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COME ONE COME ALL

**Saddle Ridge
Property Owners
Annual Meeting &
Picnic**

Where:

In area near the barn

When:

Saturday, July 20, 2002

Meeting begins at
10:30 a.m.

Picnic lunch at 12 Noon

Bring lunch food (sandwiches, chips, salads to eat and share) and lawn chairs for your family

Drinks, cups, plates and napkins provided through the SRPOA membership dues account

(In case of rain meet at East Walland Church fellowship hall on East Miller's Cove Road)

RIDGE RAMBLER

Board Minutes—April 13

The Saddle Ridge Property Owners Association's board of directors met April 13 at the home of President and Mrs. Larry Dicus.

President Dicus called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Attending were Carroll, Cain, Carrigan, Clinansmith, Davis (ex-officio), Dicus, Jewell, Kerr, Madore, Spaminato, and Tipps

Dicus had spent the first few moments updating those attending on the fate of Saddle Ridge's elk (see story elsewhere in this newsletter).

Dicus also updated those attending on the damage done to the roadways during the recent heavy rains and resulting floods.

The pond at the entrance to Saddle Ridge overflowed its banks on the Oakwood side of the lake. The resulting torrent flowed through the gate, shoving huge rocks underneath the

asphalt and carrying bushes which had been planted at the entrance by the beautification committee over 200 yards down the road. Dicus said he recovered two of the shrubs with their burlap still around the root ball.

Following the treasurer's report by Charlyse Kerr, on motion by Kerr and second by Carrigan, the board voted to allocate an additional \$500 for plants and good topsoil for the gate area.

Juanita Davis, ex-officio member of the board and treasurer of the road maintenance account, presented that report. Final bills for the repair to the roads have not been received.

However, Perry Burchfield's construction company has raised the level of the lake's bank on the Oakwood side and has lowered the Water's End side so that when the lake overflows again, it will flow into the creek rather than down the roadway. More work will be

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The Elk Are Gone

All the "Elk Crossing" signs are down.

Our elk are gone.

With some tears and some sighs of relief, an elk broker arrived late in the afternoon of the week of Easter, loaded Bo, Oliver and all the rest into a trailer which at first seemed way too small (but wasn't) and drove away.

The animals, particularly Bo, were becoming a problem because of their size and almost-tame attitudes.

According to reports, the five are now safely at their new home near Sweetwater.

The day began with several Saddle Ridge residents herding the three

males and two females into the barn area and then using any handy material to help keep them corraled in the barn. At first the elk seemed agitated but eventually became accustomed to their surroundings.

When the broker arrived some seven hours later (he got delayed when some work had to be done to his own animals), he backed the trailer toward the barn, erected frames into chutes and shooed the elk into the trailer.

At first the broker negotiated with a Rogersville man who wanted the elk but when that deal did not materialize he took the animals to Sweetwater.

Beth Dicus and Kathy Wilbanks are hoping to visit the animals in the near future.

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done on Water's End since the dip is now too precipitous, Dicus said.

Dicus also presented a tentative budget which includes line items for replacement expenses for equipment the association owns. A maintenance account was established on motion by Clinansmith, second by Kerr. Dicus said he would work on a more specific budget for presentation at the annual meeting.

Dicus also reported on his meeting with a representative of Harrison Construction (APAC) in reference to the possible paving of the hills in Saddle Ridge.

The expert said that costs would run about \$1 million to pave all the hills. He also suggested that asphalt not be used but instead the hills be concreted. Asphalt, the representative told Dicus, would last only about 18 months in this environment. If the material used were concrete, he guaranteed that the work would last about 30 years. Cost would be about \$45 per linear foot.

They measured various well-used hills in Saddle Ridge. From the bottom of Oakwood to about where the Suggs' driveway is located is 700 linear feet, to the leveling-out area about 1,600 linear feet. Up Bear Paw - 500 linear feet. Up to Sky Top - 900 linear feet. Up Water's End by Dotti Graham's - 1,100 linear feet

Cost to do Oakwood would run about \$75,000. Using estimates of the amount of funds received from road maintenance funds, Dicus

estimated that it would take about five years to concrete the major hills in the development.

The concreting would save about \$2,000 a year in maintenance costs.

Marion Madore asked about traction on concrete during snow and ice. Dicus said that the first few vehicles over the concrete would probably not have trouble but when the snow became packed down, traction would be lost. The procedure would be to clear the roadways as soon as the precipitation fell.

Board members pointed out that having more permanent roadways would save on vehicle wear-and-tear and that property values should increase.

Although no formal action was taken, the board discussed establishing a fund into which part of the road maintenance fees would be placed for five years. Then one or several hills would be concreted and if the concreting is judged a success more concrete work would be done. A schedule would be established for such work.

The membership will be informed of the costs, etc., at the annual meeting and through the newsletter.

Members of the road committee will look into the costs of installing a lighted helicopter pad in the barn area. Calls will also be made to the emergency agencies to make certain such a pad would be used.

Larry Dicus and Ed Tipps were appointed as a nominating committee for new members of the board of directors.

Those whose terms expire this year include Dicus, Tipps, Bob

Frink, Richard Way and John Wilbanks. Three persons will be elected to the board at the annual meeting in an on-going effort to decrease the number of board members from 15 to nine.

Annual meeting was set for July 20 (see article elsewhere in newsletter). Helping with arrangements are Marion Madore and Beverly Carrigan.

Please observe garbage restrictions

Please, please observe the restrictions on garbage placed in the small building near the gate. The regulations are placed on the shed door and on the bulletin board in the kiosk.

Our garbage service is in jeopardy because inappropriate items have been left for pick-up.

Only bagged garbage and BROKEN-DOWN cardboard boxes are allowed.

If you do have other items such as discarded furniture, large items such as lawnmower parts, etc., you can make arrangements for special pick-ups from our garbage service for additional fees.

If you wish to talk about such a pick-up call Dennis at 379-8734. A load will probably cost between \$25 to \$30.

Individuals can haul items to the Blount County landfill for a nominal fee. The landfill is located off Big Springs Road which can be reached off West Lamar Alexander Parkway and William Blount Drive. There is a sign on Big Springs Road at the cut-off.

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