



# Merry Mountain Owners' Assoc. Inc.

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## Board of Directors Meeting Annual Picnic Minutes

Meeting Scheduled for Saturday July 27th, 2019 at 10:30AM; MMOA Picnic area.

1. **Meeting Called to order:** President Mike Pettigrew called meeting to order at 10:36 AM
2. **Introduction of Board Members-Announcement of Old/New board Member:** Mike Pettigrew, President. Mike Padilla, Vice President. Denise LeFevre, Treasurer. Tamara Welton, Secretary. Rand Collins position up for election. Announcement was made regarding vote results. Rand Collins was re-elected.
3. **Establish whether quorum present:** We needed 53 for a quorum. We developed a quorum.
4. **Appointment new Committee Members-Architectural and Safety:**
5. **President's Report:** Mike Pettigrew highlighted more prominent activities completed by the Board and Manager over the last fiscal year. Previous minutes have this information.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
  1. **Chase as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** **\$20,000.00** (Portion of this will be used to put a roof on the three containers.)
  2. **Chase as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** **\$93,959.69**
  3. **Wells Fargo as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** **\$106,280.14**

Pink paper given out regarding lots MMOA own and offered to members for \$1000.00 and \$50 for pool key. After September they will increase in price. These lots will also be posted at the office. 5 parcels are available at this time. For members interested the MMOA maintains a copy of expenditures in details at the office for all members to see. The binder updated regularly. The increase in the "Regular Assessment" fees was to put more revenue in the reserve for more expensive maintenance. An example would be the pool decking, and repair of the roads. Another example is an estimate for a pavement job in the MMOA was upwards of \$100,000.00. Another exorbitant expense is the price of the secondary access. It has been 5 years since the "Regular Assessment" fee has increased.

7. **Manager's Report: (Annual Meeting)** See attachment.
8. **Introduction to guest speakers:**
  1. **Sheriff's Sargent, Josh Brazzi (530)-538-7321 [jbrazzi@buttecounty.net](mailto:jbrazzi@buttecounty.net)** He spoke about 2011 with Butte. Runs Designated deputy team. He runs many locations including Clipper Mills. Our area Deputy is Matthew Sandquist. The Deputies try to get in the area 1-2 times weekly. He did admit it is difficult to get up near Clipper Mills. Josh encouraged residence to call and report our issues no matter how minuscule incident appears i.e. a car parked for a day. Frequency of calls is how they schedule the team based on volume. Josh also checks

e mails from citizens. Also, sheriff's have a new evacuation warning system. It's a European like siren hi-Lo pitch. An evacuation order, **siren drive through**, can occur. The Hi Lo siren means an evacuation order. Sheriff's have a Facebook page and twitter account. Use non emergency telephone lines to make calls for non emergency reporting. Josh did state Clipper Mills is low on the number (volume) of calls. Forbestown has a higher volume of calls. Also mentioned "Crew Guys" (incarcerated personnel) can help clear lots.

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<https://twitter.com/bcso> news Coroners Office 530-538-7404 Animal Control 530-538-7409  
DA's Office 530-538-7411

