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HLA Annual Membership Drive

It's 2017 and it's time again for our annual membership drive. We only had 105 members last year, less than previous years. Hopefully, everyone will rejoin and some new members will come on board! Membership dues are still only \$55 per year. Enclosed with this newsletter is a Membership Application. To renew your membership or to join for the first time, fill it out and return it, along with your check made payable to the HLA, to Post Office Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067.

Again, a few reasons for landowners to become members:

- HLA negotiates with the County for needed improvements and support for Hammond Ranch.
- HLA promotes the maintenance of our roads by coordinating upgrades and by reimbursing road maintenance costs according to a prescribed schedule established by the HLA Board. Currently, two thirds of HLA's annual budget (your dues) goes toward road maintenance costs.
- HLA has a website that is helping to inform residents of issues related to the Ranch.
- HLA members are eligible to purchase PHI (Mercy Air) emergency medical evacuation services at a discounted rate.
- HLA publishes a quarterly newsletter informing members of important issues, with articles of interest to the Ranch.
- HLA members are working with road committees, the fire department as well as the County and local Fire Safe Councils.
- Annual luncheon meeting in November each year.
- Annual picnic in July each year.

Please renew your Hammond Ranch Landowners Association membership. If you are not already a member, please sign up. Thank you.

Annual Members' Meeting

The annual members' meeting was held on November 5, 2016 at the Best Western Tree House. About 46 people attended, a good crowd. It was a great time to renew friendships and get the latest information. The Tree House did a nice job of providing a deli buffet.

The meeting itself went well, with lots of discussion and interchange. Michael Kobseff, our District Supervisor, spoke and answered a lot of our members' questions.

Bob Keyser, Pam Robinson and Erich Ziller were re-elected to the Board, and Katie LeBaron was elected to join the Board of Directors. She is a great addition to the Board. Doug Lathrop resigned the Board, planning to start the vacation traveling he and Terry have always wanted to do.

Doug was a big asset to the Board and will be missed. His service was greatly appreciated. Happy Trails, Doug and Terry!

At the Board meeting following the annual meeting on November 15, Erich Ziller was elected President; Paul Elberts became the Vice President; Katie LeBaron took the position of Treasurer; Jeanne George assumed the responsibilities of Secretary; Bob Keyser, Pam Robinson and Tom Wearing are Members at Large.



Board members at Annual Meeting, November 2016

Our Mission Statement: To provide information, to assist in the coordination of group actions, to determine guidelines and make suggestions in matters relating to development and use of property on Hammond Ranch.



Run Report

October – 1 structure fire
November – 3 structure fires,
1 vegetation fire, 1 medical call
December – 2 medical calls, 1
flue fire, 1 structure fire

From the Chief

For many years, Hammond Ranch emergency medical responders have struggled with the fact that many people live in areas that are inaccessible during times of winter snow events. Many times, firefighters have snowshoed in long distances to provide medical care and evacuation. This method of response sometimes takes hours in a situation when every minute counts.

I am happy to announce that Hammond Ranch Fire will be receiving a utility snowmobile with a medical evacuation sled and road trailer. We should take delivery by mid-January. Fire Department members will receive snowmobile evacuation training from the U.S. Forest Service.

Thanks, in part, to fundraising efforts by the Hammond Ranch Firefighters Association, this new addition was made possible. A special thanks to Supervisor Michael Kobseff and members of County Service Area 3 for their help.

Dave Jenkins
Fire Chief, Hammond Ranch

Snow Plow Etiquette

This time of year (for sure this year) we have snow that needs to be moved off of the roads. It's your neighbors driving those snowblowers and plows. If you see snow removal equipment coming toward you, please pull to the side and STOP. Give them plenty of room to maneuver safely past you.



Dale Creek Road near Dogwood on January 5, after the big storm. Beautiful! Photo by Linda Richter

Annual Members' Meeting Venue

For the annual meeting this year, the Board reduced the member contribution to \$10 per person for the luncheon. The actual cost per person was \$21.72, so the Association had to pay the additional \$11.72 per person. There were 56 members who paid the \$10, and the Association guaranteed to the Tree House 55 attendees, which means whether those people came or not, the Association had to pay for them. The Association actually had to pay \$646 and went over the allotted budget by \$146. That doesn't leave much from the dues to help pay for roads, etc.

So, the Board would like to get input from the members as to whether to hold the annual meeting at a restaurant, how much to charge for the luncheon or perhaps holding the meeting at the firehouse without food or maybe people could bring appetizers, or any other suggestions.

Please fill out the enclosed form to let the Board know what you think.

Hammond Pond Duck Poacher

Shots have been heard at Hammond pond! Someone fired at the ducks, or possibly the geese, on three occasions this winter. The Sheriff's Department and neighbors from the Land Trust and both sides of the pond have investigated. While a single male was seen running on one occasion, no one has been identified so far. Shell casings have been found and several vehicles have been seen.

It is unlawful for someone other than the owner to discharge a firearm while hunting within 150 yards of a residence or any outbuilding used in connection of a residence. Fish & Game Code Sec. 3004. Even if it wasn't illegal, it is very dangerous.

Please keep an eye out. If you have any information about these events or the person involved, call the Sheriff's Department at 530-841-2911 or the Game Warden at 530-339-0786.



