

GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum existed.

Debbie Gaynor was here and introduced the USFS fire crew. It was also mentioned that some cabins are no longer approved colors so you need the Forest Service approval before painting. She also discussed repairing decks. If you need to replace 3 boards or fewer, you can do it without a permit and without Forest Service approval. If more than 3 boards need to be replaced, call them first.

Debbie also discussed fees that are being charged for day use at Loon, Union, Ice House and Stumpy. The new permit to the campground concessionaires allow them to charge a fee for day use. This fee is for upkeep of the facilities. You can pay per day, or you can purchase a yearly pass. The question was asked whether or not the pass was good for family or just the individual permittee. The fee is \$6 a day or you can purchase a \$50 annual pass which can be used at all of the affected lakes. Stumpy also has a pass that is used only for Stumpy. Reason being, there are some people who utilize only Stumpy and no other lake, but that particular pass cannot be used at any other lake. If you own more than one vehicle that may be taken to one of these lakes, the pass that is available can be laminated so you can use it for both vehicles.

The log landing behind lots 35 and 36 is supposed to be blocked off. First, the landing has to be located. Debbie indicated that they sent someone up to take a look at it, but no one was able to find it. She said she needs to have someone show them where it is so it can be taken care of.

Clearing the buck brush from the roadside at Angle Curve needed to be on the program of work for a fuels project. They currently have no crew or money to clean it up at this point. Debbie indicated that the alternative was that as a tract, we could propose fuel reduction and they could authorize us to do that. We can check with the county and possibly borrow a chipper to eliminate the debris. They need to do an environmental analysis before just starting to cut shrubs or trees.

Debbie had indicated in 2008 that they would check into using the old landing behind the cabins that we use to use for burning debris and the Forest Service decided that they didn't want the responsibility of that commitment.

Ken Kumpe was introduced as the Fire Prevention Officer and he and several other fire prevention staff came to discuss clearances and burning. He indicated that as of 7/1/09, there is no further dooryard burning. You can check with the Fire Safe Council and can get lots of information from them regarding fire safety.

It was also mentioned about the green waste dumpster. We were just informed that there will be the possibility of getting this dumpster again this season. A question was raised about why the dumpster couldn't be placed on the lower road. The dumpster drivers indicated that they cannot

turn around any place on the lower road and the best place for the placement of the dumpster is over by the water system pump house. It was explained that the dumpster use was a grant and there is no cost to the tract for the use of this dumpster. After 7/1/09, Bill will be able to contact the appropriate parties regarding dates for the delivery of the dumpster. It was also mentioned that American River Land Disposal said that our tract was an exception – there was absolutely no garbage in our dumpsters. We had only green waste, which is as it was supposed to be, so they are giving our tract first choice of available dates because we did a good job of following their rules.

Ken discussed the clearance of the cabin lots and he mentioned that there is a 30 foot clearance, but that is not always the distance between cabins. It was suggested that some needle cast be left on the ground to prevent erosion. His team will be inspecting while they're here today and those forms will be given to Debbie after their inspection. It was also suggested that you can use a chipper to chip up limbs, etc., and it can be spread lightly around the cabin. American River Land Disposal said they have a difficult time getting chippers up here, so they felt that the dumpster is the best bet for our area.

Ken also wanted to challenge our tract as a group to come up with an evacuation plan. We need to determine where we would all go if there was a fire within the tract. The Forest Service would need to know where we would be if there was an emergency – are we going to go to Gerle Creek or go out to Wentworth Springs. We should have 2-3 different locations we can go to and this information needs to be shared with the Forest Service.

Debbie also mentioned that if you're firewood cutting outside of the tract, you can cut standing dead trees that are 10" in diameter or less; but if you're cutting within the tract, you have to have Forest Service approval for every tree, no matter what size. They have to put paint on it to authorize the cutting.

It was m/s/c (Boyd (21)/Brinsky (42)) to accept the 2008 minutes as presented.

A brief discussion was held regarding common courtesy towards your neighbors. Out of consideration for your neighbors, it was asked that you don't start generators, chain saws or other loud items prior to 9 a.m. nor after 10 p.m. It was also asked that you keep noise down from parties. No one is asking you to stop partying, but take the noise inside or keep it down so it doesn't disturb your neighbors after 10 p.m.

