

Highland Meadows Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting

August 27, 2016

Officers Present: Barrie Schwartz, Chris Christensen, Cindy Jewell

Attendees: Chet Jewell, Elaina Leo, Nanette Gray, Dave & Nancy Israelson, Sandra and Eric Bartlett, Dave & Jeanne Sprowls, Mark and Mary Ann Wood, Lance Nelson, Debbie & Rusty Webb, Karen Venman, Becky Sandefur, Matt & Kim Fein

Barrie called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM

- 1) Barrie – President, informed us that there were new members present. Matt & Kim Fein, Elaina Leo, Rusty and Debbie Webb.
- 2) No report from Chris – Vice President.
- 3) Barrie – Interim Treasurer - treasurer report. We have funds in our legal defense fund of \$ 1,422.80; and in our general account we have: \$5,851.26 for a total of \$7,274.06.
- 4) Thank you was given to Lance, David and the others that built the entrance sign.
- 5) Sandy Knox from the Four Mile Fire Department was present to tell us about the department. The department is a volunteer fire department. Tom Hatton is the only paid person and he is only paid ‘part time’. Sandy is on the board of directors. This fire department is a tax entity for the State of Colorado, there is a levy on your taxes that pays for the department. The medical emergency comes out of Cripple Creek. In the past the Four Mile was fire and medical emergency. But now due to cuts, the 911 calls goes to Divide (all of Teller County), the fire department is notified. They respond and do all of the prep work for the ambulance and medical team. Cripple Creek has a blanket responsibility over Four Mile Emergency Services. During the month of August, there were 7 fires reported and several other calls. There are two stations and they are not manned, station 1 has a phone; station 2 does not have a phone. Response time is generally 5-7 minutes for the first responder. The rest of the team usually takes 10 to 20 minutes to arrive at the scene. There will be no garage sale this year.
- 6) Election results: Elaina Leo (274 votes) is the new treasurer and Debbie Webb (288 votes) is the new secretary.
- 7) Elaina asked if the HOA would permit her to put a cell tower on her property. There was discussion. A vote of those present said ‘yes’ for Elaina to pursue the acquisition of a cell tower, IF the road damage due to installation of the tower was mitigated and IF the tower blended into the elements.
- 8) The issue of ‘tiny houses’ was brought up. A majority of those present said that no consideration would be given to putting tiny houses in Highland Meadows. It was also determined that they are not permitted in our covenants.
- 9) Kim Fein brought up the issue of noxious weeds. She is constantly pulling and killing the thistle weeds. She would like help from the county. She called the county and they said that if a lot of people called then they would do some spraying. You need to contact the county office of Brad Shaw 687-8812. The more people that call in, the better chance we

have of getting a response from the county. You can also contact the CSU extension office and talk to the folks at that office.

- 10) There were questions regarding the maintenance of the roads. Teller County has said that the area is too rocky and the only thing that they can do is to gravel the road. We need more people to call and complain to the county about the road and ask for gravel to be laid on the road. (687-8812).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM

Submitted by: *Cindy Jewell, secretary*