

SWARM Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: January 18, 2011; Doug McHart's, 7:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Linda Jarvis, Brian Corzilius, Doug McHart and Brad Sears (Catrina Fish, Valerie Kanonchhof and Craig Mountain absent)

Visitors Present: Candice and Odessa, to assist with mailing preparation

The purpose of the meeting was to catch up on individual Gate's activities and to prepare the billing for mailing.

Minutes. The minutes for the December 2010 meeting had been previously distributed via email and no changes had been put forth. The minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

Financial Report. The financial status was presented in the form of the annual financial report as part of the mailings. From that report the current account balances as follows: 1st Gate: \$2231.93, 2nd Gate: \$1022.86, 3rd Gate: \$2157.27. These balances do not reflect work in progress (not yet billed), nor pending general obligations (mailings, etc.). The annual financial report is now posted on the website, as is the newsletter.

Policy Document Changes. Due to problems with receipt submission for road work expenditures and the balancing of the books at the end of the year, an addition to the General Policy was suggested. This amendment would make it a policy that all receipts be submitted within 30 days of receipt or by the end of the year, whichever is less. The members present accepted the proposed changes and the Secretary will prepare them to send around for everyone to comment before publishing.

Annual Assessments: The accountant/bookkeeper passed on that he determined that an increase of 3% was warranted under the Federal guidelines. This is reflected in the billings he prepared.

Delinquent Interest: The accountant also noted that there is no law against charging compound interest and can do so if we so decide. This came about because severely delinquent billings see their interest charges decline the older the debt is. The group decided to validate this once more with the attorney before proceeding. Brad suggested developing a table showing the difference between current interest methods and compounded, to be sent out with the 2nd billing. Brad will prepare the comparison for inclusion should we get the go-ahead from the attorney.

Other Business: An issue with undelivered aggregate to First Gate and the subsequent delivery to 3rd Gate by the driver to save returning it was discussed. The additional expenses to Third Gate of moving such (time and machine costs) were noted. This will probably be revisited in the future.

The State Water Resource Control Board contacted the Board regarding a complaint filed by a member on 3rd Gate. The complaint regarded stream siltation (citing the roads as the culprit) and originated through Fish and Game. All 3 Gates were cited. After the initial conversation, including discussion regarding the complaintant, no further contact was received.

The rest of the evening was spent by the members present preparing the mailings to the community.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be March 15th at Catrina's house.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9pm.

Minutes recorded by Brian Corzilius

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