

# Saddle Ridge POA Board Meeting

January 12, 2021

Present : Janet Kolarik, Sue DuBois, Sally Whelan, Mary Glarner, Judy Pearson, Keith Kennedy, Connie Evans and Joan Jackson.

President Janet Kolarik called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Previous minutes were approved by all board members.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Sally Whelan provided the financial report per email prior to the meeting for board members to review. Sally said the Smitty is doing a good job at collecting the dues that are in arrears. There were no other questions about the financial report.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Architectural Committee**

A couple bought Larry's property but they are not ready to build yet. Mary had a question for Beth about a new owner asking about builders and architects on the Facebook page. Beth does not have a FB account so she did not see it. Mary will put Beth's email information in response to their question so they can contact Beth.

### **Communications Committee**

Mary Glarner said that she has had some inquiries from people asking about how to get in touch with our realtor in Saddle Ridge. Mary informed them that Saddle Ridge does not have a realtor but that they should get in touch with the realtor that is representing the property that they are interested in.

Janet thanked Mary for the great job that she is doing with the Ridge Rambler.

## **Environmental Committee**

Judy Pearson asked if markers could be put up where the car went off the road. Janet said that reflectors have been put up in that area so that should help.

Judy informed the board that she has not been able to get in touch with Matt Anderson yet about the "Adopt A Mile" program. Judy has read all of the materials that Betsy has given her about the program. It would require a commitment that trash pickup is done 4 times a year instead of twice a year that Saddle Ridge has been doing. Judy said that she has received feedback and mostly all board members were in favor of keeping it at twice a year.

Janet said that we could discuss at the spring cleanup then also at the annual meeting.

Judy said some of the fall cleanup work has been completed but some has not been started yet.

Judy would like to see more volunteers to help with cleanup.

Sue said they are going to rent a large chipper and they will hire some help. Sue said that the tractor and chipper in Saddle Ridge can also be used.

## **Equipment Committee**

Keith Kennedy provided information about the tractor repair was about \$2900 which was for a tire and repair of the fuel filter which was causing the tractor to cut out and it wasn't safe to be on a hill. The blower panel was shattered also. A full service was done on the tractor so it would be ready to go. The mower is still down but Keith said it will be repaired soon. The repairs were over budget because of the unforeseen repairs. Volunteers would need to be trained to use the equipment. It would be great to have more volunteers. The tractor went in when Tyler Brothers was busy with their auction. The tractor came back just before Christmas.

## **Events Committee**

Connie Evans reported that the annual Ladies Potluck dinner had to be cancelled due to Covid. Everyone understood that this had to be done but looking forward to getting together in the future.

## **Roads Committee**

Sue DuBois said that we are way under budget on the road maintenance because we got out of sequence when the tractor broke down. We missed the fall roadside prep for winter because the tractor was out of service which meant the roads and roadsides weren't clear enough to grade. Now that the tractor is back in service, we are back to doing leaf blowing and grading. Dave and Frank have helped with leaf blowing when the weather cooperated. Leaves can't be blown while it's wet. Very little mowing was also done in the fall because the mower broke down. Lamar has graded and put down gravel on the main roads and will be coming back to put down more gravel. We will continue debris cleanup by the roads and cutting saplings and small trees. Building up the road base in some areas may be needed and we will get estimates for that. Sue gave Lamar a list of areas that need grading and more gravel. Let Sue know of any road areas that need attention.

## **Old Business**

Janet Kolarik informed the board on the status of the Burchfield's lawsuit. Burchfield's attorney approached our attorney about settling the lawsuit. They sent a proposal with 21 points. The SRPOA attorney and legal team reviewed it and are sending back a counter proposal to Burchfield's attorney. The SRPOA legal team and Burchfield's team would then meet with a mediator rather than going to court.

## **New Business**

The board discussed the UPS/Fed X box and there might be a need to get a larger box. The Fed X driver said that they would go inside the gate to deliver packages to a larger box. The driver was concerned that the current box is too small because many residents are having more deliveries due to Covid. A possible location inside the gate would be in the front or barn area since the drivers would have to be able to turn around. Some boxes have been left outside the box because of either no room inside the box or the package was too big. Possibly the current

box could be expanded. The newspaper area could possibly be used to expand since all of the newspaper boxes are not being utilized. This will be discussed again at a later time.

A resident has concerns about a dog that is chasing cars. They are concerned that the dog or someone will get hurt. It has been placed on the Facebook page.

A resident said that the Blount County Hwy. Dept. used to treat the roads all the way to the SR gate and would treat afterwards. This year the county quit right at Blackberry entrance. We will find out who the contact person is at the county and ask if they will treat the roads to the gate.

A resident has concerns that Saddle Ridge needs to get more hired help for road cleanup and maintenance. Saddle Ridge will be hiring some help to assist with road maintenance and will let the resident know that this will be addressed.

The board discussed and agreed upon the date of April 13th for the next meeting at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.