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questioned why the Board did not rent a road grader during the breakdown. The cost of rental is \$400 for an 8 hour day or \$1600 for 40 hours, plus \$130 transportation and \$15 an hour wages. Our summer operator is only available weekends and evenings, so timing would have been difficult or another person would have to be brought on board. Hiring an outside company to grade our roads would cost \$585 for an 9 hour day. Due to an injury of the mechanic working on our grader, the decision was made to issue a limited, 18 hour contract to get the initial work started. As a person that makes a minimum of 16 trips a week over our roads, I am as anxious as anyone to get them maintained but not to waste our money. We are acutely aware of the limited funds available to keep our roads maintained, and are dedicated to ensuring there will be enough money to take us through the end of next winter.

Message From the President



By Howard Shay

Spring road work got off to a slow start. Our grader broke down the first day out blading dirt. The operator shut it down before serious damage occurred. The cylinder head was taken to Spokane Detroit Diesel and was determined not to be cracked or warped. April 5th, an estimate was written and work began April 10th. The radiator is in poor shape and may need repairs that will exceed \$1,000 before hot weather gets here. Many other signs of aging are apparent on the grader and maintenance costs will be high this spring and summer. Several homeowners have called and

Thinking of spring, a noxious weed control agreement is enclosed in your packet. It is for your personal use if you spray weeds and wish to apply for reimbursement. Backpack sprayers are available on a loan basis by calling the phone number on the form. An ad hoc committee will be formed to retain bids for knapweed spraying along our roads. Call me if you are interested in being a volunteer. Please attend the semi-annual meeting or send in a proxy. Remember, May 12, 1997, 7:00 p.m. at the Spirit Lake Elementary School Auditorium in Spirit Lake. Thanks.



Will You Answer the Call?

May 12, 1997 is the semi-annual meeting of the SLEHA. In our March issue of the Gazette we emphasized the importance of involvement by all SLEHA lot and home owners at this meeting. Subjects of monumental importance that will require a membership vote are **road equipment and CC&R changes**. We have gathered information on several methods of purchasing or leasing a larger road grader. This is going to be a necessary expenditure in the near future due to the age, deteriorating condition, and number of working hours on our current grader. However, please keep in mind, the Board of Directors cannot make any large purchase without a membership approval. Please help us keep **your** roads maintained - COME TO THE SEMI ANNUAL MEETING (OR SEND IN YOUR PROXY) AND VOTE!

A proposed CC&R change was also presented in the last issue of the Gazette. It has come to our attention that some members have misunderstood the change and what it would allow. Their objection was they felt the change would give the Board of Directors too much power. Therefore, a more comprehensive explanation of the change follows:

The approval of the change **would not** give the Board any more authority than it currently has. What the change **would** do is make it easier for the membership to make needed changes and improvements. The biggest problem Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association has is the lack of interest of it's land owners in the voting process. If the change were implemented, it would give the **entire** membership a chance to vote on any given issue just as it does now. If the required number of ballots or proxies were not received to reach a quorum (2/3 of the tract owners), then the issue could again be brought before the Association membership at the next regular semi-annual meeting. This is where the change comes into affect. The same issue could again be presented for vote by the membership and approved or rejected by **a majority of members present or properly represented by proxy** at that meeting. In this way, the apathy of some members could delay but not indefinitely hinder the Association's ability to conduct business. It would ultimately put the decision making in the hands of the majority of the homeowners interested in the continued best

interests of the Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association.

Once again, we are calling for your participation. Will you answer that call? Whether you are in favor or against our recommendations for equipment or the CC&R change, it is crucial that you cast your ballot or assign your proxy to a voting member or to the Board.

ROAD COMMITTEE

You will notice we have two new members (Paul Peloquin and Phil Potts) on the Road Committee. Paul has agreed to assume the responsibility of chairman. We give them a hearty welcome and **thank you** for taking on this task. Don Gutierrez originally agreed to be the temporary chairman until we could find a permanent replacement. He worked tirelessly through the winter to ensure our ability to traverse the roads. The pressure of his personal work schedule and the needs of his family ultimately took its toll and he had to resign. Thank you Don, and our heartfelt thanks for your dedication to the task of Road Committee Chairman during the harsh '96-97 winter!



Highway Cleanup

Saturday, May 17, is SLEHA's Highway Cleanup Day. We will be meeting at the Coeur d'Alene entrance at 8:00 a.m. In the past, we have only had a half dozen or so people show up. If more show up, it should only take a couple of hours to finish the work. We will have donuts and coffee for all volunteers. Hope to see you there!

SLEHA Board of Directors

Monthly Meetings All SLEHA property owners are invited to attend our monthly Board meetings. They are held the second Tuesday of each month (7:00 p.m.) at the Senior Center in Spirit Lake. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member.