

**SERENE LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date and Time: January 26, 2019 4 PM

Location: Board Room, Sierra Lakes County Water District
7300 Short Road

Secretary: Cathy Pearson

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 4 PM by President Diane Scanlon.

2. Roll Call. All Directors present except Jenyth Gearhart Utchen participating by phone.

3. Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Dennis Fisco and seconded that the minutes of the Planning Meeting on September 9, 2018 be approved. Motion carried. It was moved by Roger Drosd and seconded that the minutes from the October 20, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

4. Agenda Edits. Under Old Business, Move Dock replacement, to before Water District and SLPOA agreement. Remove DAS request for Email list, table Road Repair 2019/2020 and add Speed Issues around the lakes.

5. Treasurer's Report. Dennis Fisco presented SLPOA's financial report. Dennis reported our finances are sound. Currently we have fewer memberships than at this time last year, but more are coming in every day. We did make money on the Cabin tour, 4th of July Celebration and BBQ this past year. Boat sticker income was down due to less people storing their boats at Bales last year.

6. Administrative Assistant Report. Megan Goode reminded everyone to renew their membership on line they must be signed into the website and they must be the primary member. Memberships can also be renewed by mail.

Mercedes is doing reconciliations and our 1099 this year. Megan is working with her to make sure she has the appropriate information.

Dog Waste. Megan picks up dog waste at the "poop" stations every week. During the winter break she was gone for a week and people just piled their dog bags on top of the receptacle or just left poop on top of snow berms or on the ground. One of our poop stations was destroyed by the plows so that has not helped the problem of people not returning their dog's waste to the trash at their cabin. Megan is currently cleaning out the snow around the poop stations. Perhaps the water department can help with the snow clearing. It was moved by Cathy Pearson and seconded to order a new poop station to replace the non functional box and to order a better quality one. Motion Carried. It was also suggested that we ask area rental agencies as well as individual cabin owners to educate their renters about the importance of picking up after their dogs as well as properly disposing of the poop bags.

7. Committee Reports.

a. Membership. Cathy Pearson reported that there are currently 234 renewals with 9 of those being brand new members. This number is low because more renewals have come in today and are not included in the report.

b. Propane and Fire Safety. There is concern within our community about fire safety especially in the wake of the Paradise Fire. SLPOA has no power to mitigate some of the risks because we cannot add additional exits from the community and we do not have the power to demand that owners thin the trees or remove excess brush on their lots. California has allocated millions of dollars for fire prevention and perhaps someone in the community could write a grant to appropriate funds to help Truckee Fire/Cal Fire fund fire prevention activities. SLPOA has an entire section on the website about fire prevention, defensible space, and an evacuation checklist. SLPOA also has this information available at Lot 1 during the 4th of July, Serene Lakes Days and Labor Day Weekend. Truckee Fire has a propane map with the location of all propane tanks in Serene Lakes in case of a propane leak. We have already had 2 leaks this winter and George Lamson reminded us that the worst time for leaks is during March and April when the snow compacts and puts more pressure on the tanks. It is important that we keep the tops of our tanks clear of snow.

It was discussed that this is a community problem and it is important that everyone do their part to make this community more fire safe. Perhaps a state grant or a donation from SLPOA could fund someone from Truckee Fire to make inspections in Serene Lakes and issue citations if needed. The forest around us has been thinned but Serene Lakes has the highest tree density in our area.

c. Stewardship/Ragnar. Jon Sorger reported that the Ragnar Race will be originating at Sugar Bowl this year.

The Truckee Donner Land Trust is expected to do more forestry around Serene Lakes this summer depending upon receiving the appropriate grants. The Land Trust is working on additional signage and coordinating with Sugar Bowl for continuity.

d. Government Liaison. Bob McCormick reported that Bob Quesnell is resigning his position at the Water Department. It is likely that he will leave in about 3 months.

e. Lot 1. No report.

f. Volunteers. No report.

g. Chipping. Megan reported that she is trying to contact the same people who provided the chipping last year. She has yet to hear back from them.

h. Serene Lakes Days. No report.

i. Kids Club/4th of July. The 4th of July Parade will take place on the actual day this year. The Kid's Club snowman contest was a big success. Many thanks to Colleen Byrne for chairing this event.

j. Website/Facebook Development. Megan is looking into different companies to help with the website. There are companies that specifically work with HOA's. They provide a preplanned template for the website. They would build it and

SLPOA would manage it. Jon spoke about the Facebook page and encouraged people to post pictures.

K. Reminder. At next meeting we need to decide about double stocking the lakes with fish.

8. Old Business

a. Sierra Dock. Diane reminded the audience that we had appropriated funds for a new dock at Sierra, however, the board wanted to get feed back from the community since replacing the dock would mean having to set it up, take it down and store it every year. During the initial discussion, the board did not believe that we had any possibility of installing a floating dock which would not require those steps. The board also had a boat ramp installed this fall that would allow boats on trailers to be launched more easily. However, the board received a number of letters from the community requesting SLPOA replace the dock. It was discussed that we need to check with the water district to see if we could replace the old dock with a floating one. If we use a Pier D'Norte dock, the dock level will have to be adjusted as the water level drops during the summer and set up and taken down every year. Dennis Fisco moved to approve up to \$12,000 to purchase a new dock for the Sierra location. The first choice would be a floating dock and a Pier D'Norte as a second choice. He also moved that \$500 be allocated for labor. The Water District will be consulted as to what options we have regarding the dock. Motion seconded and carried.

b. Agreement between Water District and SLPOA. Dennis Fisco moved to approve the licensing agreement with the Water District and SLPOA. The agreement is a 3 year deal with automatic renewals for a total of a 9 year agreement. This agreement has nothing to do with Lot 1, but includes all of the other lake access points including the dog park. The biggest sticking point was the amount of insurance the water district wanted us to carry. It was finally agreed that SLPOA would provide 4 million dollars primary insurance and a 4 million dollar umbrella policy. This will add about \$1,000 to our yearly insurance premiums. Dennis also moved to authorize the SLPOA president to execute the agreement on behalf of SLPOA. Both motions were seconded and both motions were carried.

c. Boat Storage Rules and Regulations. Dennis is going to request more boat storage slots from the water district at Bales and Swiss Court. We will have to see if the request is approved. Last year there was some confusion about impounded boats and how to retrieve them. Next year, if a boat is impounded a note will be left at the storage site instructing the owner how to retrieve the boat or the boat will be locked at the site with a note stating how to unlock the improperly stored boat.

d. SLPOA 2019 Science Camp Review. Board members received the plan for the science camp before the meeting. The camp schedule was reviewed by members with the proposed changes making it so it impacts Serene Lakes residents as little as possible. Neighbors near Lot 1 will be notified ahead of time regarding the camp. Since this camp is mainly for Serene Lakes residents and their guests, information will be published in the March SLPOA newsletter. Dennis moved to

approve the science camp following the new guidelines. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

e. Dennis moved to table the discussion for the Signage at Lot 1 until next meeting. Motion was seconded and motion carried.

9. New Business.

a. Proposal of Fire Prevention Day. It was decided to postpone until the next meeting. Moved by Cathy Pearson and seconded. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment. President Diane Scanlon adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.