

GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2015

Bill Dillon, Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract President, called the meeting to order. Meeting was seconded by Boyd(21). A roll call was taken, and we had a quorum.

Bill Dillon introduced new cabin owners, John and Heather McDowall, lot #40.

APPROVAL OF THE 2014 MEETING MINUTES

No questions were asked. It was moved/seconded by Boyd(21)/Fluke(22) and carried to approve 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015/2016

Brad Dillon, Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Treasurer, presented proposed budget for 2015/2016. No questions were asked. It was moved/seconded by Boyd(21)/Browning(15) and carried to accept 2015/2016 budget.

INFORMATION

Richard Thornburgh, Pacific District Ranger, will not be able to attend meeting today.

Ken Kumpe, Forest Service Fire Representative will be our speaker.

If any cabin owner has questions about fire restrictions, please call the Pacific District Ranger Station. The forest is closed down, fire conditions are extreme. If you have a small campfire, there is no burning of needles. No chainsaw use. A campfire permit is needed for a campfire.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Gerle Creek is due for an inspection by the County. Anti-siphon valves are a County requirement. Remember to remove the locking screw when you install the anti-siphon valves on all your outdoor faucets (spigots). If you tighten the locking screw it can break off or rust out, then you won't be able to take the anti-siphon off the faucet when you close for the season. The anti-siphon valves need to be removed in order to drain your faucet completely for winterization. Store the anti-siphon valves for the winter and use them again the following summer. Anti-siphon valves can be purchased at any hardware store. If the County inspects our cabins and you do not have an anti-siphon on your faucet(s), cabin owner will be cited. They will not cite the whole tract.

There are helmet laws. Please wear your helmets in the tract. Forest Service Law Enforcement, certain Forest Service Personnel, and Sheriff can cite you for not wearing a helmet. All these agencies have been in the tract. Cost for citation is very expensive.

2015 Work Parties are July 18th and August 22nd. On July 18th we will be fixing the speed bumps. No new speed bumps will be added, we are just repairing speed bumps. August 22nd work is to be determined later. Just a reminder, work parties are also the opening and closing of the water system. These two work party dates are always weather permitting.

BOARD NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

Bill Boyd, Wayne Fluke, and Bill Holmes are up for election this year. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved/seconded by McDowall(40)/ McDowall(41) and carried to elect Bill, Wayne, and Bill.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Bill Dillon is running for president. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved/seconded by Browning(15)/Holmes(33) and carried to reelect Bill as president.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

At this time the water is non-potable. The county wants us to hold off testing. Testing and results should be in a few weeks.

Keys-the gate lock will be changed. 41 keys will be given to 41 permittees only. Permittees will sign for the key. A new lock will be put on the gate in 2-3 weeks. It is recommended to go to a reliable locksmith to duplicate key (BLANK #27). Please keep duplication down to a minimum.

EL DORADO NATIONAL FOREST FIRE PRESENTATION BY KEN KUMPE

Ken Kumpe introduced Captain Lucas Birch and Battalion Chief Tyler Anderson. These two individuals as well as other representatives from the fire service are responsible for the cutting (trees) being done across from the lower road.

The fire season has not stopped. There was very little snow pack. Reservoirs are rapidly draining. Wells and springs will be gone by the end of the summer. Water conservation is very important. Drought conditions are unprecedented. Because of the drought, fuels are extremely dry. Outside of the developed areas fire restrictions mean no open flames. For our tract (for right now, but can change) campfires are okay. BBQ are okay. However no burning of needles. There is a burn ban for the entire county. No more burning for 2015 until winter sets in. Pile needles away from your structures. As of now the Special Use Permit Administrator says "yes" for campfire (with permit) and "no" for needles in campfire.

There is a changing of the guard down at the ranger station. Debbie Gaynor is moving on. There will be new personnel. The new personnel will be making the decisions. Please be patient.

Keep in mind: we are in an extreme drought.

BEFORE YOU LIGHT IT, PREPARE TO FIGHT IT.

Remember the safety of the **ENTIRE** tract is at risk.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Ask Special Use Permit Administrator if you can cut low lying brush.
2. The King Fire was the largest fire in El Dorado County history. Almost 10,000 fire personnel, resources, and support were used to fight this fire. CAL-FIRE, Forest Service, and personnel from all over the country were employed.
3. Drought is officially in years 4-5.
4. Bunker Hill Lookout is open. The gate and tower are open. It is manned 24/7.

5. Get rid of dead and down, but ask Special Use Personal about cutting of trees. Needles are to be raked away from structures. Annual fallout needles are to be raked.
6. Conserve water for our well. We don't know how much water is in our well.
7. 97,000 acres (out of 450,000 acres, excluding wilderness area) were burned in The King Fire. The King Fire burned most of the Georgetown Ranger District. It burned from Pollock Pines up to French Meadows.
8. READY-SET-GO PROGRAM is endorsed by CAL-FIRE. Go to ca.gov for information about this program. Have an alternative route, be ready to get out, know your escape routes. Reading smoke columns: if it's in front of you, go in the other direction.
9. There will be different fire personnel cutting along the road across from lower tract providing a buffer between road and cabins. They are eliminating the fuel. There is a lot of wood to be cleaned up.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved/seconded by Boyd(21)/Cooney(36) and carried to adjourn the 2015 meeting.

Have a great summer!

Respectfully submitted by

Bill Holmes, Secretary
Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract

