

High Sierra Meadows Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm via Teleconference

Richard St. Marie called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Board members present were:

Richard St. Marie (President)

Rick Edgeworth (VP)

Mike Compton (Treasurer)

Debra Compton (Secretary)

Kim Workman (At large)

Guest present were:

David Compton

Dawn Arbogast

Chuck Colegrove

1. **Approval of April 17, 2018 meeting minutes:** The minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Rick. All approved.
2. **Approval of April 2018 operating statement:** Approved as reported. Motion made by Richard, seconded by Debra. All approved.
3. **Set dates for owners of record and owners in good standing:** June 10, 2018 was set for owners of record (owners who eligible to vote) and July 17, 2018 was set for owners in good standing (owners with amounts due to the HSPOA are ineligible to vote or receive annual meeting packet). Motion made by Mike, seconded by Kim. All approved.
4. **Discussion on out of control fire fines and lot 104:** After some discussion regarding out of control burning and contacts made by Melissa Wise, the local USFS law enforcement officer, the Board set May 27 at 10:00 am as a special members meeting to be held at the pond steps. The purpose is to provide Melissa an opportunity to discuss her ongoing concerns about events in the meadow with as many owners as possible. The meeting date and time will be posted on the kiosks, website and postcards will be sent.

Additional discussion regarding the various out of control burns resulted in the Board adopting a fine schedule for future events. A motion was made By Mike and seconded by Rick. All approved. This action will become effective upon the conclusion of a 30-day waiting period in order to give members an opportunity to review and comment. The comment period begins May 9th.

The fine schedule as adopted is as follows:

1. Any man-made fire originating from a single lot that causes visible burn damage to any portion, material or possession of an adjacent lot or any other lot will be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars) the first event. Fine will be declared after Board Review and Appeal by owner and if stands, will be due 30 (thirty) days from date of final decision. This fine does not absolve the responsible owner from any civil claims for personal damage by affected owners.

(Note – if said fire escapes lot boundaries and enters the Sierra National Forest, the responsible lot owner may be cited and fined by the USFS and/or State of California. The Association will not be held liable in any manner.)

2. Any man-made fire that requires the direct intervention by outside forces or agencies in order to suppress the fire will be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars) per first event. Fine will be declared after Board Review and Appeal by owner and if stands, will be due 30 days from date of final decision. Outside forces and agencies may include, but are not limited to the following: - unrelated lot owners Cal Fire, USFS, Madera County Sheriff personnel, etc. This fine will not absolve the responsible owner from any fines or costs for services charged by responding agencies.
3. Any owner found to have been responsible for either type of fire event (1 or 2 above) that occurs twice within in a contiguous three (3) year period, the fine will advance to a total of \$1,500 (One thousand Five hundred dollars) per event. This fine amount will apply to all future fire events found to be caused by an individual lot owner. Motion to accept was made by Mike, seconded by Rick. All approved.
5. **Discussion on 2018 Elections:** Kim and Debra have decided not to run for re-election this year. The current Board was appointed as the nomination committee. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Richard. All approved
6. **Fire clearance fines and extensions:** Mike and/or Rick will do inspections after July 1 on lots that are on the yellow list, red list and those receipt of fire clearance extensions. All non-compliant lots will be fined accordingly. A motion was made to set November 1, 2018 as a drop-dead date for all clearance work to be accomplished. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Debra.
7. **Discussion on road repairs in front of the pond and Maxwell's:** Billy Goat Construction's quote of \$5,050. was approved subject to eligibility of funding from HSPOA reserves. Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Richard. All approved.
8. **Discussion on burning more logs in the meadow:** Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Richard to continue the log burning in the meadow in identical fashion as last year. All approved.
9. **Discussion on propane tank colors:** No action was taken.

10. Discussion on water report: Richard reported that he water system is up and running and certified for this year.

11. Other old business: No old business was discussed.

12. Other new business: No new business was discussed.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm Motioned by Debra, seconded by Mike. All approved.