

Lake Almanor Pines I & II Property Owners Association Annual Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2013

The meeting was held at Tantardino's Restaurant at 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Martin Back
John Larsen
W Scott Binns
Carl and Mary Deveny
Ron and Carol Jones
Larry and Joan Larson
Caryn Schulman
Bob Lerch
Bob Sousa
Fran Moale
Bev Emerson
Steve & Michelle Brothers

Special Guest – Deputy Sheriff Ian James

As requested by our LAPPOA Vice President, Larry Larson, Deputy Sheriff Ian James attended our meeting to discuss several topics concerning how and why to set up a neighborhood watch program in our neighborhood. Deputy Sheriff Ian James was introduced and began his discussion:

How to set up a Neighborhood Watch program

Deputy James said that the best way to start a new Neighborhood Watch program was to "mirror the West Shore's plan". He told us to call Bob Garate – who is the head of the Almanor West Neighborhood Watch program.

Things to do to begin a neighborhood watch:

- Create a Phone Tree with everyone's phone numbers and email addresses
- Keep neighbors informed – let neighbors know when you will be gone. Also, inform neighbors of any renters or guests who will be visiting your home.
- If you suspect a problem, gather as much information as possible about the situation. Type, color and license number of vehicle, how many people and what do they look like. What type of activity is taking place?
- Be a good witness – use your cell phone to take a photograph or video of what's happening. Do not put yourself in danger.
- If you are a CCW holder, let sheriff know right away so that you will not be arrested for having a weapon.
- Larry Larson has volunteered to be the head of our neighborhood watch program. Carl Deveny, Bob Sousa and Caryn Schulman volunteered to assist Larry.

- If you have an emergency, call 911. If the situation is something a Sheriff should handle, call the Plumas County Sheriff's Office at 283-6300.

How the budget cuts affect law enforcement:

- The Plumas County budget was cut 1.2 million – Sheriffs no long receive a cost of living adjustment. Lower wages in Plumas County mean the best guys will leave the county because they can earn more money in a different county. Plumas County is a training ground and we lose a lot of good law enforcement personnel due to lack of funds.
- During the evening there is only 1 deputy to cover Greenville to Chester. During the dayshift the coverage area is from Antelope Lake to Drakesbad. If a Sheriff is called for dispatch, it could take up to 2 or 3 hours to get to the situation.
- AB 109 allows non-violent offenders to serve their sentence in County jails. Plumas County jail has acquired 30 more inmates, with no additional funding. A lot more burden on staff members.
- Our probation system is old – monitoring devices are not in place yet. Hard to get good probation officers, due to low pay – no incentives.
- Chester's crime rate is low. On July 4th, only 9 DUI arrests. There are mostly drug crimes in Chester – meth and hash. Cops know who criminals are – and criminals know where the cops are. They will be tracked down eventually.

What can we do to help the Sheriff?

- Give a good description of situation.
- Give contact information – who you are – who they are. Description of vehicle and people. Take cell phone pictures or videos.
- Stay back when Sheriff is doing his job.
- If you are CCW holder – let Sheriff know right away.
- Use whatever force is necessary if you are in fear of great bodily harm.
- If people are riding motorized vehicles on dirt road behind The Pines – try to talk to the person and tell them that it is illegal to ride behind the houses. See if you can get their names and where they are staying. Direct them to go somewhere legal to ride their off road vehicles.

Everyone thanked Deputy Sheriff, Ian James for attending our meeting and gave him a round of applause. He said he was happy to attend and would attend future meetings if requested to do so.

Action Item:

Larry Larson and Carl Deveny plan to meet with Bob Garate and the members of the Almanor West Neighborhood Watch to get information on how to start our own Neighborhood Watch Program.

Old business and New Business:

Our president, Martin Back addressed the meeting, stating there was no old business and asked if there was any new business.

Access to the Lake – Picnic Table

Larry Larson talked about his attempt to put a picnic table at the lake access area down the Curry's driveway. The Curry's response to the idea of putting a picnic table for the Pines Property Owners was negative. Larry also talked to PG&E about the possibility of setting up a picnic table and his request was also denied by PG&E. Larry says we still have the privilege of using the area at the end of the cove and encourages us all to use it.

The Lake Almanor Pines Marker (speed limit 25) Sign

Martin Back has had the sign refurbished.

Passing of our friend & neighbor, Jim Felion

Our hearts are saddened by the news of the passing of our friend and neighbor, Jim Felion. Jim and his wife Linda were members of the LAPPOA and attended our meeting every year. Jim will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim's wife Linda and their family.

Adding New Members to our HOA

Scott Binns asked about getting new home owners involved in our Lake Almanor Property Owner's Association. Martin Back stated that he had approached 2 new home owners' in our neighbor and explained the LAPPOA. Their names addresses, phone numbers and email addresses have been added to our Home Owner's list. Larry Larson has added another new home owner to the list and also talked to Real Estate Agents to encourage them to tell new prospective buyers about our association and about the lake access.

Election of Officers

Martin Back asked if there was anyone who wanted to be officer in the LAPPOA. No one raised their hand. Martin announced that all the same officers had agreed to continue their assignments for another year.

Continuing officers:

President – Martin Back

Vice President – Larry Larson
Treasurer – John Larsen
Secretary – Caryn Schulman

Treasurer’s Report – July 2012 – July 2013

Balance: July 5, 2013 \$9,594.00

A very enjoyable Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.