No parking on the tract roads or turnarounds. It's for safety reasons. By keeping the roads and turnarounds clear, it allows emergency vehicles to come in and access a cabin if necessary. It was also mentioned that there is a speed limit posted within the tract and it needs to be adhered to for the safety of children, dogs and people walking the roads.

It was also reiterated that it is important that you have a sign in front of your cabin to indicate your lot number. There should be one on the road and one on the cabin for easy identification.

Discussion was held about the little metal orange squares that were supplied to each cabin quite a few years ago. The purpose of these squares was so that it was easy to tell whether or not

someone was at their cabin. The squares were hung in a window that faced the road so it could easily be seen. If that person wasn't seen for a while, someone could check to make sure they were ok. It served as a safety factor for individuals. It would be advantageous for cabin owners to start utilizing these squares again. If need be, we can locate and purchase more of the squares for those who don't have one, but please start using your squares so we know at a glance whether or not someone is there.

Last year Debbie Gaynor brought out an emergency phone number to call in case there's an emergency within the tract. It's important that you post this number in your cabin. Again, the number is (530) 626-4911. This will reach individuals who know exactly where our cabin tract is and is quicker than calling just 911.

It was m/s/c (Fluke (22)/Boyd (21)) to accept the budget as presented.

Discussion was held regarding turning your water system off at your box at the roadside. There are often leaks at individual cabins that can't be easily detected. These leaks can quickly drain the tanks causing the generator to come on more often. It is important that you double check your cabin every year inside and out for any leaks, and those leaks need to be taken care of promptly. It's just a suggestion from the Board that you turn the water off at your box when you leave. It will also help prevent problems inside your cabin should something happen to the water system as a whole, or to your individual cabin system.

It was mentioned that we did not have a current signature sheet for the By-Laws and Constitution, so there is a copy available at Lot 25 for signing. Please be sure to do so as there have been a lot of changes to cabin owners since the origination of the cabin tract.

Tentative dates for work parties are July 18, August 15 and September 12. A list of the proposed work will be in the letter, but so you know there will be work done at the generator house and there will be work down by Lot 20 that deals with the main water system. Also, the ram is down on the old system and it needs to be repaired, so we will need a work party to repair that and place the intake into the creek. There is also general cleanup around the tract that everyone can get together and work on. The easements between lower and upper road, around the block house and in turnarounds can be cleaned up somewhat. There doesn't actually need to be a work party for this type of cleanup – it can be done whenever you have time to do so.

Board nominations were Wayne Fluke, Wayne Lile and Bill Boyd. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Wayne Lile got up to speak about the lack of participation with regard to the Board. As long as your name is on the permit, you're eligible to run for the Board, male or female. It would be nice to see some of the other cabin owners willing to step up and participate as a Board member.

It was m/s/c (Rodgers (28)/Cooney (36)) to accept nominations as presented.

It was m/s/c (Holmes (33)/Brinsky (42)) that Bill stay in as president.

Greg gave the treasurer's report and notified everyone that the assessment for this year is \$180.00. It was mentioned that some of the fees were actually lower this year, but propane was much higher for this year. There's also a fee of \$150 that will be due to the Forest Service every 5 years, so it was decided to charge \$30 each year to prepare for that expense when it comes up.

It was brought up again by a cabin owner to check into the cost of having the roads within the tract resurfaced. A bid was received from Doug Veercamp with 3 options of what to do with the roads. Doug also mentioned that no matter what was done to the roads, you could cause a runoff problem that would go into your neighbor's cabin and cause problems there. Any work done also has to be approved by the Forest Service. All options included bringing up a grader, water truck and approximately 39 transfer truckloads of gravel. The ultimate package to redo the entire road system would cost \$44, 117. Option 2 would cost \$33,937, and the 3rd option was to look at just the most water damaged areas and that would cost \$18,275. Again, these bids are strictly informational only as we would need to get approval from the Forest Service first before starting any work. Doug indicated that our roads were actually in pretty good shape except for a couple areas where there was a severe runoff problem, but correcting those could cause problems in other areas. There was no interest expressed at this time of resurfacing the tract roads.

It was m/s/c (Wiget (17)/Shives (45)) to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(original signed by)

GREG KIEFER, Secretary
Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract