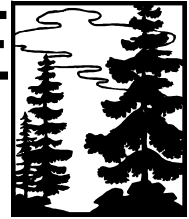


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The Newsletter of the Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association

April 2006

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SLE Membership Meeting on May 9

The SLE Membership Meeting will be held on May 9 at 7:00 at Timberlake School.

There are several important issues on the agenda.

Weed Control

Weed superintendent, Nina Eckberg will give a short presentation and answer questions about weed control programs.

Roads

There will be discussion of alternatives for improving the road conditions including raising dues and attempting to get the Lakeland Road District to take over our roads. SLE residents have been paying fees to the district for 28 years and received no benefits.

Water

John Balbi will have a status report on the SLE Water Company situation. We will be discussing alternatives for taking control of our water service.

Election of Officers

Three seats on the Board are opening this year. Five candidates are interested in the positions. You can find information about the candidates on pages 4 and 5.

If you cannot attend this meeting and vote, sign and return your proxy in the enclosed envelope. You may indicate how you want to vote on the back of the proxy. Be sure to name another member of SLE or a board member to vote for you. You do not need to fill out the proxy if you will attend the meeting.

Off Road Vehicles

The Board has received numerous complaints regarding the illegal use of the above “toys” on our road system. Article IV, Section 2.8 - states snowmobiles and motorcycles are prohibited except as provided by association rules.

Specifically, all our entrances are marked that off road vehicles etc are not allowed. First is the problem with our insurance. As we don't meet county road standards and have many blind curves, short sight distances over grade change - a serious accident could occur, especially with the speed limits few observe. Secondly, we have all seen the bad roads this winter and being further torn up by these “toys” doesn't help. Third, everyone who lives here, bought into an ASSOCIATION WITH RULES, not just a separate parcel of rural property. We apparently have people who believe rules are only for others. We are especially receiving complaints near NEWMAN and ST.JOE and on LOWER PRIEST RIVER.

While people can certainly use their own property, please remember you also have neighbors with rights and desire for a quiet rural atmosphere, not a race track. Our alternatives would be to use our own yearly dues and take people to court as a civil suit.

Mike Schmidt

Free: Professional mover boxes.
623-2671

Alan's Automotive
Using my talents to serve others

Alan Job
ASE Certified Master Technician

211 Ellies Lane
Spirit Lake, ID
623-6123

Front end repair
brakes
engine rebuild

Spirit Lake East Water Update

On March 21, the Spirit Lake East/Treepport reservoir was cleaned and inspected by an approved company and in the presence of DEQ. It was discovered that there was a previous attempt to patch the reservoir. A new patch was applied to the inside and seems to be holding. It is our understanding that the reservoir is now holding water at capacity (198,000 gallons). In the week of April 9, a final inspection will take place this will include the Attorney Generals office, DEQ, and representatives from the Spirit Lake Water Co. If the repairs are approved, the water Spirit Lake Water Co. will be given an approved status.

With an approved status, the company can be sold. Hanson has been actively seeking buyers. Whether the company is sold or not, we can expect that the owners will seek a rate increase.

At the May general meeting, there will be more details available about our alternatives. Since the members of SLE are all affected by these changes, the homeowner's association is making this time available to discuss what action we want to take. Mark May 9 on your calendar and attend this important meeting.

Our alternatives are:

1. Do nothing and allow Hanson or the buyers to seek whatever rate increases they want subject to PUC approval.
2. Form a water district comprised of SLE and perhaps Treepport residents.
3. Form a co-op comprised of all water customers.
4. Form a water association.

The last three alternatives require more effort, but will give us more control over the quality of service and the rates that we pay. Further, all the money collected would go to improve and maintain the service.

John Balbi

Board Candidate Information

Michael (Mike) R. Gerstenberger

Resident of SLE since April 1995. Wife, Judy, is Lakeland School District Nurse; Daughter, Emmalee, was valedictorian of Timberlake HS class of 2003. Former member of Timber Committee.

Currently founding partner, VP and General Manager of Tiger Deck, LLC, Spirit Lake, a specialty wood products company. More than 25 years experience in the wood products industry beginning as a logger and including journeyman millman/cabinet maker, and as owner and/or manager of timber products companies and mills in four states.

Former USMC journalist

BS GeoScience/Geography, Oregon State University

MS Resource Management, University of Oregon

Member, GeoScience Board of Advisors, Oregon State University

John Lowell Hayes (Incumbent)

Forester-Retired

Bought our lot in April of 2001. Moved here in mid summer of 2001. Moved into our home in January 2002.

Was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 2002. Was elected to an at large position in 2003.

Served as backup for ARC committee chair for a 6 month period (January thru May of 2004). Have been the Timber Committee chair since about that same time. Appointed to V. P. position in late 2005.

I am concerned about roads and kids on motorcycles and 4-wheelers on the roads and the potential for tort claims in the event of an injury as well as the destruction occurring to the roads from the careless and irresponsible use of said machines.

Also the speed which some of our own residents drive the roads and the damage caused by same.

Paul Peloquin

Lived here for 26 years.

