

Annual SMRMA Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2023

Prior to the Annual SMRMA Meeting Mike Valenza offered grace before we enjoyed a most sumptuous luncheon prepared by Bob Cutlip. This included an extremely succulent, moist smoked beef brisket, hand-crafted meatballs in a marinara sauce with fresh tomatoes, more hand-crafted meatballs in a bar-b-que sauce, a large pot of pork chili verde, buns for the meatballs, Mexican coleslaw, potato salad, a caprese salad, apple slices with a cream cheese fall spices dip, and rice Krispie bar crumbles. Those who were unable to attend this meeting really missed a fantastic array of gastronomic delights!

Bob Cutlip, SMRMA President did an introduction then turned the meeting over to Jo Jorgenson. Jo gave the minutes report from Jim Wilson, the current secretary of SMRMA. She then introduced the new residents: Beverly & Chris Marzullo with their grandson, Wyatt; and Bobbi Taylor. Amanda Lane and The Dominguez family, who were not in attendance. Jo discussed several properties that are for sale on the mountain and those who are moving. Then she read a message from Jim Wilson about our updated website, mail poet and the RSVP button, which is attached. She also discussed our SMRMA Facebook account that is maintained by Lynn O'Malia. Jo then discussed our voting agenda for later in the meeting and introduced Alan Torvie our new SMRMA Treasurer.

Alan gave a very detailed financial narrative and provided written financial reports for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and first quarter FY-2023-2024. All reports are attached. He also explained that some income and expenses incurred from March to June 30, 2023 appear on the FY 22-23 report due to some Members paying early for this fiscal year's dues. Alan also gave a recap of a study of equipment and operator prices from 5 local grading contractors. The study illustrated that hiring outside contractors to perform the same scope of work that Bob provides would cost several times more than we currently experience. Alan discussed how our road gets so deteriorated – driving too fast, not using 4-wheel drive, and work and delivery trucks. Alan also said he would provide quarterly reports available upon request.

Bob's road report: In April, he started repairing winter damage, until the bulldozer broke down. In June, July, and August Bob continued to repair the road, including over three weeks of work from Jack Pine to the top of the mountain. He explained about harvesting material from high areas along the road to add material to potholes and other areas prior to adding stone on the road. Bob asked for people to call his attention to what they think are problem areas so he can fix them when conditions permit. Bob said he usually spends the greatest amount of his time on the lower part of the road (below Private Drive) as this is where the most traffic is concentrated.

The Board suggested that Member dues be raised as they have not increased in many years and because costs for material and fuel have increased. There was a positive discussion about this suggestion from attendees. After a unanimous vote from those present, it was agreed that annual dues be increased from \$175 to \$200 for owners of unimproved parcels and from \$250 to \$400 for homeowners. Alan noted that for FY 2023-2024, of 50 Members paying dues, only 11 paid the minimum - "over and above" Members paid from \$300 to \$1000 each.

Jo then spoke about the Friendsgiving event which she and Alan will host on Sat, Oct 21st at 4:30. She then explained some changes in board officer duties: VP – 2 annual reports and 2 insurance payments to be directed to the treasurer for payment. Member-at-Large: activities to include coordination of chili

cook-off and annual meeting and assisting with Friendsgiving, if needed. Coordination duties might also include finding hosts for events and sending information to the secretary for advertising purposes. Bob discussed NOT being committed to snow removal as it drained our budget last year. There are a couple of possible contractors for full-time residents to self-employ. Bob also discussed his work done on both fire exits this year, two big projects most of us are unaware of.

Bob & Mike Valenza discussed having the Forest Service repair the damage done by them while working on the fire break project. That group apparently committed to a top-to-bottom repair after their project was finished, but they haven't followed through. Mike V. said he would make some contact with the Forest Service to hopefully get this accomplished.

Although all Board positions were open for election, Bob Cutlip (President), Bobbi Taylor (Secretary), Alan Torvie (Treasurer) were not opposed. Ballots were collected for the positions of Vice President and Member At Large. Debbie Baldwin was elected to the office of Vice-President, Shelly McLeod was elected to the position of Member-at-Large.

Our 2023-2024 slate of officers are as follows:

President: Bob Cutlip
Vice-President: Debbie Baldwin
Secretary: Bobbi Taylor
Treasurer: Alan Torvie
Member-at-Large: Shelly McLeod

Congratulations to this officer slate. The meeting then closed.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Baldwin, substitute secretary for the day!