

**Mill Creek Summer Homeowners Association
Board Meeting, January 15, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:02 pm

Present: Bill Loker, Betsy Karle, Sandi Kolakowski, Kathy Carpenter

Visitors: Terry and Georgene Neher, Joe van Meter, Kate Schumacher (Cabin 128), Vicki Laparte (84), Jack Slyh, Gayle Rose-Wever

Open Forum: Joe ven Meter spoke on West Lassen Watershed Project use of herbicide, RounUp. Worried about proximity of herbicide use to Mill Creek water supply. Requires a collective response. Urges a Board meeting to discuss project and herbicide. Need to protect land, water and cabin owners' health. He has submitted public comment. A collective response would be more powerful. Time is of the essence.

Betsy pointed out that the Board can't address this immediately at this meeting due to open meeting laws; it's not on the agenda. Will consider at a future meeting.

Kathy asked Joe about the timeline for comment? Joe: Project is big and behind on timeline.. May have until April. But the sooner the better.

Board thanked Joe for his comments and concerns.

Approve of Minutes for October and November. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: In Mark O'Sullivan's absence, Betsy reviewed Treasurer's Report and recent expenditures. PG&E promises \$2,500 for damage they caused on Birch Road.

Water Board Report: David Kolakowski indicated his remarks were personal observations rather than a formal report. Recent very heavy rains have melted all the snow. Very high flow in local creeks. Dave inspected tanks near Tamarack and the erosion control work near tanks appears to have held up well. Still no snow cover currently in Mill Creek.

ARC: Nothing specific to report. Let Craig Faniani know if there are projects pending that ARC needs to review.

Welcoming committee: Nothing to report.

Common Land: There is a downed tree that is partially covering Tamarack road up to water tanks. Road is passable. Wright Tree Service (and Mountain Enterprises) are busy felling trees in area. Responsibility for clearing felled vegetation is unclear. These are PG&E Contractors.

Road Maintenance Report. Preston has received funds from PG&E

Fire Maintenance: Jaydene Chesini -- Nothing to report. Monitoring tree felling.

Budget Review: Sandi ... Treasurer doing a great job keeping Sandi informed. Income and expenditures appear to be in order.

Website: Kathy: Working with a web developer on new template. Work in progress.

Old Business

Delinquent assessment liens are in progress on two properties that are delinquent. One lien has been filed. One is in process.

Legal services contract: We are under contract for the remainder of the fiscal year so no urgency in evaluating contract. Need a decision before we create a pro forma budget. Betsy requests that all Board members review the contract before our next meeting.

New Business

Communication strategy: Do we need a newsletter or other forms of communication? Kathy suggests a twice a year frequency. Should we set up a private Facebook page? Kate of Cabin 128 likes the idea of a newsletter especially with cabin owners who rent cabins to enforce quiet hours and other rules. Vicki Lapera suggests other platforms like "Next Door" that can alert a specific group of news and issues. Georgene agrees that communication is critical. The use of zoom for meetings plus website renewal would be great. Also likes the Spring Newsletter idea. Betsy will try to organize a first attempt for Spring 2025. It was suggested that the Welcome Committee take the lead on this.

CalTrans road maintenance: Need a call to CalTrans regarding drainage and tree work. Joe has good contact at CalTrans (Tim). Joe volunteered to discuss concerns about blocked culverts and other drainage issues with Tim and report back to the Board.

Information Items

Betsy noted that the MCSHA Board submitted two letters of support – one for Sierra Institute for fire suppression activities in Mill Creek. This work, if funded, will occur in 2026. A second for Tehama RCD for fuel reduction on Mill Creek Common Land.

Betsy worked with PG&E on Mountain Enterprises on take over of dumpster areas. Their equipment has now been removed. Sandi got PG&E to remove delinquent transformers left on the ground after recent maintenance.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025 @ 5 pm

Adjourned: 6:02 pm