

SADDLE RIDGE  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2017

**PRESENT:** Steve Foster, Hugh Pearson, Lynn Hopps, Robert (Smitty) Smith, Sue DuBois, Tom Braun, Ken LaValley, Ann Tedford

**ABSENT:** Darin Suggs

Guest Jim Tedford presented the recommendations for the long range plans for the barn property based upon a resident survey and a plan developed by Jim and his barn property action team. The board suggested that Jim and the action team prioritize the recommendations in regard to those improvements that are most needed and within budget. Jim and the action team will follow through with this suggestion and provide a report to the board at a later date.

The minutes from the April board meeting were reviewed. Adjustments were made. Lynn Hopps moved that the minutes be approved as adjusted. Smitty seconded. All approved, and motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Smitty reviewed outstanding bills that will be paid prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be completed prior to the Annual Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and Smitty will provide financial statements to Saddle Ridge residents in advance of the meeting for review.

Smitty provided board members with the budget variance analysis for the last three years.

Those Saddle Ridge residents in arrears with their POA dues will be sent letters requesting payment. If no arrangements are made for payment of the delinquent dues, liens will be filed against their property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Architectural Committee – No report was submitted due to Darin Suggs' absence from this meeting.

Environment Committee – Sue DuBois reported no new information this month.

Events Committee – Ann Tedford reported that arrangements are being made for the upcoming Annual Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The next Saddle Ridge event following the Annual Meeting will be the Fall Cookout in October. The date has not yet been established.

Communications Committee – Lynn Hopps has no new information this month. Sue DuBois just posted the Spring issue of the Ridge Rambler.

Roads Committee – No report was submitted due to Darin Suggs' absence from the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Smitty is planning to contact Alcoa Utilities regarding removal of hazardous trees in Saddle Ridge and will report this information to the board at a later date.

Emergency Preparedness - Sue DuBois reported that there is a plan ready for presentation at the Annual Meeting for a communication system in the event of an emergency.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Firewise Community - Sue DuBois reported that Betsy Smith is leading the Firewise committee's efforts to make Saddle Ridge a Firewise community. Members of the Firewise Committee include Betsy, Sue, Margaret Saunders, Smitty Smith, and Debra James. The committee met with Blount County Fire Department Chief McClanahan and Captain Johnny Leatherwood on the role of the BCFD in April. Betsy and Smitty also attended a Firewise Conference on May 23. An informational meeting, facilitated by Nathan Waters, Assistant District Forester, TN Division of Forestry, and Greg Salansky, Fire Management Officer, GSMNP, will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Smith's residence. This will be followed by a workshop in Saddle Ridge to do a community-wide assessment and to train property owners how to make their homes Firewise.

Budget for 2017/ 2018 – Smitty reviewed the budget line items for the upcoming fiscal year. Board members reviewed each of the spending categories and provided feedback with recommendations for adjustments. Smitty will create the new budget based upon these recommendations.

Planning for Annual Meeting. The board discussed possible candidates for the open board positions, timely announcements for a call for nominations and procedures for absentee and proxy ballots. The board also participated in the development of the agenda for the July 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. This will be finalized at a planning session for this meeting to be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and hosted by Smitty.

The next meeting will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Ann Tedford at 7:00 PM.

There was no further business. Sue DuBois moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Tom Braun. All approved, and motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:20 PM.

