

GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Association, Inc. was called to order at 1 p.m., June 30, 1973, on Lot 8. The Secretary, Gordon Brattland, made the roll call and 26 members were present. Mr. Dick Belford, President, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Edna Brandt of Lot 25 and welcomed them. Welcome back to Lou Barbato, who has been ill, and it was noted that Len Wanner has been very ill with serious back trouble and has had an operation. We wish him well. Special thanks to our water commissioners, Bud Irish and John Holmes for a fine job of getting our water system turned on and in working order and a big thank you to Eudora Russell for planning the pot luck we will soon be enjoying.

Mr. Belford asked the Secretary to read the treasurer's report that Len Wanner prepared and sent.

Mr. Bob Jessen, District Ranger was introduced and asked to speak to the group. Mr. Jessen spoke of the timber management plan first--they have completed all field work on growth rate in trees, types of logging, e.g. with tractor; helicopter; steep slopes require various types of equipment. They have 16 categories--the land is being matched with research. The report will be given in the fall and people interested will be asked to comment on plans for recreation, scenic, and desolation area uses.

Wes Dillon asked if there will be any logging in or near the tract as the cabins near the paved road are almost if not already exposed now. Mr. Jessen said that there is a buffer strip by road and around tract that is classified "no cutting". Only dead or dying trees in this area will be cut. Cabin owners have to remove any dead or dying on their lot if notified by the Forestry that it should be removed for safety. The cut plans are 5-year-cut plan and this cut-plan is anticipated to cover until 1979. Forest Service will take care of dead snags--on your lot you are responsible--it does not hurt to call Forest Service attention to dead snags. Mr. Jessen will send someone to decide--this was in answer to a question about a dead snag that had been marked for cutting and has not been cut yet.

Desolation Wilderness Area: Over use in area around lakes--meeting in Tahoe for 1st draft plan that has been submitted and will be revised in the spring--Regional will approve the plan. There will be one change--camping only 100' back from lake shores--preclude camping on shores--Rockbound is an example of damage. There will be a 5 year moritorium on all lakes.

Road to Hellhole--continue--Federal budget a long way off. Timber sales--logging now near Bunker Hill and McKinstry Meadows--these two logging operations will have trucks coming by tract.

Fire Guard--Clyde Carter will be moving into Schleins this week.

Mr. Belford has information for the cabin that is for sale--Lot 11, it is listed with a realtor for \$8,000. Mr. Belford has realtor's name.

Environmental pressures to stop open burning--closed the dumps. You can haul your garbage to the Union Mine south of Placerville. The Forest Service felt that the dump was a tremendous fire risk and glad that it has been closed even tho it has caused them a great inconvenience because of camp ground refuse. Would appreciate the cabin owners not using the camp ground garbage cans--it is quite obvious that campers do not leave paint cans or window screens!!! Question: Is it economical for a sanitary fill? Mr. Jessen felt that it was not. But he said that cabin owners can burn--if you clear 10' around to mineral soil, use metal drum with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh screen and have a burning permit (season long) you can burn from 6 am until 10am or 6 pm to 10pm--just not during the heat of the day. Remove the rest of garbage to dump or home. Burning permit would be for yearly clearing of pine needles and such.

Gate at Riverton may be moved further up road--you can get your key from Mr. Ray Lawyer, our County Commissioner. Mr. Jessen was asked to notify the Association about any meetings or decisions regarding the gate at Riverton.

Mr. McLeash of the Wrights Lake Cabin owners was introduced. Mr. McLeash spoke to us about being members of the NFRA, and left papers for the Association to use if they should decide to join. This association helps cabin owners in many areas including taxes. Membership is \$25 for the Association to join, \$3 per cabin owner and \$3 for the Newsletter--a total of \$6 per year.

Minutes of the Association meeting in 1972 were mailed out to each member. Motion made and carried to accept the 1972 minutes as printed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Fire fighting--decision that each cabin have at least 1 water hose and it would be better if they had 2 water hose connected to their water hydrants at all times and a fire extinguisher in cabin. Mr. Bob Smith, Lot 14, is a fireman and will help us get set up and teach everyone about the equipment in the fire sheds and there will be some demonstrations.

John Holmes asked that everyone use water at minimum on weekends, so that the storage will be at a high level and safe margin for fire fighting. Someone had a break and the tract had to be searched until the break was found and repaired. It was under the Fentzling cabin. The result was that both tanks were emptied and there was no water for anyone last Friday night--this is dangerous!!! Suggest judicial use of water--especially on weekends when more owners are up so there will be a safe amount in tanks.

Joe Barbato suggests that you shut your water valve off when you leave the cabin and then if there is a leak or break--no damage or no depleting of water storage. Also, be sure your guests know where the shut off valve is for your cabin.

Road Oil: Clyde Jones explained about the two types of oiling for road--the heavy type lasts for about 3 years, but road has to be closed for 2 days and it is more expensive. The other type the road does not have to be closed and it does not last as long. John Holmes and Clayton Hemphill are working on equipment and if new board will form a committee and work parties, etc--road will be oiled in  $\frac{1}{2}$  day on weekend.

A parallel water system is needed--need to allocate money for this and also for tools. Many members have helped each year, but find that they lose a good tool or more and feel the association should have a set of tools and then personal tools won't be needed. Motion made and carried that the Association buy a set of tools. Bud expressed appreciation for the turn-out to get the water system going this year.

The 1973-74 Budget was presented with a prorata of \$17.00 per lot, motion made and carried to accept budget as presented.

It was recommended that the gate be closed and locked on heavy weekends.

It was noted that owners should display the orange plate as well as guests--the deputy sheriffs do not know all the owners and this would aid them in determining if unauthorized people were in the cabin. The orange plates were brought to the meeting--John Holmes made some and Dennis Fietsch made some--plenty for all.

June Holmes brought up the fact that at a past meeting it was decided that a committee would rewrite the constitution and that she would help if the new board will order.

Question: who has keys to our gate--Forest Service and Sheriff's Department.

Owners were billed for the propane tanks by Paragas--the tanks were supposed to be free of charge--don't pay--the board is to check into this. John Holmes will help.

The nominating committee contacted Mr. Hammond, Mr. Smith and Mr. Mahoney, who accepted their request that their names be put forward to be elected as new board members. John Stowell offered to serve another term. Motion made and carried that the slate of candidates offered be elected.

Board Members are: Joe Barbato, Lot 27; Bob O'Neal, Lot 9; Dick Russell, Lot 45 (remaining members) newly elected--John Stowell, Lot 5; Cecil Hammon, Lot 20; Bob Mahoney, Lot 32 and Bob Smith, Lot 14.

Mrs. Ickies wrote a set of 10 rules for cabin owners to consider--thanks to her for her efforts and the copies that John brought for everyone.

Meeting adjourned.

#### BOARD

Bob O'Neal, President  
Bob Smith, Vice President  
Cecil Hammon, Secretary  
John Stowell, Treasurer