

SWARM Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: October 18, 2008; Maggie Graham's house, 3pm

Board Members In Attendance: Maggie Graham, Catrina Fish, Craig Mountain, Linda Jarvis, Gidon Relin, Valerie Kanonchoff, Brian Corzilius

Visitors Present: none

This was the first meeting of the newly-elected board members. Since it was a major transition of old-to-new, much of the first part of the meeting was spent on discussions regarding the current status of SWARM, problems that exist, etc.

One of the issues appeared to be a disgruntled resident on the 2nd Gate who had sent an anonymous letter 'framed' as if it was a legal mailing. The letter was passed around and read by the BMs in attendance,. Although some knew who it was, no actions were taken due to the anonymous nature and unspecified (or un-qualified) concerns.

Financial status was discussed, in general terms since officers had not yet been elected (i.e. Treasurer). It was decided that an updating of the 'resident' vs 'non-resident' status was overdue and how to go about the same. A mailed questionnaire was put forth as a possibility. This will be worked on with the goal of sending it out a month before the newsletter and annual dues billing (newsletter/billing mails in January).

SWARM member responsibilities were discussed (e.g. culverts, brush clearing, etc.) and it was decided that the 'working directives' document should be updated and mailed out with the billing.

A question was presented on how road work needs were determined and then requested (by the board). It was stated that 1) it is based on funding available for the particular gate, and 2) that road work for that particular gate is then prioritized by that gate's BMs.

Response of SWARM members was brought forth, specifically the low number of ballots cast as well as general feedback, or response to future surveys or general queries. A suggestion was put forth to 1) move 3rd Gates' bulletin board to a more visible spot (and one not in the way of traffic) and 2) that similar boards are erected at 1st and 2nd Gates' entrance, and 3) that potentially a drop-off box be integrated there to address those not willing to envelope and stamp a reply or correspondence.

It was noted that the accounts are kept with Washington Mutual. It was suggested that we move the accounts to the Bank of Willits (private/local institution) to support the local economy.

Officers were elected. Maggie Graham was elected as President. Linda Jarvis was elected as Treasurer. Brian Corzilius was elected as Secretary.

The next meeting will be held November 10th at Catrina Fish's house, 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5pm.

Minutes recorded by Brian Corzilius

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