

SMEPOA Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2009, 10 AM at the Lovejoy home

**Attending:** Mike Moran, Jeff Kirves, Bonnie Lovejoy, Mark Buchheim, Anita Jolly, Clayton Preble, Pat Davis, and Road Chair Dennis Leath.

**Absent:** Tim Lambert

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

**Financial:** Mark reported that we have \$24,306.65 in checking and saving. Invoices have been mailed, along with an informative letter from Mike dated June 25. We received a bill from our attorney of \$3765 for lawsuit defense work. Motion to pay MSA. Motion to accept Treasurer's report MSA.

**Roads:** Dennis thanked the mowers for their beautification work on our roadsides, which has been continued on the same 2-week schedule as in the past. The board also extended its thanks. Dennis explained that there will be 3 volunteers to mow this year, approximately every 2 weeks through the growing season; Mike and Clayton will prepare independent contractor contracts for Dennis Leath, Mike Jolly and Kris Lovejoy. The board voted to approve a total of 4,000 to be paid out now. This amount is 2/3 of the total paid to the mowers for a fiscal year in the past, covering 2/3 of the mowing months of the fiscal year (July 1 through October 2009). Plans for future mowing will be revisited after the winter, pending lawsuit outcomes.

**Newsletter:** Mike said that he wants to establish better communications with owners via letters from the president, to keep owners informed of legal matters. Anita suggested we send a letter with second invoice notices, as well as to all the other owners. Bonnie said that she is collecting email addresses from owners so that we may be able to communicate more efficiently and economically. She said that we already have about 130 email addresses.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Anita said that volunteers have erected the police-provided warning signs at the top of each main road. Several board members felt that the C.O.P.s signs may be reducing outside traffic in the subdivision already.

**Legal:** Mike explained that we have filed briefs in each of the 2 appeals we are making, and we are waiting, probably several months, for the court to rule. The board will ask attorney Herman Clark to send letters to 2 owners who have asked for action by the board that must await the outcome of the appeal.

**New Business:** The board decided to hold a Fall Picnic and charge \$5 per person as in the past, but not to provide the meat. This plan should cover expenses of the event completely. Bonnie made reservations at Amicalola Falls State Park for Sunday September 27 from 3-6:00 at Picnic Shelter #5. Everyone should bring a dish to share and their own non-alcoholic drinks. Bonnie will send out an invitation on smepoa.com and by email (or regular mail where no email is supplied). She will solicit email addresses from additional owners.

Mike suggested we reach out to our neighbors to thank them for their support, and to encourage everyone to support their community.

**Next meeting:** Saturday September 12 at 10 AM at the home of Tim and Debbie Lambert.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary