

MINUTES
GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSOC., INC.

ANNUAL MEETING
June 26, 1971

The Annual Meeting of the Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Assoc., Inc. convened at 1:00 p.m. in the Holmes' cabin. President Ed Fietsch presided.

The President thanked the Holmes for the use of their cabin and all the women who prepared the food. He asked Jim Chapin, of the Forest Service, to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Jim Chapin thanked the Association for the wonderful lunch and was glad he was invited. He introduced the Fire Protection Technician, Dick Hadsell and his wife, Janice. They will be at Schlein's for fire prevention and protection in this area.

Mr. Chapin said he had talked to most of the members for several years in a row. It would be a repetition to again cover inspections in the cabin and fire permits. If you have any specific questions, you can ask us. He said he wanted to discuss things going on in the district this year and other items of general interest.

Construction Activity - Tight year in the Federal Government. Reduction in manpower and financing; both for construction and fire control people and everything else. In this area, new South Fork branch will be completed and road will be started on the other side. Possibility that road from Ice House to Wright's Lake will be extended. No more work on this highway this year. It will probably be about three years. Nothing new started in campgrounds. Eighty-four units in Union Valley Penninsula almost completed that were started last year.

Logging - Michigan California will finish Gerle's timber sale. Union Valley timber sale is about to be completed. Steep slope visible from the penninsula, about finished, and it is pretty well hidden. Grass will be seeded in year or so. We are doing better job of logging on National Forest. Crystal Basin Ranger Station opened Memorial Day weekend. Open 7 days a week 9 to 6 p.m. Portable generator there is not operating. It is the closest place to get information, report emergencies, radio communications, etc. Behind the station, there is a trailer set up. Recreation people and supervisors are living in the trailers, and if there is an emergency, you could find someone back there to help you out. Les Smith and Dick live at Schlein's, but are not normally there in the day.

At Crystal Basin you can get fire permits, maps, wilderness permits and leave messages there. Wilderness permit-Brand new thing this year. In California, wilderness areas are getting used so heavily, so in order to maintain them as Wilderness areas we need to have some idea of what is going on. Starting this year, Wilderness Entry Permit is needed. Permit for this year is not to regulate use or number of people, but the principle purposes are (1) public contact with people going in the wilderness so we can tell them the problems; (2) to try to get information on number of people using wilderness and where they are going;

(3) in future years there will have to be controls on number of people going into wilderness. Possibly next year, or two or three years from now, only so many will be allowed in any one portion of the wilderness at any one time. We may have to regulate the use to keep it from being over-used. Permit needed for any individual or any group for each trip into the wilderness. You can get it through the mail by filling out an application, from Forest Service Ranger Station, or you can take your chances and get one out in the field. Mr. Chapin said teenagers can get a permit, anyone who can read and know the rules and can sign his name.

Anyone found in the wilderness without a permit will be issued a Notice of Violation. Two times a violation, \$500 fine - misdemeanor, Federal Law.

Primitive area is primitive in nature and Secretary of Agriculture can designate it as primitive area. It can also be changed by any other Secretary of Agriculture at any time.

Wilderness Area - Area that Park Service wants to preserve as wilderness without any man-made improvements. Presently there is an act before Congress, Congress will act on the proposal, and if they agree it becomes Wilderness Area by Act of Congress and cannot be changed. In 1969 Desolation Valley became a Wilderness Area by Act of Congress. There are 21 areas in California such as this.

Forest Service is to manage the area not to be changed by man. Recreation is second, timber management is out. Everything is second to wilderness. Minimum trails and signs. Only 90,000 to 100,000 people went into Desolation Wilderness last year. This summer we will be making surveys and this winter, we will write a management plan for the wilderness.

Fire fighting is not the same in the Wilderness Area as here. We can't be fighting fires as aggressively in the wilderness Area. If the fire is doing serious damage, we will send team.

Dump - This is the last year for the dump. It will be open this year and can be used as it has been in the past. Three times more than paying now to haul trash, so we will keep the dump open. Next year, whether we have the money or not, we may have to close. There are two alternatives:

- (1) Large trucks come in and haul to Diamond Springs.
- (2) Dump stations that would be big bins located in several areas in the district, and we would have big transport come and haul off and leave new bins.

Mr. Fietsch asked what about needles or brush? A place where you can haul or a burn area where you can burn in the summer home tract.

We don't know if the restrictions on burning will be on needles, etc. Summer home association will have to pay for cost of the garbage disposal. They can levy a fee for every member of the tract for their garbage disposal.

Fire Inspections - Annually. Special use permit must be complied with. Five homes have letters and have been given til July 1 to correct problems or

action will be taken to terminate the permit.

Question was asked about the road to the dump. Mr. Chapin said nothing was going to be done because this is the last year for the dump. Forest Service tries to burn and do a little policing. This fall, or early next spring, the road will probably be closed off, grass seeded and tried to be rehabilitated.

Above average amount of water in the high country. Reservoirs will be full until late August. Loon Lake powerhouse completed and ready to go on the line. Release down Gerle Creek will only be fish water release. 90% of the lakes still frozen solid.

Fire Protection Technician, Dick Hadsell spoke. He said there were State laws in regard to forest fires. Any structures that are in the State primarily surrounded by woodlands and forest lands need to rake or clear 30 feet away from structures, including permanent shrubbery. Pine needles should be removed from underneath trees, shrubs, etc. $\frac{1}{4}$ " screen or spark arrester on fireplaces. Spark Arresters - Any motor driven piece of machinery powered by gasoline, diesel and propane will have a device that will trap and contain all particles of carbon. Some generators in this summer home tract need spark arresters. Chain saws need wood cutting permit - State law requires you have a service shovel within 20 feet of unobstructive access of where you are sawing or approved fire extinguisher. Casco ED 1 is an approved spark arrester.

