



Newsletter



An Official Publication of the South Nacimiento Road Association.

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President's Message

In the next week or so you will receive, in the mail, a packet of information from SNRA. The SNRA Board has been working to prepare the budget, review the five year plan, and update the By-Laws. In your packet you will receive a copy of the budget, a copy of the five year plan, a copy of the current By-Laws, a copy of the proposed By-Laws, and a ballot for the budget and By-Laws. **Please review the information carefully, and either send in your ballot, or plan on attending the October 13 General Members meeting to vote in person.**

**Thank you for your continuing support
Phil Humfrey**

Wildfire Reminders

General:

Maintain a 100' defensible space surrounding your house. The 100' is composed of two zones. A 30' zone near the house should be cleared of dry grass and brush, firewood, and other combustibles. An additional 70' should be kept as a "reduced fuel zone". Download the [defensiblespaceflyer.pdf](#) for ways to establish a reduced fuel zone. There's a lot more information on the CalFire and FireSafe Council websites.

No burning of debris is allowed until fire the season is declared closed. Be careful with BBQ fires. Before discarding the ashes drown them with water, stir, and feel them with your hand to be sure they are dead.

Don't drive or park vehicles on dry grass.

A spark arrester is required on all portable gas-powered equipment.

Dragging trailer chains can cause sparks. Keep chains off the ground.

Mow before 10AM. Metal blades can make sparks.

Don't do target practice if you might hit a rock. Sparks, again.

Finally, anyone who starts a fire may be liable for damages to other property and for fire fighting costs.

Local:

There was a fire in Running Deer on Sunday, Aug. 4th. Luckily, volunteers got on it quickly, followed by a water-dropping helicopter, 2 borate-dropping air tankers, and 4 engine companies.

There were a few problems that arose. The first was that several people on the emergency calling list were not called, while others were called more than once. It is important that someone not go to the fire, but take responsibility for calling the list. A copy of the list can be downloaded from www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com. It's in the "ROAD ASSOCIATION" folder.

Second, the engine at our Tablas Creek station was away from the station and the engines that arrived here were not familiar with Running Deer. Remember to post people at major intersections to direct firefighters.

South Nacimiento Road Association, Inc. (SNRA)
August 11, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Phil Humfrey at the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.

Roll Call:

Present: President-Phil Humfrey, Vice President-Ken Thomas, Secretary-Sue Kennedy (sub.), Treasurer-Sue Kennedy, Cal-Shasta Reps. - John Hunter & Ken Thomas, Private Owners Rep. – Russ Johnson, Running Deer Reps. – Leo Kennedy & Jerry Ahrens (sub.), South Shore Rep. – Brent McClurg, Tri Counties Rep. – Faron Goodwin.

Absent: Celia Shockey, Steve Selby, Jim Shockey, Carl Steinkraus and Randy Tognazzini.

President's Message:

Be very aware that the fire danger is high and be thankful that Cal Fire does such a good job responding.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Russ Johnson, 2nd by Faron Goodwin to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as they appeared in the July Newsletter. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Kennedy presented two invoices to be paid: 1) to Jerry Ahrens in the amount of \$23.52 for power supply equipment for the front gate camera, 2) to Carl Steinkraus in the amount of \$46.66 for keys and clickers. A motion was made by Faron Goodwin, 2nd by Leo Kennedy to pay the invoices. The motion passed.

Sue reported income of \$490.00, expenses of \$1,717.25, leaving an ending balance of \$45,498.34. A motion was made by Leo Kennedy, 2nd by Brent McClurg to accept the report as presented. The motion passed. For the complete budget statement go the SNRA section of the www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com website.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Electric Gate:

To get the monthly contractors code, contact Leo Kennedy at www.runningiron@wildblue.net to be put on the list for code change notification.

Jerry Ahrens reported one problem with the front gate. PG&E had a repair related shut down of power at the front gate on Aug. 5. The gate was powered by the backup battery until it ran down leaving the gate only partially open. When the power came back on the gate was functional again after a little work. Jerry and Carl have a few adjustments to make to the system so the gate will remain fully open when the power runs out.

Membership:

No new members reported. There are 8 members who still haven't paid their annual assessments – three owe for multiple years. Come on, guys.

