

Placer Valley Property Owners Association
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2015

Call to order

Secretaries Report: Mark

Due to several people, including myself now not being able to make the meeting as planned, we are going to take this one virtual.

Present: Mark, Mike, Ginni, Anne, Jane, Doug, Peter

Absent:

Sales Report: Jane

No sales. Mark: This is typical of this quarter as there are no events.

Treasurer's Report: Anne

First, checking account balance as of 1/17/2015 – \$ 15,728.17

CD account balance as of 12/31/2015 – \$6,412.25

I purchased a new copy of Quicken for 2015, that is the only purchase that has been made and I have paid monthly bills. Everything is installed and reconciled.

Budget Report: Ginni

There are no repercussions for the Budget at this time.

Membership Report: Mark

We set a lofty goal for membership this year at 120. I just received seven re-newel memberships and we are now up to 112! We might just make that lofty goal.

Winter Social: Mike suggests Mason's BBQ and states that Barbara will bring her vegetarian lasagna. Ginni corrects the date; it is the 14th of March, not the 15th. Mark has corrected this in the Newsletter that is to go out at the end of this month.

Ginni: "I'm open to whatever you want to do for food. Java Moose might be an option for catering. If you do Masons and a veggie lasagna, I'd also like to suggest a large green salad. If I am here, I can take care of providing the salad."

Mark writes: "Do you (Ginni) want to check with the Java Moose to see what they have to offer? Mason's also works for me."

New Business

Ed Hauser's Resignation: Mark: "Ed has asked to step down due to new responsibilities that he has taken on in Denver. Ed – you will be missed; thank you for your service. Stanley Stanworth is still interested in being on the Board. He has been in Australia taking care of his aging father. In the meantime, his phone number and email

changed. He dropped by my house over New Years to give me his new contact information.”

Ginni adds to Agenda: “The noxious weeds are taking over a number of the roads. I drove up Peterson last September or October and couldn't believe how bad it was. If someone doesn't believe what will happen, talk to the Town of Alma or drive through Fairplay and look at vacant lots or hillsides by the river. I try to keep CR6 clear, but I couldn't keep up with it this year. I would like to see PVPOA do something about noxious weeds before they are so out of control that we cannot possibly contain/stop them. The past 3 years MRHI did spend a number of days pulling weeds in the valley on Nuthatch, CR4, Titmouse, CR6, Peterson, Ute Trail, Roberts and the SWA. MRHI did do one day of weed pulling on Roberts Rd. this past summer. Park County has a weed management person who we can contact for some help.”

Mark writes: I like the idea of the Association jumping in on the weed pull. I did not know that MRHI was doing all of that. Will MRHI continue to coordinate this event? I say let the Association know and we will get as many volunteers out as possible. We should advertise it in the Newsletter.

Stephen Gladstone: Mark: Stephen wrote to Mark to express interest in two items, building a playground near the pond and installing snow fence in strategic areas in the Valley.

With Regard to Fences:

Mark writes: “I do not see why the Association could help finance the construction of snow fences in trouble spots in the Valley. I think that this is an idea worth considering. Of course, we would need to secure landowner's permission, but as long as a proposed fence benefited a section of road or multiple residents, I would entertain the idea. Does anyone have any idea about cost per foot? Has anyone dealt with snow fencing lately?”

Mike writes: “I put a snow fence up in my front yard before last winter the cost was not very much for a 4 foot high fence. It requires a setback so logistics is important. Permafrost may also be a consideration for the time of year put in place. I suggest a field trip to the site.”

Ginni writes: “You asked if anyone had experience with snow fences -- we tried them for a year or two and found 1) that they need to be a good distance back from the road and 2) that they get buried very quickly; we had to dig it out a few times and raise them up higher. They did not keep our driveway from drifting. We ended up giving them to Walter and he made a composting bin out of them :-)

I am not against trying it for Ute Trail or any other road. Maybe we should try it on one road first and see what happens. Is it too late for this year? We used the metal T-posts to secure the fence. At this point in the year, you could only put the posts into snow, not into the frozen ground.

Would we leave the fences (and posts?) up all year, or remove them in the spring and put them up again in the fall before the ground freezes. If we take them down, where would we store them? Just a few things to consider while making a decision.”

Mike writes: “I stopped by Lowes today:

No fence in stock it is a special order but was told it is about 60\$ for a 50 foot roll.

The 6 foot tee post is 4.97 each. I placed mine about 5 feet apart. Cross bracing may be required depending on the ground. This may be additional Tee post and hardware. I would say the cost for **material** would be between \$225-275/100ft. Is there any liability concern? Snow fence is not exactly kid friendly.”

With Regard to the Playground:

Mark writes: “The idea of a playground has long been on our list of potential improvements to the Valley. Jeff and Jen pushed this idea and we spoke of putting it near Beresford’s Crossing. However, the Pond would be more central and more visible. We have put off funding these projects until we get more information on the Bike Trail, however, there is no telling at this point how long the Trail will be delayed. “

Ginni write: “Regarding a playground at the pond and CR6 -- I am not opposed to a playground, but lots of things to think about/consider first.

- 1) I believe that PV parents were instrumental in getting the playground built at Alma Town Hall.
- 2) Placer Valley does not own any property where a playground can be put. I'm not sure who owns the area by the pond that is being proposed--maybe it is Colorado Parks and Wildlife or is it still Mr. Ducommon?
- 3) Liability for both Placer Valley and the property owner. We have liability insurance and can certainly add a playground to it. I personally would be concerned about having it so close to the water, especially where it goes into the culvert. Parents would need to watch their kids closely. I know the Alma playground is next to the river, but they are a government entity and cannot be sued for everything they are worth.
- 4) Keeping the area clean. More people usually means more trash. The area would need to be monitored.
- 5) Might need a bigger/better parking area.”

Mark writes: “There are many issues involved in putting any structure up in the SWA. To be honest, I had not considered the liability issue. We should form a committee of two or three to investigate these matters. I will volunteer to be on the committee.”

Website:

There is general agreement on updating the web site. Tim Balough contacted Mark on this and offered to help, but we need to give him some ideas.

Continuing Business:

Bike Trail

MRHi

Noxious Weed Pull

Alma Foundation

County

Broadband

Mark will address Broadband in the Newsletter.

Adjournment: Motion to accept all and to adjourn made by email January 2-3, 2015