

SMEPOA Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2009 at Lambert home, 10:00AM

Attending: Bonnie, Mark, Anita, Clayton, Tim, Pat and Road Chair Dennis Leath.

Absent: Mike, Jeff

Clayton presided over the meeting. In executive session, Dennis Leath was approved as a ninth member of the board to fill the one open position. MSA.

Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved as written. MSA

Financial: Mark submitted a report of owners who have paid the \$550 per lot assessment for FY 2009-2010. Mark said that he will send second invoices to owners soon. The balance in checking and saving is \$43,815.81. Mark will investigate buying a 6-month CD at our bank. The board agreed on the CD amount to be \$30,000. An invoice we received from Herman Clark was reviewed and will be paid this week.

Roads: Dennis reported that two real estate agents have remarked that home loans are difficult to obtain when there is no road maintenance agreement in place for a subdivision. Dennis said that Kris has suggested that we order one small load of dirt for use on washed-out areas along the road shoulders. Dennis asked for approval to pay up to \$150 for the load. The actual price per small load has been \$95 in the past. MSA
There was a discussion regarding the extensive herbicide spraying that took place in the summer on the Burnt Mountain area including within SME.

Picnic: Bonnie said that plans are in place for the SME picnic to be held at Amicalola Falls State Park on Sunday September 27 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM in pavilion #5. Bonnie said that she delivered invitations to almost everyone via email, with only about 40 needing to be hand-delivered or mailed. All owners were invited, regardless of address, in order to provide communication about the continuing activities of the POA. An informative letter by president Mike Moran was attached to the invitation.

Firewise: Clayton said that the Pickens ISO (inspecting agency for fire stations regarding insurance ratings) inspection has been made and that we are now waiting for the Dawson ISO inspection. We anticipate a lower insurance rate for Sassafras Mountain Estates homes once the process is complete. Dawson County is currently seeking additional volunteers for firefighter and support training. Board members submitted some names of interested volunteers to Clayton, who will send applications to them. Wildcat Firewise is continuing to accept donations to supplement the fire station funding.

The next meeting will be at Pat Davis' home.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Addendum: The board met briefly before the picnic on September 27 from 2:30 to 2:45 PM to address concerns about Amicalola EMC's herbicide spraying of wildflowers and near streams. Attending were Mike, Bonnie, Mark, Tim, and Clayton. Mike Moran agreed to explore ways to contact AEMC about this.

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary