

## CPCOA Spring / Summer Meeting

Date : June 19<sup>th</sup> , 2021

Location : Nile Community Church

Time : 11:35 AM

Board President Ralph Berthon opened meeting with general remarks on cabin association status, membership and mission.

Ralph introduced Lee Ellis, Forest Service liaison officer for area update.

- a) Fire restrictions in place
- b) Cabins are second tier priorities in wildland fire fighting
- c) Large backlog of hazard trees and downed trees due to COVID
- d) Wood cutting may be allowed around July 4<sup>th</sup>, depending on forest conditions and road closures

Ralph introduced Kim Stiles, NFH Board member for comments and information on national cabin association tract status.

- a) Lost 65 cabins in 2020
- b) Lost 180 cabins in 2021
- c) Encouraging all to rebuild after fires, but hard sell in some areas.
- d) Overall cabin numbers at 14,000 down from 19,000 in the 1970's.
- e) Doug Gann very helpful in working with damaged cabin tract in Mill City site. F/S taking over permits and discussing E-11 clause ramifications.
- f) Ken talked about what to do with burned cabins and rebuilding process.
- g) Introduced the NFH website.
- h) In 2028 Forest Service are rewriting all "permits" and negotiations are underway as to new language. NFH hired a law firm to negotiate better language in "permits".
- i) Region 5 – Camp Sierra can rebuild
- j) Region 6 – Brittenbush fire rebuild still a question.
- k) NFH has started a fire relief fund for tract's after fire clean up and other expenses.
- l) In fire damaged tracts, could be a 3 year +- process for rebuilding, with F/S fees waived if cabin owner committed to rebuild within a specified time frame.
- m) NFH working with a high US senatorial turnover, Currently renewing contacts for progress.
- n) F/S has had data base issues regarding yearly "permit" billing. Invoices confused or sent to wrong person. Problem currently being fixed.
- o) Doug Gann -has asked for "discontinued" cabin program information, particularly about unoccupied lots being used.
- p) Permit language discussed. Maximum 2 week rentals proposed. "Permit" transfer of ownership can be to a Trust, but no partners.
- q) Doug Gann or Sharron Leach will inform cabin owners of exact "permit" "draft date and comment period.

- r) In 2024 local fees to go directly to locality. Lee Ellis would like Naches R/D to be a “ginneapig” for the proposed “ cabin fee retention program”. F/S has a maximum permanent staff and new staffing not an immediate solution but additional study underway.
- s) 30% recreation budget for 2024 ?

Ralph introduced Board treasurer , Jim Lundeen, for his report.

- a) 2021 60 Full memberships / 15 Associate memberships
- b) General Fund ; \$ 5475.02
- c) Cabin Defense Fund : \$ 11,650.00
- d) Membership down but expecting rebound after fires and COVID.
- e) \$75 dues

Ralph discussed state of National and Local cabin associations and their value and influence in governmental decision making, well worth the yearly dues.

OLD Business;

Board member Gary Jackson

- a) Discussed and detailed FireWise community programs and safety issues.
- b) Security – Cabin Watch program
- c) Tract leadership important to success of these programs

NEW Business;

- a) 3 Board member terms (listed below) expire this year.
- b) Currently Gary Jackson, Bill Hopkins and Doug Mayo will continue on Board, till Fall meeting. All Board members have agreed to continue serving another term, if no others are not nominated and voted in, or volunteer to serve a term on the Board.
- c) Question was raised for ideas of how to spend any cabin funds slated for general use. Answers TBD through addition cabin owner input.
- d) No field trips till at least Spring of 2022

RAFFEL;

- a) Various winners

Book drawing;

- a) “Never Got Away” – John Beard #38 Gold Creek
- b) “Nothing In Life Is Free” – Tamra Johnson # 24 American River

Meeting adjourned; 1:10 PM by Board President Ralph Berthon

Respectfully submitted;

Scott G Miller, CPOA Secretary