

Letter to the SMWOA Membership including the Meeting Announcement

June 15, 2019

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Ennis Firehouse #1 on Saturday, July 20 at 10 AM. Please come early and enjoy coffee and pastries with your fellow association members from 9 -10 AM before the meeting.

Regarding a motion made to have a picnic before the annual meeting, we were unable to secure a suitable location and host. Therefore, we are providing coffee and pastries in the morning before the meeting as was done last year.

The BOD has been busy again this year with roads and road maintenance. The Road Committee that was voted for at the 2018 annual meeting was formed and was very helpful to the BOD providing input from EVERY road in developing and prioritizing road work. Emergency funding for snow removal was approved when several Association members contacted the Board to say that they were no longer able to plow or snow blow the roads because of the largest amount of snow in recent history in the Madison Valley. The Board took action because of the unusual amount of snow which was creating an emergency situation that members on Bald Eagle and Redtail Hawk needed help with. The action of the board was based on previous boards' actions in emergency situations.

We would just like to remind all members that similar to the county policy found in The Madison County Code of the New West each resident is responsible for their own ingress egress.

This spring, the BOD approved emergency road funds to address all roads that were in danger of washing out or were nearly impassable because of deep mud and ruts. Extra gravel was put on the roads with an inadequate gravel base and where the excessive spring runoff from the large amount of snow damaged the roads. Meadowlark, Bald Eagle, North Golden Eagle, Redtail Hawk, South Golden Eagle (south of Redtail) and Screech Owl all needed emergency work.

The new road committee, which was approved at last summer's meeting is up and running. The committee members include: Kevin Amberson – South Golden Eagle; Russell Eberts (Director)- Partridge, Nutcracker, Magpie; Charlie Endean - Redtail Hawk; Gary Fuis - Barn Owl, Screech Owl; Earl Gooch - North Golden Eagle; Neil Lindgren – Falcon; Raul Luciani - Bald Eagle; Rick Mohr – Meadowlark; Jon Wahlgren and Tom Casale (Directors At Large).

With input from the new Road Committee and the road contractor, the Board of Directors approved releasing available funds to be used in June for grading, graveling and ditch shaping prior to the roads drying out. This work was completed by mid-June.

We have received some complaints about wandering dogs in the association. The BOD would like to remind all members it is their responsibility to keep all pets on their own property or under their control when walking on the roads.

Additionally, please be respectful of your neighbors and the association rules by keeping outside lights off when not in use and by using dark-sky compliant fixtures which point down and not toward a neighbor's house.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the annual meeting. As always, we encourage open, topic-focused respectable dialogue at the meeting.

As per S.M.W Homeowners Assoc. Inc. Articles of Incorporation, Proxy voting will be allowed. Please remember, if you are going to have someone vote for you by proxy, the proxy document has to be dated, signed and the name of the property owner and the lot number must be on the proxy. Each lot in good standing (all dues/ fees paid) has one vote.

The Association website –smwoa.org--- has helpful information about building permits, roads, maps, irrigation water and much much more!

Respectfully,

SMWOA Board of Directors

Jon Wahlgren

Tom Casale

Ed Moore

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