

Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Association

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order and it was determined that a quorum existed.

Bill called the meeting to order and introduced Debbie Gainer, Recreation Officer, of the USFS Pacific District. She discussed:

1. The need to place all cabin requests in writing for cabin questions or improvements. Tree cuts, just leave a message. No more hand shake deals, there needs to be a paper trail.
2. Angel Creek curve brush clearing was promised with America Corp for Monday but they have been assigned to the fires and there was some question on when they would become available. All brush clearing would be done by hand crews, creating hand piles to reduce fuel loads. She stated that the USFS is committed to getting the brush cleared from the roadway.
3. It was requested that all cabins are readily identified by lot number visible from the cabin roads. The cabins lot numbers need to be seen by emergency and fire vehicles as well as the USFS.
4. She stated that the gate must remain open and that this is a standard throughout the forest during the season unless it was considered a resource protection issue. It was mentioned by Bill Dillon that a letter has been composed to the USFS by the association on why the gate must remain locked. A copy of the letter will be sent to every cabin owner. This also brought up discussion about being able to get in touch with the USFS when there is illegal shooting, fires, etc, going on in the forest. We were informed that there is no way to contact USFS after 5 p.m. so it is necessary to contact Eldorado County Sheriff for help with these and other problems after that time.
5. Debbie would look into the logging turn around near lot 35 & 36 that was supposed to be already blocked from vehicle access by the loggers when they finished the logging project. The USFS will address the vehicle access issues in that area.
6. A sign that states "Emergency Access, Do not block" has been placed in front of the gate for the old quarry and access to the cabin old water system.
7. Per the county, Jacobson Meadow Bridge would be replaced in 2010.
8. There is an established hot line for cabin questions; the number is 647-5421.

9. Needle removal and disposal was discussed. It was suggested that the USFS consider setting up a staging area to burn needles in the winter. Debbie suggested that the a layer of the needles be left on the ground for dust and erosion control, but should be cleared to within 10 feet immediately surrounding the cabin and shed structures. No burn barrels are allowed throughout the forest. She will be looking into the possibility of obtaining a place to burn instead of having to haul them out of the forest. It was also mentioned by Bill Dillon that there was a possibility of receiving a dumpster within the tract for a set number of days where the needles and other slash could be dumped and hauled out for us. Will have more information on that as it becomes available and will let everyone know.
10. Debbie also mentioned that it is going to be a tough fire season this year. There are no fires or open bbqs allowed after July 1, 2008 for resource protection. You can utilize propane bbqs, but no webbers, no rock bbqs and no pit fires.
11. For local emergency telephone calls, use 626-4911
12. Camping is allowed in any part the USF except in approved sites. Approved sites are the established campgrounds, picnic areas and residence (cabin) tracts. Approved sites are one family per site only. That means that people cannot come in and camp within 150 yards of a campground or other approved site (i.e., no camping in the cabin tract). Camping is not permitted in picnic areas. Unlawful campers can be cited.

It was m/s/c (Browning/Lile) to approve the minutes from June 23, 2007 as presented.

The treasurer provided his report and it was m/s/c/ (Wiget/Rodgers) that the report be accepted as presented. Assessment dues for this year are \$145.00 per lot. Deadline for payment is August 31, 2008. One cabin is still delinquent from last year. The delinquent cabin has no voting rights and will lose access to potable water.

Old Business:

Noise restrictions are in place within the track from 10:00PM to 9:00 AM. No generators and/or loud music before 9:00 AM, and take the parties inside or at least quiet them down substantially after 10:00 PM. These rules are in conformance with the USFS campground rules, and you should be considerate of your friends and neighbors. Remember, sound carries a lot more up here than in town.

No parking in the turn-a-rounds or on the roads within the tract. This is for emergency fire and rescue ingress and egress and for traffic safety. Our roads are narrow and it is hard to pass another vehicle without having vehicles parked in a way which blocks a portion or all of the road. Additionally, respect for your neighbors and friends. A 5 mph speed limit is still in effect within the tract. This is to protect the cabin owners, their children, dogs and visitors and to help keep the dust down for those owners who

have cabins right on the road, especially during really dry years.. Therefore, please adhere to the speed limit within the tract, slow down and be alert. There will be a couple more speed pumps placed in various locations of the tract roads, and we are looking into the possibility of purchasing speed hard rubber speed bumps like you see on a lot of the city streets.

There are 3-4 fire hydrants that don't have wheels to turn the water on/off; the wheels will be placed on those hydrants. A discussion was focused on people coming up from the camp ground, and taking water from the hydrants. Concerns were expressed on non potable water and possibility of draining the system by leaving the valve open, which has happened. A suggestion was made to mark the hydrants with "Non-potable water" signs.

New Business:

Discussion on 2008 work parties was held. Work parties for this year are:

July 19th, 0900 - Intake of old water system, lid and screen on surge tank.

August 16th, 0900 - Debris from high winds, pick up the big stuff throughout the track.

September 13th, 0900 - Clean up of missed projects throughout the track.

Board Nominations where discussed. The following individuals were nominated for the Board: Brad Dillon, Allan Vella, Greg Kiefer, and George Weimer

It was m/s/c (Bitterman/Browning) to close nominations. Paper ballots were handed out for the members to vote. The following individuals were elected for the Board: Brad Dillon, Allan Vella and Greg Kiefer.

President nominations where opened and it was m/s/c (Lile/Gondola) to have Bill Dillon continue as president.

A brief discussion was held about cellular phone reception in the area. Cingular/ATT are looking to possibly put in a cell tower near Loon Lake.

It was m/s/c (Browning/Rodgers) to adjourn the meeting at 2 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Mehr, Secretary