

## **Sassafras Mountain Estates POA Board Meeting Minutes, 5-9-09, Jolly's 10 AM**

Attending: Anita Jolly, Mike Moran, Bonnie Lovejoy, Jeff Kirves, Tim Lambert, and Road Chair Dennis Leath. Absent: Clayton Preble and Susan Catton.

Anita called the meeting to order at 10:10. Minutes from the April meeting were read and approved as written MSA.

**Financial update:** Anita reported that Clayton said our balance in checking and saving is \$71,635.65. Approximately \$60,000 is committed for paving the next week Motion to have Herman Clark send a letter to those few who remain unpaid for the FY that is ending June 30. MSA. Bonnie was instructed to place a lien on one owner remaining unpaid that has no lien. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. MSA

**Membership:** Bonnie reported that two more lots have been submitted to Additional Covenants and recorded at the courthouse. This brings the total to 83 submitted lots. Each submitted lot gets 1 vote at the annual meeting next Saturday.

**Roads:** Dennis reported that Steve Watson Paving will begin resurfacing on Lower Sassafras as soon as there are dry days. Lower Sassafras was selected for this paving to balance the maintenance most evenly throughout the subdivision. The top part of the road was selected because the most owners would travel over that portion and gain the benefit. The footage to be paved was again limited by owners who have not paid their share, and by the need to reserve funds for ongoing legal expenses. Dennis requested new contracts for the mowing to be ready at the June board meeting for the new mowing year beginning July 1. Dennis will make a presentation about the road maintenance at the annual meeting.

**Annual meeting:** Anita presented a draft of the agenda for the board's review. John Edwards will present information about the new fire station on Monument Road, about fire safety on the mountain, and about the opportunity for owners to contribute to the completion of the station. Clayton will present information about the possibility of a Special Tax District, in which Dawson County would assume maintenance of the roads and bill owners on their property tax bill. The research of this possibility is on-going. Mike Moran suggested that the board solicit more volunteer help from members who are not on the board. Anita suggested that we delay the election of officers to the June board meeting, instead of having it immediately after the annual meeting next week.

**Compliance:** Mike is working with two owners to resolve a problem concerning forest debris.

**New business:** The board discussed the possibility of hiring an outside bookkeeper to assist our treasurer. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next board meeting will be on Saturday June 13 at 10 AM.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary

