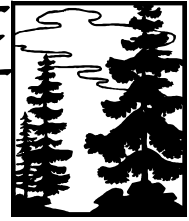


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The Newsletter of the Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association

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Phone Proxy Vote Update

In the ongoing process of trying to gain a quorum the board recently met with an attorney firm of Wetzler and Wetzler in regard to using a phone voting system. We discussed the issue and the attorney stated that there is **no legal conflict**, with either the CC&R's or Idaho law. In fact there has been recent case law involving the use of the phone in this manner. The case law states that due to today's busy society and the long distances some travel, the use of the phone is needed and necessary to continue the business or running a homeowners association. Because of some hesitation from some association members, the attorney suggested that we use the phone proxy voting system in conjunction with the November meeting and established voting practices. If we are able to get enough votes to make a quorum then we can establish this as an official vote. If 2/3 of the responding members approve the phone proxy voting system, then we will be able to use this in the future for votes that require a quorum. If we do not get the 2/3 approval then we will continue to do the voting process as we have always done. I have attached both the script that we will use and a copy of the phone proxy vote form. If you have already decided on your vote please feel free to mail the proxy vote form back to the association with your signature and vote.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the board members. Thank you for your involvement and support.

Mike Cover
President

Hello again,

I wanted to let everyone know of one of the upcoming issues for the November association meeting. It concerns a "phone proxy vote". What this means is that a board member will call you at home prior to one of the 2 (two) membership meetings (November and May) to inform you of the issues to be voted on. The board member will read a script (See Page 3) approved by the board that explains the issue at hand. We would then ask you to vote, either in favor or against the issue at hand. We would ask you if we have your permission to sign your name to the proxy vote ballot. The phone proxy vote will be your vote at the meeting unless you attend the meeting. If you do attend the meeting then the phone proxy vote is voided out. The phone calls are all recorded and verifiable to ensure accuracy. We would then send you a written verification that you agreed to have your name signed to the proxy vote by the board member.

Now I know that this may seem like a lot to go through but our reasons are that we need to have more owner involvement in the association meetings. We have not been able to achieve a quorum since 2001. This is an attempt to help achieve a quorum by making it easier for all to voice their opinions by casting their votes. We recognize the fact that many of us have a very full schedule and attending the meetings is not always possible or you may live out the area or out of state.

On July 18, 2007 board member Kathy Gray and I met with an attorney to ensure that what we have suggested is legal, does not violate CC&R's and is acceptable to the membership. It was determined that this is legal and does not violate the CC&R's but we were not sure if this is acceptable to the general membership of the association. To that end what we will be doing sometime in October is calling the association members to get their votes on whether or not this is acceptable. (Using a phone proxy vote in the future). We will verify the phone vote by following up with written confirmation of at least 2/3 of the membership. At this time this is the only issue that we will be using this system for. If, when the November meeting is held, 66% of the members agree to this then we will use this for other issues in the future. (The 66% will be based on the phone proxy votes and those in attendance) If not then the issue is dead and we continue as we have in the past. One note here, this does not mean we will be using this system for every thing that comes up. Most items will not require us to use this system.

If anyone has any questions about this proxy voting system feel free to e-mail me or attend one of the next meetings as we will be discussing this further.

Mike Cover

Board President

PS. We have a new association board that is fresh and willing to try to tackle some of the issues that we face. We all would like very much to make Spirit Lake East the best place to live in North Idaho. Your help and involvement is very much needed and appreciated by all of us.

Do you have a response?

Be sure you send it to the right place. Email addresses for board members are listed on the web site and so is the address for the newsletter and web master. If you want information added to the newsletter or web site, be sure you indicate the intended use. Otherwise, your email will be ignored. All rants and attacks will be deleted immediately.

Phone proxy vote script

Hello, my name is _____
and I am calling you for the Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association about the phone proxy voting system currently being considered by the SLEHA. Before I go any further I must inform you that this phone conversation is being recorded for verification purposes. I must verify who I am speaking to so that we may ensure that you are in fact the property owner and are able to vote. Can I get your lot number, date of purchase and your middle name. Thank you.

We are currently considering the use of a phone proxy vote system to compliment the current voting system. We have contacted the association attorney, Wetzler and Wetzler, and they have told us that there is no conflict with the CC&R's or Idaho state law if we do implement this. In fact they have told us that new case law specifically supports this method due to today's busy society. Their recommendation is to contact the membership to be sure the majority of the members are willing to accept this change.

This is how the voting system will work. First, the current form of voting, attending meetings or giving a regular proxy to another member attending the meeting, will still be in effect and will take priority over a phone vote. If a phone vote is taken it will count as your vote on the specific item being voted on. The phone proxy votes are vote specific. In other words you must make a voting selection on the specific item being voted on. It will not be a general vote for all items on the agenda as with the current proxy form given to another person. If you later decide to attend the meeting, then your vote at the meeting will cancel the phone vote. We have modified the original proxy vote for this purpose.

Once you have made your selection for this issue, phone proxy voting, we will send a written verification to you to sign to confirm your choice. This is for this one time only. If you do not return the written verification form to us your phone vote will stand as cast.

I would like to get your vote now on this issue. Yes, means you are in agreement with the use of the phone proxy vote to supplement the current system. No, means that you do not want to use the phone proxy vote system and wish to stay with the current form of voting. I will need your permission to sign your name to this proxy vote and I will sign my name as well confirming the vote. If you decide to come to the November 6th meeting your vote there will cancel the phone vote.

Thank you for your time.

New Web Site

The SLE web site has been remodeled. Web sites like ours change often and over the years can become untidy with broken links, obsolete information and a structure that no longer suits the needs of the organizations they are intended to serve. That was true of the SLE web site. Check out the new look. If you find problems, email us. If you want to contribute to the community, send us links or information to add to the web site.

Gail Johnson
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**Membership Meeting
November 13, 2007
Timberlake High
School
7:00PM**

Neighborhood News and Exchange

Stampin'Up! Supervisor: Randi Malloy 623-5087
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Prayer and Share

We are Roger, Pat, and Daniel Walker. Every day our family prays for Spirit Lake East. If you have special needs or requests for prayer, we will be glad to pray with you and for your family and friends. Call us at 623-6220.

Want to be financially free?

Give me a call. Sue Fox 623-3137 , cell 818-5282. A great opportunity!

Pet Sitters, etc. Available

Going on vacation this winter? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, or pick up your mail while you're gone? Bethany Tarnowski (age 15) has experience in these areas, and would be pleased to help out for a small fee.

Rabbits for Sale

Free Rabbits. Two white females, one brown male. 623-6225

Advertise in the SLEHA Gazette:

Just \$20 for a full page, \$10 for a half, \$5 for a quarter, and \$3 for a business card size.

Advertise in the SLEHA Gazette

Ads in the SLEHA Gazette are a great way to let your neighbors know about goods and services that you have to offer. It's just \$20 for a full page, \$10 for a half page, \$5 for a quarter page, and \$3 for a business card size. Paid ads are available to non-residents also.

Remember, residents can **advertise** free on the website.

Spirit Lake East Water Contact Numbers

Hanson Industries 509-922-5252 (For billing issues etc)

Emergency:: 208-687-0802

If you experience extremely low water pressure, under 20 psi (just a dribble from your faucet), please make a note of the time and the date, and contact the Department of Environmental Quality at 769-1422 to let them know it happened.

