



Saddle Ridge Association, Ltd Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2026
Saddle Ridge Marina Pavilion

Minutes

Directors Present: Dale Delude, Dennis Allen and Shelley Drescher

Directors Absent: Cliff Blum and Sue Hepp

Members Presents: Eric & Mary Soderlund (U927), Kevin & Michele O'Neill (U899), Margaret McWilliam (U1144), Mary DeWolf (U947, Melva Quirk (U943), Gordon & Nancy Miller (U832), Ruth Larson (U1055), Sue Emerson (U823), Dave Plank (U1146), Dennis & Judy Allen (822), Barbie Neumann (824), Larry & Wendy Schlosser (U821), Joy Smith (1156), Jon Vehring (U1138), Maureen McCluskey (U780), Karen Leet (U829), Diane Ellis & Fred Whitrock (1060)

Visitor: Ryan Armson, Lt. Inspector Portage Fire Department

5:15 Dennis Allen welcomed everyone and the meeting began with a cookout and potluck.

6:00 Mary Soderlund introduced Ryan Armson, Lt. Inspector Portage Fire Department. Ryan provided the group with information based on advance questions that were submitted as well as some very helpful facts and suggestions:

- Saddle Ridge fire hydrants are used to support and maintain our water system pumps, not for Fire Department usage.
- Portage Fire Department (PFD) would bring 2,000 gallon tender trucks, sometimes known as a water tanker, to SR in case of a fire. They utilized a Box System including Arlington, Poynette and Pardeeville Fire Departments to replenish the trucks.
- When the initial call is made for a fire they send a tender truck, an ambulance and a fire truck. All paramedics are also firefighters.
- As of a few years ago the hospital no longer provides ambulance service for the Portage community but is provided by the PFD. They currently have 3 ambulances and are looking to add another by 2027.
- Emergency response time to Saddle Ridge is 11 minutes.

- An AED is located at the Cubhouse but to start CPR as soon as possible.
- PFD receives approximately 500 fire calls per year. The main cause of fires is cooking and the main cause of deadly fires is smoking followed by candles.
- Smoke Detectors
 - Check the expiration date on the back. Replace if it has expired
 - If you have a beige smoke detector it is most likely too old and the sensors probably no longer work - replace them
 - You should have a smoke detector on every level of your home including the basement, in the hall outside the bedroom area and in each bedroom/sleeping area
 - Check and replace batteries regularly. There are 10 year smoke detectors on the market
- Carbon Monoxide detectors
 - You should have one on every level of your home and in your garage if it;s attached
 - There are 10 year combo fire detector/carbon monoxide detectors on the market
- Fire Extinguishers
 - 5lb fire extinguisher recommended for home usage
 - To use remember P.A.S.S.
 - Pull twist the pin like a key
 - Aim at the base or the fire
 - Squeeze the trigger
 - Sweep back and forth
- Lithium Batteries
 - Lithium batteries can be disposed of for free at Columbia County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility

7:15 Meeting adjourned