

# **Almanor Pines Neighborhood Association**

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2020**

Meeting held on-line via Zoom due to social distance and Covid-19 concerns.

### **Attendees:**

Brothers, Steve & Michele

Browne, Mike & Jenn

Corona, Fred & Stacie

Couch, Don

Deveny, Mary & Carl

Jones, Rob

Jones, Ron & Carol

Lundquist, J

**Zoom meeting called to order at 6:06 pm.**

Meeting began by thanking all the sponsors that provide web browsing, paper, ink and postage to our association.

All current board members were introduced and identified via video on the Zoom call.

Mentioned that Caryn Schulman had decided to retire as secretary for the group after 2019. Jennifer Browne acting secretary at this time.

Acknowledgement of the meeting minutes from the July 20, 2019 meeting that was held right after the BBQ gathering for 2019. Meeting minutes approved and they are now available on the google drive.

### **Treasurer's Report - Don Couch:**

Don stated that the balance on hand as of August 12, 2020 is \$10,942.33.

**Firewise Report:** Delayed until later in the meeting as J Lundquist was not on the zoom meeting at this time.

## **Ferrellgas Report - Terry Miller**

Terry was not available to speak regarding the on-going co-op contract for Ferrellgas during the meeting as they had family in town. We have obtained contact info Chris Hall ([chris.hall@ferrellgas.com](mailto:chris.hall@ferrellgas.com)) from Steve Brothers and Mike Browne has offered to follow up with Ferrellgas regarding the co-op.

## **Annual Yard Sale & Dumpster Report:**

Both the yard sale and dumpster were cancelled this year (2020). Several people have expressed interest in a yard sale over Labor Day Weekend and that will be held on Saturday, September 5th.

## **Bulletin Board Report - Steve Brothers:**

Steve stated that he dropped the ball on this a bit. The bulletin board that we currently have is adequate, but he was looking to upgrade it a bit. Possibility of installing a cover over the top of the board in order to protect it from weather.

## **Welcome Committee Report - Jennifer Browne**

Tina Miller stepped down from the Welcome Committee at the 2019 meeting. Jennifer Browne volunteered to head the committee. Due to Covid-19, the usual attempt to greet new neighbors did not go as planned. Jennifer would like to have a full time resident as a member or possible head of the committee next year. For this year, we will have door hangers made up and distributed to each house in order to ensure that the neighbors know about the association and hope to build new members for the 2021 season.

## **Old Business:**

Logging operations from the 2019 Summer Season have completed.

Homeowners Insurance Concerns: Neighborhood homeowners continue to struggle to find affordable homeowner's insurance. Stacie Corona stated that they found a broker that was able to insure their home. She provided their contact info and that will be distributed to other homeowner's via the facebook page.

## **New Business:**

Rob Jones discussed fire safety. Please no open fires per Peninsula Fire Department to include screened fires. Also, reminder that fireworks are not permitted in Plumas County. Rob asked that if anyone sees any fire activity or observes neighbors using fireworks, please call the appropriate authorities. Posting on facebook is not sufficient and many times delayed. Also, the neighborhood association has no legal authority. Contact Plumas County Sheriff or the fire department as appropriate.

Mike Browne reminded everyone to clean up your lots. You are responsible to clean up any flammable debris regularly, including pine needles. Also, please report your clean up time to J Lundquist so that we get credit for Firewise.

**Firewise:** J Lundquist joined the Zoom meeting and spoke about Firewise. Due to the strange year and coronavirus, he stated he is also running a bit behind with Firewise items. He reported that our neighborhood continues to be in good standing. We discussed that he has requested printed materials from the fire department that could be distributed to homeowner's about firewise and fire safety. Mike Browne volunteered to find a group of people to assist J in distributing these materials once they are obtained. We also discussed how homeowners can report the time they spend during clean up on their property, or the expense of hiring a third party to do clean up. All on the call agreed that a drop box at the bulletin board would be an excellent option for people to report their time for firewise to be recorded. J said that people have reported their information to him in person or through facebook, but there is not really a streamlined way to do so at this time. The drop box will improve the reporting flow and give people who do not want to report their information publicly an option.

J also mentioned that in the future he will provide more information about "home hardening" which is a method you can use to help protect your residence during a fire event.

It was also pointed out that there is an evacuation map on the neighborhood bulletin board if anyone would like to see it.

J would like to have an option where he can hear more from the community about what they'd like to get out of the firewise program, and how he can assist them better in learning more about the program.

Jennifer Browne made a call for candidates for our board. Don stated that we need 2 more board members to serve. When Stacie Corona asked about the possible time commitment for potential board members, Rob Jones explained that these positions would be director positions, and other than acting in support roles, the time commitment

is pretty minor and limited at this time. At that point both Ron & Carol Jones stated they would serve as a couple for one of the positions, and Fred & Stacie Corona said they would do the same as the other position.

Steve Brothers reminded everyone that the information regarding lake access is on the website. You can find directions and a map to the trail that will take you down the lake access. Everyone discussed that it is right along a private home and driveway, and can be difficult to locate.

Jennifer Browne reminded the group that we do have a private Facebook group, however, it is clear that there are a lot of community members on the Facebook page that are not members of the association. Stacie Corona asked if you have to be on the Facebook page in order to be a member of the association. You do not have to join Facebook, it is just a community social media tool. Carl Jones and Steve Brothers stated that they are the administrators for the Facebook page and they try to be careful to only admit people who live in our neighborhood and their family members, and they attempt to approve posts by members in a reasonable amount of time if possible. Everyone should keep in mind this is a social tool, and everyone on the Facebook group should be respectful. The administrators have final say about group membership approvals or disapprovals.

### **Open Forum:**

Once the floor was open we discussed a few things. Steve Brothers spoke about the website and his desire to remove the “log in” button from the page. It is difficult to constantly update the current association membership, and he has found that people lose their passwords frequently. Since most members are not utilizing this portion of the website regularly, all members on the zoom meeting agreed that he can remove the “log in” option and just make the website a point of contact and neighborhood information instead.

Contact information was provided during the meeting for tree service at the request of a member. The recommendation made by Mike Browne was for John Wharton. His number is 530-816-0579. Jennifer stated she will do some polling of the facebook group in the future to determine if our neighbors are looking for this type of information in the future.

There was also a short discussion about members looking for assistance with snow removal during the 2019-2020 winter season.

Mike Browne asked everyone if we would like to make some plans for a few more frequent get-togethers in the 2021 season (cocktail parties, etc.) if possible by that time. The group agreed that it would be better to add items to the calendar in advance, and if social distancing requirements are still up in 2021, we could cancel at that point.

Don reminded the board members that he needs us to go to Plumas Bank to complete signature cards so that debit cards can be issued. Rob and Mike both said they would follow up with the bank in order to do so.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.**