



**CONKLING PARK AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Board members attending the meeting were Jerry Metz, Ted Tylman, Phil Frederiksen, Sam Meyle, Sandi Virga and Donna Francis. Bill Swick was absent due to family needs. Approximately 40 members, families and guests were in attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Acting president Jerry Metz called the meeting to order at approximately 1:55 pm. He introduced the board members.

Secretary's Report: Jerry asked if the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting needed to be read or whether there was a motion to approve the minutes as previously distributed. Dave Lemm moved that the minutes be accepted as printed; Bill Ross seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Jerry also urged members to take advantage of the organization's website for information as email addresses are not always current and mailing by postal service could be much more limited with the use of the website and updated email addresses.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Meyle reported that CPACA started the year with \$2662.14; received \$250 in dues; and \$65 in donations for the plants. \$169.44 was expended on the plants and fencing; and \$390.90 was spent on WEB design and fees. The current balance on hand is \$2586.24. Sam thanked those who have been paying dues today. Lori Lemm moved to accept the Treasurer's report with Sandi Virga seconding the motion. Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ted Tylman presented an update on the Conkling Park Marina as gathered from a recent conversation with Tom Kirkpatrick. Tom has continued to carry the note on the Conkling Park Marina through the sale to the second owner Paul Martinez. Tom has restructured the payment schedule twice with Mr. Martinez, yet has received no principle payment and only some interest payments. He discovered the taxes on the property have not been kept up to date either and has recently filed for foreclosure which will take at least 120 days. Tom expects



the current owner to file for bankruptcy and has also filed a lawsuit to have all the profits from the marina from this point on placed in escrow. He is concerned about customers who have paid for services not yet received. Tom expects to get the marina back within a year through the foreclosure procedure and may continue its operations.

In other old business, Jerry reported that improvements to Memorial Park were made last year through the efforts of a large group of volunteers who planted the new shrubs and plants.

Phil Frederiksen addressed progress with the local Firewise committee, noting that the Conkling Park Area has participated for 7 years in the fire prevention program. The Conkling Park Area efforts are supported by the national organization Firesmart and the Idaho state organization Firewise. Both organizations offer grants for cleanup efforts, although it was not confirmed if grants for individuals are still available. Individual homeowners may request an assessment of their property as well as use the self assessment which is available. There is a lot of good information on the websites of these organizations for homeowners.

There is a distinction between the Idaho State Firewise organization and the Firesmart organization. The latter can help organize clean up and recommend contractors for cleanup, but has minimal funding.

Phil introduced Ivy Dickinson of Moscow who represents the Idaho Firewise organization. She explained that Firewise is a fire education organization with 4 main topic areas.

1. Defensible space preparations to property.
2. Fire management when fighting a fire or preventing fire.
3. Fire prevention
4. Fire ecology; what the role of fire is in a natural system.

In addition, Firewise tries to provide a clearinghouse of info on their website regarding fire prevention and has a great deal of information and downloadable documents on their website www.idahofirewise.org. They are currently working with the Idaho Dept. of Lands to revive the "Don't be a Guberif" campaign. They try to provide support to other community efforts with information, brochures and grant monies to reimburse community prevention groups for expenses incurred to organize community prevention days. Grant eligibility requires goals of fire mitigation or fire prevention. Examples are educating the public regarding the restoration of the Boise foothills, fire prevention teacher workshops in the Project Learning Tree Program, a handbook for a weed program, assistance to fund a conference for agencies joining efforts to



work on fire prevention. The application for making a proposal is available on their website. They look for grant applications which involve partners in their efforts.

Sam Meyle introduced Kathy Mooney from the Worley Fire District who had just presented to the previous meeting of the water association. Considering her recent presentation to many of the same people, Sam suggested she be available after the meeting for any questions, but would not need to do another presentation.

The final topic of old business was a report by Ted Tylman regarding the Coeur D Alene Tribe's progress on making fiberoptic Cable available in Conkling Park. The Tribe has received federal money for this project and is currently seeking bids. It is likely cable will reach the bay area summer 2013. However, which area is served may depend upon the number of people signing up to receive the service to their facility. Signing up is not a contract to receive service, but will give the Tribe an indication of where the most interest is. Ted has presented some signatures to the Tribal office already and anyone interested can go to the Tribal office in Plummer to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phil Frederiksen is transitioning to oversight of CPACA website (www.cpaca.org) and reports a change in the design which should be easier to use for members.

Member Comments:

Concern was raised regarding illegal fireworks and the potential for fire in the area. Duane Heintz suggested additional large signage regarding fireworks at the entrances to the Conkling Park area.

Jerry Metz stated that this will be addressed by the Board in the coming year and suggested that Duane can serve on a committee to work on improved signage. Some funding can be furnished by the Association to buy needed materials.

Sam Meyle reminded that aerial fireworks are illegal in Kootenai County and cautioned members that homeowners can be held liable for their guests use of illegal fireworks and any damage resulting. This occurred in a lawsuit recently where the homeowner was sued for the loss of a neighbor's home from fireworks used by a guest on the homeowner's property. Sam has a copy of the county ordinance regarding fireworks.



Tim Brown discussed Kootenai County Planning Department efforts to change the county ordinance regarding county control of lakeshore property to 75 feet from the current 25 feet at the 21-28 high water level. Tim is concerned this will have a significant impact on lakeshore owners and anyone who rents or has a slip on the lake. He urged members to join the CDA Lake Property Owners Association's efforts to fight this change or contact the Kootenai County Planning Dept. directly regarding this proposal. Question was raised whether this involved the Tribe. Sam Meyle responded that he is a non-tribal member of the Tribal Water Board and will inquire about this issue although nothing has been mentioned about this on the Tribal Water Board to Sam's knowledge.

The issue of using the Worley disposal site was raised. If you do not have a Kootenai County License Plate, you may be stopped and sent away from the site. There is an application for a sticker available to lake home owners on the Kootenai County website and there is a link on the CPACA website to the Kootenai County website that produces the application in printable form.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sandi Virga reported that there are three members whose terms are expiring: Bill Swick, Phil Frederiksen, and Jerry Metz. After some arm twisting, all have agreed to continue to serve if the members elect them. Sandi asked for nominations from the floor. Marian Barton moved to accept the 3 board members as reelected. Lori Lemm seconded and the motion passed.

As there was no further new business, Jerry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

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