

We Had A Quorum!!

At the May 8 semi-annual homeowner's association meeting, we had a quorum in attendance or by proxy. There fore, for the first time in several years, we were able to conduct a real business meeting, and actually vote on issues and board members. The following were elected at that meeting: Jess Blocker, Dawn Crabb, Mary Lou Gunn, Jeff Hill, Debbie Lawson, and Cheryl Wolf. At the June board meeting, the election of officers took place. Due to unexpected personal circumstances, Cheryl Wolf found it necessary to resign, so the board appointed Bob Lloyd to take her place. The new officers are listed in the adjacent column. We appreciate their willingness to invest their time and energy into our association.

In other business, the association voted to authorize the road committee to sell the old dump truck and International truck, which has since been done. Using funds from these sales, plus those funds voted for they the association at the May meeting, the road committee has purchased a Ford F700 series five-yard dump truck. The snow plow and chains will be in place before snow flies. This is a much-needed and long-awaited improvement for our association. Thank you for coming to that meeting (or sending your proxy) so this could be accomplished!! And thank you to those who made phone calls to encourage participation in the meeting.

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Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, and the CC&R's
Recently, there has been quite a bit of controversy about Article IV, Paragraph 2. Section C. Subsection 8. "Snowmobiles and motorcycles [activities are prohibited] except as provided by Association rules and regulations".

Approximately two years ago, the Board voted to adopt a set of rules and regulations to fulfill the above section of the CC&R's. It was challenged later as illegal for the Board to approve such rules and regulations without a full membership approval, on the grounds that it would be a CC&R change. The issue is still unresolved. As of now, the proposed rules and regulations are not in effect. For background information on this topic, visit the SLE website at www.spiritlakeeast.org (see articles section) or contact any Board member.

A special board meeting was held on July 17 to discuss solely this issue. There was quite a bit of emotion displayed amongst the attendees, with no real resolution on the matter. The Board voted to solicit ideas, questions, comments, suggestions, and general feedback from the membership before proceeding further with this topic.

Therefore, we need feedback from you, the membership. The Board is asking all homeowners to send, preferably in writing or e-mail, any feedback you may have about the CC&R's, in particular the motorcycle/snowmobile prohibition, or any other topic.

This means, is there something specifically that you want to have changed, and if so how would you like it changed. Should something be added? Should anything be deleted? Modified? Or perhaps you feel they are perfect the way they are and shouldn't be touched.

Issues like the motorcycle and snowmobile prohibition will not go away if they are ignored. Please let your voice be heard! Write to the Board at:

SLE Homeowner's Association
Attn: CC&R Feedback
PO Box 217
Spirit Lake, ID 83869

You can also e-mail any Board member individually. If you wish to reach all Board members at once, send your e-mail to Boardmembers@spiritlakeeast.org.

If you need a copy of the CC&R's, you can contact any Board member.

-by Debbie Lawson

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS & EXCHANGE

For Sale: 1951 Farmall Model H, excellent condition. Front bucket, rear blade, snowplow, plow, disc, swather, and new chains. \$6000. 623-4195

Yard Work Wanted: Jacob, age 16, will tend your yard while you are on vacation or waiting for your house to sell, or help you with yard clean-up. Pay rate negotiable. 623-6225.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT
by Bob Lloyd

Seeing that this is my first message as President of the Board, I would like to state my concerns for the future of Spirit Lake East. But first I would like to thank Jess Blocker for his fine service as past President. As you know Jess is still on the board and I look forward to continuing our working relationship.

Following are my concerns:

1. The future of our roads:

We need to start a road fund so at some future date we can start paving. When this subdivision fills up the dust will be unbearable.

2. CC&R's:

They need to be updated and then approved by the membership

3. Enforcement of the existing CC&R's:

Most of us bought our property in SLE because of the protection afforded by an active Homeowners Association and CC&R's, so let's make it work.

P.S. I look forward to seeing you at the annual picnic on August 11th.

NOTE FROM THE CURRENT EDITOR:

Does the newsletter look a little different this time? That's because there's a new substitute for Vanessa! Even as I type, I am re-learning how to do this, since it has been 5 years since I edited a newsletter. Thank you for your understanding, and we will welcome Vanessa back if/when her schedule permits.

Lois Tarnowski

THE SLE WEBSITE HAS MOVED!!!

As of June, 2001 we now have a permanent address for the SLE website.

www.spiritlakeeast.org

This new site has many more features and plenty of disk space. We have stepped up the 10 MB of disk storage space to 200 MB disk storage. It supports just about everything a web designer could ever want.

Be on the lookout for a new look to the SLE website soon! Some features we hope to add to the existing SLE Homeowner information are potentially a SLE real estate section, a general area and neighborhood information section (explaining history of the area, utilities information, local schools, local attractions, local wildlife, etc), and possibly an interactive message board. Let us know what you want. This is your neighborhood site.

If you have any suggestions or submissions for the website, please contact webmaster@spiritlakeeast.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The deadline for submissions to the next SLEHA Gazette is tentatively set for October 5, 2001. Please send your articles to 15230 W. Coeur d'Alene Drive, or e-mail me at tarski@icehouse.net.

OPINIONS AND EDITORIALS

I would like to comment on Article IV Section 2.C.8 of our CC&R's which prohibit snowmobiles and motorcycles "except as provided by Association rules and regulations". Currently, there are no rules and regulations to define exceptions, which means that the use of licensed, street legal motorcycles within the community is prohibited.

As one of many property owners who use a motorcycle for daily transportation I feel I am being illegally discriminated against. Motorcycle owners deserve the same rights to enter and exit the community as individuals driving cars. Those in favor of adopting suitable rules and regulations simply want to get in and out of the community. For some, that means getting to work. For others it means access to the trails on adjacent public lands.

Two years ago, I was part of a group of concerned association members who lobbied the board to exercise their rights to establish a reasonable set of rules pursuant to Section 2.C.8. We identified that the current ban motorcycles was potentially illegal under Idaho statutes. The board responded by establishing a set of rules, permitting motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicle to enter and exit the community provided they meet noise and speed restrictions. These rules have since been rescinded due to an unresolved challenge by two members that these rules constituted a CC&R change. So I'm technically violating the CC&R's again every time I ride my street legal motorcycle to work.

There have been problems in the past with dirt bikes and snowmobiles using our roads for recreation and being a general nuisance. In most cases, the offenders were not SLE residents and this was an issue of trespassing. I admit there are a few rude individuals in the community that travel too fast or make too much noise. The majority of motorcycle and off-road vehicle are courteous and considerate and just want to use the roads as they were intended – for transportation.

-Chris Lawson

WELCOME TO THE 4TH ANNUAL SLEHA PICNIC!!

Bring tables, chairs, dishes & silverware, your beverage of choice, etc. Bring potluck dish to share. Free Hamburgers and Hotdogs with Fixin's.

Date: August 11, 2001

Time: 2-6 p.m.

Place: SLE Maintenance Lot on Kelso

Lot: 226

Please RSVP to: Dave Haught 623-6180 by August 5th. Minimum number of participants required, or function will be cancelled.

**New feature this year will be a white elephant table. Bring that ugly gift you received and don't know what to do with. You price it, you keep the money, or trade.

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