

SMEPOA Board Meeting Minutes, Jan. 17, 2009 at the Preble home, 9:30 AM  
Attending: Anita, Mike, Bonnie, Clayton, Jeff, Susan, Tim and Road Chair Dennis  
Absent: none

**Minutes** from the last meeting Nov. 8, 2008 were read and approved as written. MSA  
There was no board meeting in December.

**Treasurer:** Clayton reported the balance in checking and saving was \$65,372.63. He has sent out second notices to those who have not paid, and late fees have been applied.

March 1 is the date these are to be paid. Liens will be placed thereafter. He said that all owners who are on a payment plan for their assessment are current with their payments.  
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report. MSA

**Legal:** Anita reported that she is in contact with Herman Clark and Mary Beth Priest concerning legal matters that are pending.

**Roads:** Dennis reported that reflective painting on the roads is to be finished after the weather warms. He is researching the purchase of small sawhorses for marking hazards on our roads. Upper Sassafras is next in line for repaving, but work has been delayed because of legal costs and owners who have not paid assessments. The board expressed its thanks again to Dennis and his helpers for their work on our roads.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Tim reported that the area neighborhood captains are functioning for the new Neighborhood Watch program. He urges all owners to help our community by being watchful and reporting questionable activity.

**Newsletter:** Susan proposed a 4-page black and white plain paper communication to be sent out in early May. The board agreed, as this will be much more economical than the slick color sort of newsletter. Articles are due to Susan by April 1. The newsletter will contain a reminder about the Annual Meeting.

**Social:** Bonnie announced that the annual Souper Supper will be at Amicalola EMC on Saturday February 21 at 5:00, with setup from 4 to 5:00. She will invite selected owners to bring crock pot dishes, and the other property owners will bring the rest of the meal. An invitation will be included with a letter that Anita is preparing to send out in February. The Supper will be announced on our website at smepoa.com and by email.

**Annual Meeting:** The board discussed possible nominees for the board election. Board members will be contacting prospects in the coming weeks. The date for the Annual Meeting was set for May 16 at 10:30 AM, with a letter to be mailed to owners about one month before that. Anita will prepare the letter. Bonnie will reserve a meeting room.

**New Business:** Clayton suggested that we enlist a bonded bookkeeper for our SMEPOA business. This will provide continuity even when there are changes in board officers. Also, the bookkeeper will have software expertise that board members cannot provide. Susan volunteered to find some names of local bookkeeping services.

**Wildcat Firewise:** Clayton reported that the fundraising for the planned Burnt Mountain fire station is going well. Participating communities have donated nearly \$32,000 so far. Pickens County is now calling for bids on construction. Monument Falls and SME will work together to solicit contributions from other property owners. Clayton will prepare a Wildcat letter to be included with Anita's February letter.

**The next board meeting** will be held February 21 at 3:00 PM at Amicalola EMC before the Souper Supper.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary

Future board meeting dates:

March 14 at Mike Moran's

April 11 at Jeff Kirves's

May 9 at Anita Jolly's

Annual Meeting May 16 at 10:30 AM