Budget & Maintenance:

Russ Johnson noted that there are more potholes popping up along the roads. These will be filled once traffic dies down – after Labor Day. He has sent reports to the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife on the planned work to be done in Town Creek after Sept. 1st. They have already approved the project, we just have to keep them informed of planned work. The plan is to first clean the rock off the Lower Crossing so it is accessible to all and then to continue the work of rebuilding the Upper Crossing begun last year.

Russ presented the proposed budget for the 2013-2014 year. Discussion followed. A motion to accept the

proposal was made by Faron Goodwin, 2nd by Brent McClurg. The motion was passed. The proposed budget will now be presented to the membership to be voted on at the October 13 General Members meeting.

Based on the work planned for 2013-2014 in the Five Year Plan, a motion was made by Leo Kennedy, 2nd by Jerry Ahrens to set the annual assessment at \$375.00 for the north side of Town Creek and \$125.00 for the south (Running Deer) side. This is the same amount it has been for the past two years. The motion passed.

Fire Committee:

Leo Kennedy reported that there was a fire in the Running Deer area on Aug. 4. The blaze started on Whispering Pines Rd. off of Aluffo Rd. No structures were damaged, but it came close. Many in the area showed up to help and Cal Fire responded quickly.

Old Business:

Phil Humfrey noted that the Emergency Calling List can be accessed on the area website. If you have a Smart Phone, you can call the people on the list by loading the list and then just touching the name you want to contact and it will call that number.

By-Law Review. At the last Board meeting there was an in depth review of the current By-Laws. Going article by article, changes were proposed and discussed. There was further fine tuning in email exchanges the following week. Randy Tognazzini took the By-Laws to an attorney for her review. Her suggestions have been incorporated. The Board reviewed the proposed changes once more at this meeting, approved them and will now send the proposed changes to the membership for a vote at the October 13 General Members meeting.

New Business:

1. Insurance Proposals – Russ Johnson reported that the General Liability insurance is up for renewal. He had asked for proposals from three different companies: TWIW (who has been the carrier), McGee Insurance and Farmers. He has asked for response by Aug. 26th so the Board can then review and discuss in an email “conference”.

2. Newsletter Items.

A. Thank yous:

- 1) All of the people who showed up to help at the August 4 fire in Running Deer.
- 2) Cal Fire for a quick and intense response to the fire.
- 3) Whom ever cleared the downed pine tree at Sandy Creek.
- 4) Susie Johnson for the meeting refreshments.

Notice to all members to watch for the ballot packet in the mail. (See President’s Message)

3 Minutes for Members to Address the Board: None

Announcements:

The next meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.

The October 13th meeting will be a **General Members Meeting** with a vote on By-Laws changes and the Annual Budget. Please participate.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Faron Goodwin, 2nd by Ken Thomas.

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted: **Sue Kennedy, substitute Secretary**

Attention.....

A ballot with Budget and By-laws information will be going out at all members by US mail in the next couple of weeks and every one's participation would be appreciated.

Also a reminder that the October 13 meeting will be a General Membership Meeting.



If cows are loose outside lease area, please call Darren Shetler (805) 459-8010 or Chris Keehn (831) 755-4700.

Cal-Shasta Craft Faire

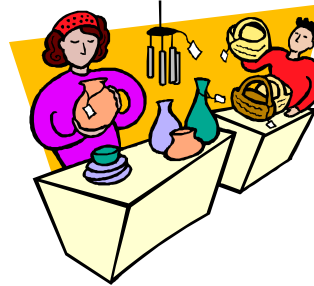
Location: Cal-Shasta Clubhouse

Date: October 12, 2013

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Lunch will be available for purchase

If you wish to sell your craft items, please contact Kristine Pilkington (805) 682-9659



THANKS!!!

Each month we try to acknowledge those who freely give of their time and energy to support SNRA. SNRA has no employees. Everything is accomplished by volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. Many of the things we take for granted just wouldn't happen if it weren't for people like these.

Thanks to :

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?? Who have we missed?? There are surely others who are expending effort to support SNRA, with no expectation of reward. If you know of someone who has not been recognized, please give Brenda Brooner a call (312-3268), so they can be included in this column next month.



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Open Invitation

Your SNRA Board Members meet the second Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse. Exceptions: The January meeting is the third Sunday, the May meeting will be the Sunday before Mother's Day, and there is no meeting in December. You are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas. The Board exists to serve the needs of the Association and it's members.

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