2. **Deputy Chief, Ron Phillips:** <http://www.ffpd.net/> 530-675-0633 New Fire Chief is Chris Greene. Station 1 Foothill Fire Protection District 16796 Willow Glen Rd. Brownsville, Ca 95919 is our likely response team. On Shift Volunteers (OSV) are now present at Station 1 8AM-4PM Monday-Friday. To become a volunteer come to the station and fill out the application packet. Some OSV present on weekends, but not required. Ron, reported volunteers are at a low of 14 volunteers. They usually run 20 volunteers. Its a huge unpaid commitment for volunteers. We only have a quick attack truck in our Clipper Mills station. We have two volunteers in our area located near the Sly Creek entrance. Training for volunteers are the second and Forth Thursday of every month.
3. **Supervisor, Bill Connelly:** [www.buttecounty.net](http://www.buttecounty.net) 530-538-6834  
[Bconnelly@buttecounty.net](mailto:Bconnelly@buttecounty.net) 14 years of service. He reports Butte county in good financial shape for the next three years. However, fire Loss has affected county finances. He let us know that new lanes and roads have been approved for improvements. He encouraged us that we can call his office.
4. **Fire Safe Counsel, Butte County Field Coordinator, Wade Killingsworth:** Firewise community is a national program put on by National Fire Protection Association [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) They provide free training to make your neighborhood safer for you and first responders. Wade talked about the grant for further fuel reduction in our area. It takes typically 3-4 years for a grant to get presented. We have now been on the radar for that length of time, and we are to have some fuel reduction done around us, because we are a fire wise community. Also, two insurance providers give discounts to firewise communities; USAA, and California Fair Plan. Other insurances are looking into the data to also give discounts. A "Homeowner agreements/landowner agreement" was passed out for members to fill in. They are very important, because it will help community tremendously by allowing free work for the homeowner. The ultimate goal for fire suppression is to have a forest that reduced in fuel and "thinned out". We need to reduce fuel all around to keep MMOA safe. Fires Safe counsel responsibilities is to create communities with landscape that is resistance to devastating fires. An example of survivability, 51% structures built to the 2008 fire codes survived in the Paradise fire. Firewise also addresses recovery. Recovery is dealing with all the dead trees that are standing after a fire. Firewise also has a Chipper Program. Right now they have only a few chippers in the program and you have to sign up for the event to happen in the cool season (Winter). How it works: Once signed up, If you reduce fuel and stack fuel in a specific location, Firewise will come chip for free. The chips will have to go onto your property. They stop the program in summer to be Firewise. They have residence assistance program to have someone come in and reduce fuel for free or a very low cost. Community education events are provided. Please educate yourselves for what program you might qualify for. Especially if your having difficulties reducing fuel on your property. Your arrangement of fuel on your properties is very important. FYI, the Berry Creek Grant includes the fuel reduction on Binet Road.
5. **Rand Collins:** We are a Firewise community since 2013 because of the work of Don Roberts started in the past. When Don set up our Firewise association, he was a bulldog. If

it wasn't for him we wouldn't have come this far. We have had Cal Fire, and Firewise come give us some suggestion for our community. Community effort to clean up is evidence by the growth of our burn pile. Anyone having trouble with fire insurance Rand has certificates you can give to your insurance company. We have a contact for members as to what it means to be a Firewise community. Also it explains the water resources we have to be a Firewise community. Our hydrant system has a 10,000 gallon dedicated water source. Facts on the mail in sheet are legitimate. Neil started cleaning up the common areas 5 years ago. The common area is now so open it could be considered a shelter area. 5 yrs ago it was impenetrable. Volunteer hours for cleanup are still important. It helps give us our Firewise certificate. We encourage each MMOA to fill out land owner agreements to give approval for work. Especially, members along Binet Rd. the Land Owner Agreements would benefit for fuel reduction work. Rand Collins and Mike Padilla use 6 criteria to evaluate lots regarding the letters received by members to reduce fuel. If you got a letter, please do your best to get your fuel off your lot. And you can get a copy of the 6 criteria from the office. It has now become life and death to cut down on the fuel residing on our properties. Unfortunately, Clipper Mills is considered a High Fire Risk. <https://www.azcentral.com/in-depth/news/local/arizona-wildfires/2019/07/22/wildfire-risks-more-than-500-spots-have-greater-hazard-than-paradise/1434502001/> Here is the link for the AZ Central article that is advised to view to help in for Firewise decision making on how to prepare.

**9. Architectural Committee's Report:** Candidates applied at 2 PM meeting

**10. Safety Committee's Report:** Candidates applied at 2 PM meeting

**11. Fire Committee's Report:**

1. Air raid siren tested. Meeting place for air raid siren is the MMOA office. The siren was tested for 5 minutes. First test was a rolling siren. considered a warning, and it is not the same as the Sheriff's siren. Sheriff's siren is evacuate mandated. Rolling siren is members prepare for evacuation, get your stuff together, go to the office and be ready to evacuate. Continuous siren is EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY! The sound is an unwavering sound. It will go for 5 continuous minutes.

**12. Old Business:** HOA member brought up the concerns regarding INDIVIDUALS smoking in pool area, and in common areas. The majority voted to PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS from smoking in pool area and or in common area. Quorum of members voted to investigate purchase of properties at end of Holiday Dr. for second exit.

**13. New Business:** IT was brought up about Automated Electrical Defibrillator. MMOA want to purchase an AED for the members. Lots 95,127,74 won gift certificates for One Eyed

**14. Adjourn Meeting:** Adjourned by Mike Pettigrew 12:30 PM

**Submitted by:**

**Tamara Welton Secretary.**