Retired from the International Union of Operating Engineers out of Los Angeles. A number of those years were as a foreman.

I have spent a number of years, off and on, on the Road Committee in the past. I was the first operator when the Association purchased their first grader. I am not interested in operating any equipment at this time. (I am too damn old!) But, I do feel that I can be of some value to the committee with my experience in building roads.

At this point we feel that we do not need to purchase Silverwood Passes as the Roads in Spirit Lake East provide all the excitement we can handle.

Board Candidate Information

Mike Schmidt (Incumbent)

623-2690

Navy Corpsman FMF marines -Camp Pendleton 1957-1960

Eastern State Hospital - 1960-1968 - ward night leader

BS Degree-EWU 1968 - urban planning 20 hrs. MS Public Adm.

1969 - 1988- Planner in Alaska - started planning dept. both Sitka and

Valdez - wrote all ordinances , etc. First local Coastal

Management program approved in Alaska. Sitka Comp. Plan

accomplished 92% of recommendations.

1988 - 1999 Owner/ceo Southeastern Title Agency - Sitka, Wrangell

Petersburg recording districts

1999 - 2001 retired traveled western U.S.

2001 bought into SLE Tract 220

2002 -2003 secretary SLEHA Board

2004 -2006 President SLEHA

Roger W. Walker

623-6220

Resident homeowner, and paid up member of Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association, since 2002. I'm 65 years of age, married to Patricia, have 8 children and 13 grandchildren.

I retired in 2001 after 31 years working for my self-founded professional business. The company known as Retail Marketing System, Inc.; had 60+ employees with offices in 12 cities at its peak. Our consultants performed as a team member with our clients.

My company would assist small and large businesses; several Fortune 500 companies; as well as international companies in the everyday operation of their business. Our staff would assist them in solving its defined problems. We did site location studies, resident and consumer surveys; designed PR and advertising campaigns; conducted client surveys; hired and fired personnel; reorganized management structures; and did virtually what ever was required.

IS Your Dog a Good Neighbor?

There have been more complaints about barking dogs in SLE. Please be considerate of your neighbors who like a quiet atmosphere and want to sleep at night.

Also remember that Kootenai County does have a leash ordinance (#174A) that requires any dog that is not on private property without permission or on any public property to be controlled by a leash no more than 10 feet in length. There have been problems with roaming dogs in our neighborhood. Please keep your animals on your property and under control at all times. Pets who wander out into the roads or who chase people who are out walking are not safe. We sincerely want to keep our pets and our neighbors safe and happy.

Roads Assessment

For thirteen of the twenty eight years this subdivision has existed, the board did not make the 3% dues increase allowed by the CC&Rs. We are woefully behind on even keeping up with inflation. Your Board of Directors is again making a plea for residents to accept a dues increase for a period of two (2) years only, in order to establish a minimum dedicated road fund. All money received from this two year assessment will be placed in a separate account. It can be used ONLY for road maintenance, operator hours, improvements, equipment repair, purchase of parts, materials, fuel and other related road needs.

Proposal

2007 dues: a \$40.00 assessment in addition to the allowed 3% increase in the dues

2008 dues: a \$40.00 assessment in addition to the allowed 3% increase in the dues

With 295 tracts this will provide about \$25,000 to better maintain and provide increased improvements to the roads: grade more often, time to clean out ditches and reclaim lost gravel, place dry-wells where needed to reduce ponding, clear trees from the roadway. These are just examples of current needs.

Please attend the membership meeting on May 9, 2006 and vote to provide funds for the betterment of our roads. If you are filling out the proxy form on the back side of this paper, please indicate below how you wish to vote so your proxy assignee knows your preferences.

Road Assessment Vote

_____ For \$40.00 road assessment on 2007 and 2008 dues

_____ Against the above road assessment

Board Member Election (Vote for three)

_____ Michael (Mike) R. Gerstenberger

_____ John Lowell Hayes (Incumbent)

_____ Paul Peloquin

_____ Mike Schmidt (Incumbent)

_____ Roger W. Walker

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ASSIGNMENT OF PROXY

ARTICLE II., Paragraph 6, of the Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association By-Laws state: "Any membership may be represented and voted by the owner or by a proxy given by the owner to some person other than the owning member. All proxies shall be in writing, shall define the tract or land portion to be represented by the proxy holder, shall refer only to a particular meeting, shall be dated no longer than three months before the meeting and shall be available and presented at the meeting where exercised."

For the purpose of any Association business wherein a members vote is required:

I, _____, being the owner of record of
(print your name)

Tract number _____, Spirit Lake East Development do hereby execute
(your lot number)

and deliver an assignment of proxy to _____
(print name of the person who will vote in your place)

for the following:

1. Proxy to be executed for the election of the board of directors only. _____
(property owner initials)
2. Proxy to be executed for any voting that may be required at the semi-annual meeting to be held on or about **May 9, 2006**. _____
(property owner initials)

The assignment of this proxy is for the meeting to be held on or about **May 9, 2006**.

Homeowner

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness

Signature _____ Date _____

You may mail this proxy in the enclosed SLE addressed envelope marked "PROXY" to:

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