

Mammoth Creek Homeowners Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Carl Radomski at 10:00 am. (MT).

All Board and Support members were present:

Carl Radomski President, Don Schulz Vice President, Bill Luthy Treasurer, Ardel Jorgensen Secretary, Mary Jane Ensor Fire Chief, Rich Kingham Member, Cam Hughes Member, Dale Askew Webmaster, Ardel Jorgensen Newsletter editor, Christy Radomski.

Special Guests Present were Josh Soper, Garfield County Fire Warden; Sheriff Danny Perkins, Garfield County Sheriff; David Dodds, Director, Garfield County Public Works.

Approximately 35 property owners were in attendance.

Order of Business

1. HOA Financial Report given by Bill Luthy, Treasurer: Report accepted and available on the HOA Website.
2. Guest Speakers:
 - a) Sheriff Danny Perkins. Discussed that they plan to have more presence of officers in the Mammoth Creek area during holidays. They will be issuing citations for violations of ATV, UTV and Side by Side rules and requirements such as speeding, no seat belts, no sticker etc. The sheriff also advised us that it is mandatory for all riders to have an Education card.
 - b) David Dodds Discussed his plan to mitigate the extensive dirt road dust problem. He advised that his staff will be inspecting our roads and trails to determine which ones need to be graded. Regarding dust control, that will be done on the main road only. He also advised that this issue will be addressed as quickly as possible. He is hopeful that the road work could be done in 3-4 weeks. Regarding culverts, Mr. Dodds said that we are to let him know about any culverts that needed installed or needs attention.

(c) Josh Soper Advised that his property thinning program is again available. The program deals with property that is a fire hazard because of the trees and vegetation on the property. To participate, a property owner must contact Josh. He and his fire fighters will evaluate your property and determine the scope of the project. If you have properties around you that needs thinning and the owner is or won't address the thinning, notify Josh. The owner will receive three letters from Garfield County District Attorney telling the owner that the property must be thinned and/or cleaned. If the owner does not comply, the County will hire a company to thin the property and the owner will be billed for the work done. Josh also said it is important that the pine needles be kept 4' from structures and no further. In times of droughts, the needles help keep moisture in the trees which helps with fire control. Finally, because of the drought and the trees are stressed right now, campfires are now prohibited everywhere. Use only propane for outdoor cooking.

3. Christy talked about the dumpsters. The big one is now located internally, not in the parking lot. You will find it in the area where Mammoth Creek Road intersects Aspen Meadows Dr. (where Schwans use to park). It is hopeful that the trash from people who are not part of this community looking for a place to throw their trash will drive right by us.

4. There was discussion about homeowners putting up fences around their property and a few have found their fence next to the road was not their property . Some of the road side property belongs to Garfield County and must be free from barriers. All roads must accommodate fire vehicles going in both directions. The vehicles must have enough free road to be able to turn the vehicles around. There are dead end roads in the area that the fire trucks may have to travel to put out a fire. Before you put a fence along a road side, check first with the Garfield Road Department and find out where the boundaries are. Save yourself aggravation and money.

5. Fire Chief Ensor talked about the use of the wood dump. She reminded us of the following: **A)** Dump your debris as far back as possible so that others coming after you will have room to dump their debris. **B)** Remember that only natural forest debris can be dumped there. The dump is owned by the Forest Service and we have been warned in the past that if they find such things as construction material, furniture, appliances and other things we are not allowed to put in the dump, they will void our ability to use the dump. (Think how inconvenient that would be for all of us). We can dump such things as trees, leaves, pine needles, plants etc. things that are native to the forest. We are not to dump tree stumps. This is very important. When a stump is set on fire, in most cases the stump will burn for days or weeks or even months. Our own fire District found in the Spring a stump that was lit late in the former year which was still buried under snow actually had burning coals going. Starting a fire by the Forest Service to burn the debris is very carefully calculated so that the snow will eventually put out the fire and keep it from spreading. The stump will keep burning when everything else was out.

C) If you have to unlock the gate by using a code or key lock, it is important that you close and lock up the gate when you leave the dump. The dump is to be used by Mammoth Creek members only. People from out of this area do not know the rules for its use and thus we take the brunt of their activity and they help fill up the dump. Also, please don't give out the code to anyone unless you know for certain they are cabin owners here in Mammoth Creek.

6. Public Comment: A meeting attendee brought to the attention of the Board that there are some speed signs that are obscured by bushes that should be trimmed down so that people can see them. He also advised the Board of the amount of vehicle travel on Trail 4 and the riders moving into Mammoth Creek and not staying on Trail 4. He suggested that the Board contact State Parks requesting them put up a sign that states that they are entering residential areas.

There be no more items for discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:30 am mountain time May 28, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Ardel Jorgensen, Secretary 5-28-22