Camp Fire Permits - Anyone who doesn't have a camp fire permit should get one. Needed for outside barbecuing. We will check permits and if you don't have one you get a warning.

Question asked if once you have your spark arrester approved and get a permit, do you need a permit each year? You need a wood cutting permit for a certain-time-period at a certain location. Three use permits up to 8 cords of wood. Two cords per permit, for two week period for a particular location.

Question asked if spark arrester needed on cement mixers? Yes, it is needed. In the long run, it will protect you. Question asked about fires in the campgrounds at night; undeveloped areas. People in the campgrounds are not required to have permits. Friday and Saturday nights, the Forest Service has evening patrols. 7-11 in the summer. Mr. Chapin said that anytime anyone sees anything in the area that you feel is unsafe, let us know and we will take action on it. Get license number or some identification. Campfire permit is not good on private lands in or out of the National Forest boundary.

Mr. Chapin mentioned that the whole coast of California is owned by the government. Private lands cut off the beaches. If public uses them the road becomes public.

Question asked who approves spark arresters? State of California set up law and the only people who can test and approve is the Department of Agriculture in San Dimas, California. Must be U.S.D.A. approved.

Mr. Fietsch called the meeting to order and asked for a Roll Call. Not present were: 4, 5, 12, 13, 15, 17, (18 Proxy), 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 (28 Proxy) (29 Proxy), 31 32, 34, 36, 37, 38 (41 Proxy), 43, 44, 46.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of last year		\$2,479.81
Deposit: Dues	\$573.50	
Withdrawals:		
Potluck 1970 expenses	9.92	
Water Analysis	14.00	
Secretarial supplies, etc.	40.05	
Insurance	199.00	
Chlorine	25.20	
Materials	63.50	
Franchise Tax Board	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Withdrawals	\$361.67	
Balance as of June 24, 1971		\$2,674.76

Question about Franchise Tax Board cost of \$10.00. Filing fee for exemption from paying.

NEW BUSINESS

Sent out with the notice of the meeting was an estimate of the expenses for Budget Year 1971. Insurance costs increased to \$225. Mr. Fietsch asked for any questions or approval of \$12 assessment.

(Comments from President:)

Everyone is entitled to vote in Association. If you don't pay your assessment, the Forest Service will be notified that you are delinquent. You must pay the assessment whether you exercise the right to vote or not.

Mrs. Pavilla, Lot 19, moved that the assessment of \$12 per lot be accepted. Mr. Hart, seconded. Unanimous decision - no dissenting vote.

Mr. Fietsch said we would like to distribute the fire carts down through the tract and help in case of fire. President asked for someone to be responsible to follow-up on fire carts. Five conversion reducers of some type are needed. Clyde Jones said everyone should take a lesson in fire-fighting. Bob Smith of Lot # 14 said he would take responsibility of getting the carts in operation.

Mr. Fietsch asked for someone to make up 3 triangular gongs. It was reported that Dick Rodgers would make them up. These are to be used for emergency so people can respond.

Mr. Fietsch said it should be ascertained which areas need longer hose than others

Mr. Fietsch mentioned that in the not too distant future we will need filtration on our water system. Some day the chlorinator will be found shut-down and we will be in trouble. Tremendous amount of sediment in the tanks this

year. They are clean now. I am afraid the grit will cut the seats of our pumps. In the future, we will need some type of filter system to overcome this problem.

Gordon Brattland mentioned that Gerle Creek will be down to more normal level so we can make better plans. We don't want to have a major problem. Clyde Jones said he would look into the matter.

Minutes of last year's meeting were given to all present. Mr. Fietsch said that if you find anything that has been omitted or needs to be corrected, we will take care of it later.

Mr. Fietsch said in regards to old business, several things have not been completed. The contractor who had been working in the area and who was to blade the lower portion of the road for \$100 was forced out by a storm so work did not get done, so we did not have culvert put in. Mr. Fietsch said that if anyone knew of someone who would do the work please get hold of him.

Doors on pumphouse have been taken care of. Gate will be repaired. Two locks on the gate.

Mortar and all repairs are done on the pump house.

Clyde Jones suggested we should have the names, addresses, and phone numbers of everyone in the tract. New members don't have it. If something is wrong, we could notify you. If you have moved, please make sure the secretary has your new address.

John Holmes asked if it would be out of order for secretary to mail out an address list? President said, No. List passed around for all to check address and to add their phone numbers.

Mr. Fietsch said, as a group, the original signers of the water system, voted to leave the money in the confines of the Association to be used for improvements. Through the year I did not make a draft. It will be taken care of and we will get signatures of people involved in the lots so this money can be use for this purpose. 42 lots, so there isn't much money as individuals, but as an Association, it will do something and there will not be heavy assessments. I will draw up the letter and have it mailed out.

Mr. Fietsch asked if there was any other old business? None.

The Nominating Committee recommendations were: Gordon Brattland, # 24, Mr. Belford, # 8, John Stodd # 5, Len Wanner # 6, to the Board of Directors. Mr. Fietsch asked if there were any recommendations from the floor. None. He then said we would accept the recommendation from the Committee and vote for the new Board members who will be in office for 2 years. The new Board will meet after this meeting and elect their officers for the coming year. All in favor of the recommendations of the Board say "aye". "Aye's had it."

Those going off were Manhart, Grimm, Camber, and Fietsch.

Mr. Fietsch gave a special thanks to all those who helped the last few years.

Len Wanner waid that if there are any mistakes made on signs or a change in the lot, let him know and he will make new signs. Forest Service wants everyone to have the same kind of sign.

It was decided to charge everyone at the potluck \$.50 per person who brought food, and \$1.50 for those who didn't.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55p.m.