

ANNUAL MEETING  
Shining Mountains Owner's Association  
Saturday, July 15, 2017  
MVRFD Station #3

Present at the meeting: Board Members: Jim McFall, Don Kensinger, Kelly Hess, Howard Goltz and Leslie Skillman, Administrative Assistant.

President Jim McFall called the meeting to order welcomed all in attendance. Jim introduced the Board members and Leslie Skillman. He stated that this would be an informational meeting only due to the attendance and 9 proxies received. Jim thanked the Madison County Volunteer Firefighters and especially those at Station #3.

Shortly after the annual meeting in 2016, a wild land fire broke out just north of Unit III on the border of BLM and private property. BLM, Forest Service and local firefighters responded. Jim commended the Board, especially Howard coordinating efforts with the Forest Service and BLM. Forest Service used the lakes as a water standard and used water out of the lakes to fight the fire with the helicopters. John Gleghorn offered his cabin which was used as a command center. The forest service did come back later and do some reclamation.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Doug addressed the group and reminded them that they were all potential firefighters. He talked about establishing a defensive space around their homes. He recommended that people not shoot off fireworks due to the dry conditions. He reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. He also recommended that owners contact their insurance companies to see about a decrease in homeowners insurance due to the location of the fire station. See Shawn Christensen at Christensen Rentals about the fire station. Doug again invited people to consider joining the fire department both men and women.

#### FINANCIAL- Howard Goltz

Howard reviewed the budget. He reported that about 26 people are delinquent in their dues totaling about \$12000. We continue to work on collecting these funds. 11 people have liens filed against them. Howard has been working on the gravel project permit which will be a 30 year permit. The bond had to be increased to \$28,000. The hillside was seeded on #312 in Unit I as part of the gravel project. The Board hired a consultant to complete the paper work for the gravel extension. The application is quite extensive. There was a question as to whether the area was sage grouse habitat.

#### BUILDING PERMITS- Don Kensinger

Don reported that building had increased considerably this year. There were 22 permits submitted this year and 12 of them were houses. There is no charge for a building permit unless you are bringing in a septic system. The impact fees go toward improvement of the roads. A building permit is needed for all building whether you are building site or bringing in a structure. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit the application. There was a question about having an outhouse. This was not approved by the Board. The owner was referred to the County and the State about their requirements for outhouses.

#### COLD SPRINGS POND- Kelly Hess

The Pond has not been stocked in more than 20 years. Kelly is working with FWP on a project to stock the pond with grayling or cutthroat trout. They are working on their assessments at this time. He is hoping they will stock the pond by next year.

#### HAYPRESS LAKES- Kelly Hess

The Board did receive a stocking permit this year which was valid in the month of February. Obviously due to the weather we were not able to stock the lakes. The state has discontinued the one time permit. The fishery bureau chief is drafting the policies which are under review. A letter will come out outlining the policies. It is hopeful we will a stocking permit in about a month and we can stock in the fall. 2200 sterile fish with 1200 in lower lake, 600 in the middle lake and 400 in the upper lake

#### WEEDS-Kelly Hess

Kelly expressed that he was pleased with the weed eradication progress. Kelly has ridden around with someone from the weed board. The Board has taken a 4-leeged approach to weeds. First, SMOA sprays the roads using Rueben Briggs. The County weed Board contacted 10 owners about the weeds on their properties. Kelly also contacted realtors about weeds on the lots which are for sale in Shining Mountains. Kelly set up a weed spray day with H & L for owners to use them to help with weeds. He reminded people that the county does offer a cost share for chemicals. The county sprays the Shining Mountains Loop Road. Cold Creek Road does have considerable knapweed.

#### ROADS-Jim McFall

A new gate will be needed before hunting season. We are not changing the lock this year. Other options have been considered, but nothing was been decided about changing it. The leaving the gate open was discussed.

SMOA plowed 4-5 times this past year. We will not plow until the storm has ended and the wind quits blowing. Please try to get cars off the road during a storm so the plow can get through.

There were no bids received for mowing this year. There was a suggestion to keep the vegetation down on your property. The Board has talked about the use of snow fences.

Bids were requested for roadwork this year. 3 bids were received recommendations of using more gravel on the roads than was crushed. The Board decided to do a trial on the Hayfield Loop. The area will be sprayed with round-up then pull gravel from the side of the roads. We are going to try to get a crown on the roads depending on the width of the road. Due to the amount of building, the Board is delaying the road work until the majority of the heavy truck traffic is done. There is a mobilization fee charged in the bids. The Board does not want to pay it several times so they are delaying roadwork until fall.

How do you find out if your road is on the list?

There is a drive around in the spring and determine which roads needs the work, which ones get the most traffic and the impact fee funds available.

There was also a discussion about the weeds on the side of the road. It may not be wise to mow others property due to a liability issue.

John Benton talked about road to be done in Unit III. Work in Unit III planned for the fall. He did mention that he has done some logging on his property to help with fire concerns.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Forest Service did come back to reclaim the area after the fire. They repaired the parking lot and graveled around the outhouse.

Jackie Smith complimented the Board for all of their hard work during the year. She also thanked Kelly for his work on weeds.

Question was asked about boats on the lakes. Jim said that no floatation devices or fire are permitted at the lakes.

A safety issue was brought up on the Fish Hatchery Road. Jim asked people to be careful when they are walking and riding bikes.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie Skillman  
Administrative Assistant