

## **SWARM Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting date:** June 10, 2009; Catrina Fish's house, 7:30pm

**Board Members in Attendance:** Maggie Graham, Catrina Fish, Linda Jarvis, Gidon Relin, Brian Corzilius [Quorum]. {Absent: Valerie Kanonchhof, Craig Mountain}

**Visitors Present:** none

Meeting called to order by the president (Maggie Graham) at approximately 7:45pm. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ballot approach as well as to finalize the last 2 policies.

**Minutes.** The previous minutes (April 29) were read and approved. A request was made to list those Board Members absent on future minutes.

**Financial Report.** Linda distributed account balances to all present. The balances noted: 1<sup>st</sup> Gate: \$1199.24 (504.28), 2<sup>nd</sup> Gate: \$2056.20 (1361.24), 3<sup>rd</sup> Gate: \$6778.85 (4080.77). The sheet distributed also included a breakdown of expected operating expenditures and the net balance available for maintenance (given above in parenthesis). Linda stated that the bi-annual corporate filing has been taken care of. She has also been talking with the various title companies regarding possible escrows. A question was raised concerning our insurance coverage and whether it covered contractors SWARM hired. Linda stated that the exclusion had been removed with the most recent policy.

**Elections.** No potential candidates have stepped forward for the August elections (reference the notices posted throughout the community and on the website). Furthermore, it was stated that there is a possibility that Craig and Valerie may chose not to be on the ballot for the coming year, leaving 1<sup>st</sup> Gate without representation. Discussions ensued regarding the possibility of approaching specific members but no resolution was made.

**July Mailing.** The July mailings will include delinquent account billings as well as the Annual Meeting and Potluck invitations. Specifically, all properties will receive a mailing with the invitation, including a ballot. Those delinquent will receive an additional mailing that will include the billing and the delinquency notice. The ballots will be in tear-off format (from the Annual Meeting announcement) so that voter anonymity will be maintained – an issue that came up from the last election. Those with multiple properties should write in the number of votes allocated to each candidate. Those ineligible to vote (due to delinquency in payment) will receive a voided ballot. Some discussion followed regarding how to enforce the non-participation (in the annual meeting) by those delinquent, with no resolution. Tasks were assigned to the various Board Members (preparation of announcement and ballots, delinquency letters, mailing labels, and the purchase of stamps and envelopes), in order to have everything in place for processing at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for mailing.

**Road Maintenance.** Road maintenance on the Gates was discussed. Concern was expressed that some work didn't get finished, specifically on 3<sup>rd</sup> Gate. Primarily this was due to lack of rain; but there was also some concern that the detailed lists and maps given to the operators were

not being followed exactly. In one case, it appears that a member had directed other work contrary to the Board's direction. This will be explored further.

A recommendation was received from a local road builder, that in severe wash-boarded areas where native rock is showing, the road be ripped, rolled and topped with dust-off. This will be explored further by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gate Board representatives, probably targeting a test area provided the price is reasonable.

A question was put forth regarding a comment received from one of the members. Specifically it was stated that in the late 1980s, the possibility had presented itself for the county to take over maintenance of our roads. The question regarded how this came about, what transpired in negotiations with the county and how the community felt about the possibility. No one present had any information so this will be tabled for future discussion...

**Policies, Maintenance and General.** The draft Maintenance and General policies were reviewed and corrections were noted, with discussions as relevant. With the proposed corrections, all 3 policies were accepted by the Board. The changes will be made, the date of acceptance added and they will be posted to the community website.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be to prepare the mailings of delinquent billings as well as the annual meeting announcement and ballots.

The next meeting will be held *July 8<sup>th</sup> at Catrina's house, 7:30 pm.*

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15pm.  
Minutes recorded by Brian Corzilius

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