Road Users' Road Reimbursement

At the November Board meeting, Board members revisited the topic discussed at the general members' meeting about reimbursement of road users' labor on their roads. It was agreed that the HLA would continue to reimburse 25% of submitted invoices for road material and licensed contractor invoices for work done on roads, up to the allotted amount for each individual road. It will not reimburse for road users' labor performed for their own roads.

This, however, in no way prevents or prohibits the individual road committees from choosing to compensate road members for labor from their own road funds.

A reminder: Since the Association is on a fiscal year, please submit requests for reimbursement no later than October 1, 2017 and requests must be signed by two HLA members.

Complaints and CC&Rs

The Board has received several complaints regarding landowners living in trailers/recreational vehicles for extended periods, as well as garbage and rubbish not being removed from parcels. These things are not in compliance with the Hammond Landowner Association CC&Rs.

In case you didn't know, Hammond Ranch does have property rules called CC&Rs. These are the Declaration of Restrictions, Conditions & Covenants that was recorded on November 1, 1968, with the Siskiyou County Recorder, by the developer of Hammond Ranch. These recorded rules apply to all parcels on the Ranch. Any landowner may enforce these rules.

If you would like a copy of the CC&Rs, you can download a PDF copy at our website, <http://www.hammondlandowners.org/>, then click on "About" and scroll down to Hammond Ranch CC&Rs.

Here is a brief list of the most often discussed rules:

1. Premises must be maintained in a neat condition.
2. No unsightly buildings or objects on the premises.
3. Trash, garbage and rubbish must be promptly removed from the premises.
4. No shed, tent, garage, shack, trailer, camper or outbuilding may be used as a residence at any time.

There are two exceptions:

While a residence is under construction a trailer or camper may be used as a residence for a time not to exceed one year.

A trailer, camper or tent may be used for summer recreation for up to four months.

5. No unlawful, improper or offensive use of the premises.

In addition to these CC&R's, the Siskiyou County Code provides that:

It is unlawful for any person to establish or maintain or dump garbage and refuse at any area which has not been approved as a disposal area. See Sec. 5-1.032.

All waste, including that acceptable for disposal, salvage and recycling, shall be dumped only in designated disposal areas. See Sec. 5-1.062.

Every building, structure, mobile home, manufactured home, recreational vehicle, house car, motor vehicle, bus, camper shell, tent, or any other vehicle used as a place of habitation, or any other place or premises where an individual(s) permanently or temporarily resides, shall be equipped with approved sanitary facilities and connected to a public or approved onsite sewer system. See Sec. 5-2.13.



Our Country Roads

One of the joys (and sometimes the pain) of living out here is driving on our country roads. No asphalt, no billboards, no lanes to observe. Just a lovely view as you wind your way home. But, someone has to work on those roads, and it's not the government.

Those folks who you occasionally see out there fixing things are your volunteer neighbors. Please extend to them your every courtesy and respect. Often they cannot see or hear you because of the equipment they are using. Please slow down and even stop when it's appropriate. Be patient if you need to wait for a few minutes. After all, they're your neighbors and they're fixing your country road for you.

Also, a big thanks to the road volunteers. There were days, not too long ago, that the roads were not passable at all during the winter!



The Snow Storm

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,
Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields,
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air
Hides hills and woods, the river, and the heaven,
And veils the farmhouse at the garden's end.
The sled and traveler stopped, the courier's feet
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed
In a tumultuous privacy of storm.

Come see the north wind's masonry.
Out of an unseen quarry evermore
Furnished with tile, the fierce artificer
Curves his white bastions with projected roof
Round every windward stake, or tree, or door.
Speeding, the myriad-handed, his wild work
So fanciful, so savage, nought cares he
For number or proportion. Mockingly,
On coop or kennel he hangs Parian wreaths;
A swan-like form invests the hidden thorn;
Fills up the farmer's lane from wall to wall,
Maugre the farmer's sighs; and, at the gate,
A tapering turret overtops the work.
And when his hours are numbered, and the world
Is all his own, retiring, as he were not,
Leaves, when the sun appears, astonished Art
To mimic in slow structures, stone by stone,
Built in an age, the mad wind's night-work,
The frolic architecture of the snow.

- by Ralph Waldo Emerson





Annual Meeting



November 2016



Wildlife on the Ranch



A "Construction" or "Dance" of Sandhill Cranes seen migrating over Dale Creek Road meadow on December 10. Their trumpeting sound was amazing!



Bear tracks - near Dale Creek Road above Hammond pond



At least 35 cranes landed in the meadow, taking a break. They are the white-ish spots in the foreground, not the black tree stumps. Photo thanks to John Brennan.

2017 Board Members

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The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067, or via email at hla@hammondlandowners.org.

Calendar

- HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. The location is available on the website or from any Board member. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2017 location to be determined. Call one of the Board members for that information.
- HLA Annual Picnic – Saturday, July 8, 2017.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting and Luncheon – Saturday, November 4, 2017. Location and time to be determined.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Greater Weed Fire Safe Council -- The council is inactive and the meetings are temporarily suspended.

Ranch Service Providers

A listing has been compiled of those available for hire with heavy equipment to provide services to the Ranch, including snow removal. You will find it by going to the website on the News and Events page: www.hammondlandowners.org.



Moving or changing email address?

Please send changes of address to:
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