee Report:

Mrs. Russell reported the following are recommended for executive board:

- President - Wm. Barnard
- V.Pres. James Fletcher
- Treas. Cas Liszewski
- Secty - Miles Messenger

The following board members are to be replaced: Dillon
Barbato
Rodgers
Holmes

The following board members are to serve another year: Manhart
Black
Jones
Barnard

MOTION: Mr. O'Neal ratified the President's action of nominating committee consisting of three instead of five. Motion was duly seconded and passed.

Barbato stated he would like to resign from the board. His resignation was accepted. Mr. Barnard was then elected to replace Mr. Barbato since he had been recommended by the nominating committee as their selection for President. However, the executive board elects the office the board of directors in accordance with the ByLaws.

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Permits are required for camp fires or barbecues. Contact the F.S. at the Ranger's Stn. or one of them as they go by. We prefer to take needles and this type stuff to the dump. Later on if we have need we can have a patrolman come in and burn.

It was suggested that while talking to the Forest Service and having them attend our meetings that next year we invite their wives and families to spot luck; thereby getting acquainted with them and with those in the tract.

Mr. Willis stated the cabin on lot 31 is for sale.

ADJOURNMENT

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Executive Board Meeting of
Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Assn.

Mr. Jesson advised Walsh Constr. had labor difficulties this week. Thursday and Thursday night they walked off the job and did not work a couple of shifts. The kids on first shift have been on arrest before and may connect with the break ins and thievery.

Election of officers.

President - Nominated John Holmes, seconded.
Vice Pres.- Black nominated Manhart, seconded.
Treasurer - Dillon unanimously nominated.
Secretary - Kris Rodgers " "
Barnard)
Jones) - Nominated as Members at Large 1969
Black)

Manhart moved that we refund the money to the original owners. Black seconded.
Motion carried.

Suggested we send people not members of the association a bill for back services.
Write news letter outlining problems with the water system to the general membership.
Assessment will be assessed to non members for the periods involved.

Not Paid Members:

5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 19, 26

Not in Water System:

8, 9, 13, 26.

Get Use permit dates.

Echo Lake Assn. to be discussed at a later meeting. Check takes of Walter Kurtz,
Cabode and Leiforf at Murray Camp.

Adjourned.