

**ARROWHEAD LAKE ASSOCIATION
FOREST AND PROPERTY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Meeting: May 4th, 2007
9:30 A.M.
ALA Conference Room

Members Present: Jack Cooperman, Chair; John Henderson,
Lori Pearson, Harry Sherman, Ken Stowe, Stan Tomlinson

Absent Members: Greg Naylor, Tom Olhasso, Fred Read

Resource Persons: Everett Coverdell, Pamela deForest

Chair Jack Cooperman called the meeting to order at 9:39 A.M.

1. Approval of April 13, 2007 Minutes.

Corrections: Page 5, first paragraph, first line, change, "I," to "ALA."

Motion made by Harry Sherman (2nd) to accept as corrected. Vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

2. General Manager's Report.

John Rutledge was not at the meeting.

The following memo was reviewed:

SYNOPSIS:

A report concerning reforestation of ALA Property at W-203 (Wiater) has been prepared.

BACKGROUND:

The Association has undertaken reforestation of its property due to the devastation of the Bark Beetle, which has occurred over the past several years. This process is being accomplished through the planting of trees from native seed stock that have adapted to our unique ecosystem. Two of these trees were planted between the Wiater property and the lake in the fall of 2006. One of the trees was removed by persons unknown and Ms. Judith Wiater-Brennan has protested the placement of the remaining tree due to its proximity to a recently constructed seawall. Ms. Wiater-Brennan is also working with the California Department of Forestry (CDF) and several neighbors to reduce ladder fuel on

residential properties through the CDF Forest Care Program. It was suggested that the ALA participate in the program but our property does not qualify as the size of the parcel is in excess of the program requirements.

In an attempt to better understand this member's concerns, John Rutledge and Jack Cooperman met with a representative of CDF on site to determine the appropriateness of the location of the trees planted and to determine if the area was in need of thinning as suggested by the member. The following observations are from that meeting:

- The location of the trees could have a negative impact on the seawall at some undefined time in the future but the consensus in the field was that it would not occur for many years (15+).
- If the tree was removed, it should be planted higher on the slope to re-establish the conifer forest predominant in this area.
- The only thinning that was called for under the CDF program at the present time was a stand of Currants adjacent to the member's deck. CDF also indicated that several oaks near the member's deck might benefit from selective pruning to stimulate a main trunk.
- Good management of the shoreline at this location would include some judicious thinning of young cedar and pines near the trail in 2007 or 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

The following is recommended by staff:

- The tree planted on the shoreline should remain or be relocated upslope, farther from the seawall.
- The tree that was removed by parties unknown should be replaced to help re-establish the conifer forest predominant in this area. The exact location could be higher up the slope.
- The area should be selectively thinned by ALA staff or a qualified contractor under ALA direction within the next 24 months.

The committee agreed with staff's letter to be mailed to the homeowner. Everett Coverdell stated that staff would contact the member and proceed with the recommended actions.

The committee then discussed the letter that is going out to lakefront homeowners today.

Lori Pearson suggested talking to the Home Owners Associations at Hamiltair regarding the water issues as well. There was a discussion on pine needles and contacting landscapers regarding leaving an inch of needles or other duff.

Everett Coverdell referenced the new Landscaping Guidelines that will be in the Shoreline Regulations. Chair Cooperman requested that contacting ReLeaf be replaced with contacting ALA. Lori Pearson requested that Limber Pine be taken out of the list and change the spelling of "leafs" to "leaves". Chair Cooperman suggested changing

**W – 203
Report**

Judith Waiter Brennan

Covered in General Managers

S – 055

Mr. Mellinger

Mr. Mellinger has wires, running from his home, in our trees and feeding one light fixture close to the ALA trail.

Information:

January 25, 2007, certified letter sent to Mr. Mellinger. He has until February 23rd to complete the removal of wires and light fixture on our property.

Update: Mr. Mellinger called me on Feb 5th. After a lengthy conversation, he has agreed to remove the wires and light fixture on our property, but also wants to meet me to find another route to his trail that won't damage the tree roots.

4-13-07 – Mr. Mellinger has not been up yet. I will call to schedule a date.

5-3-07 – Called Carl, he will remove the light and wires. Not sure where he wants the new pole located. Thinks he will be up by Memorial Day, will call me then. Can he use the dead tree to run his wire?

N – 415

Mr. David Nelson

Called for an Update

Mr. Nelson, during home remodeling has dump spoil dirt on ALA property and added raisers to his irrigation system without a permit.

Information:

January 3, 07, Phone call / Letter sent – Mr. Nelson has agreed to have all dirt removed from our property by the end of January and to remove the raisers for the irrigation system. Furthermore, he plans on abandoning all sod on his and ALA property. He will call me in the spring (after home construction is complete) to start on a landscape plan with approved plants.

Update: Jan 31st, the pile of dirt by the stairs has been removed. The irrigation raisers and heads have not. Checking on property lines – there is dirt stocked piled in an open area up the stairs.

S – 077

Mr. Weil

Mr. Weil has lights and conduit in 4 trees located on ALA property.

New Information:

Mr. Weil has committed to removing his lights and conduit from trees. We have agreed to find and set light poles for appropriate fixtures and to continue to enforce the removal of all such installation around the shoreline.

5-3-07 – I found some 12’ and 14’ light poles in the \$300 range. I am checking to see if they can be “drill mounted”.

Mr. Coverdell suggested having the committee go out to look at the site and determine specifics regarding the pole choices. Mr. Coverdell will determine a date for this inspection.

ArbroPro Upgrade Tree Inventory Support Software

Scott Eckersall will be up next week to install the latest upgrade (from last year). A review of the product will help to determine if we want to extend the ArbroPro contract another year.

Chair Cooperman requested a status report regarding the Fields issue. Mr. Coverdell stated he would find out about it.

4. Status of Non-permitted Electrical in Trees, Irrigation and Landscaping on ALA Properties.

This item was addressed under Mr. Coverdell’s report.

Chair Cooperman stated that there was one trimming issue that he brought to Mr. Coverdell’s attention and Mr. Coverdell will be contacting the member.

5. Status of Illegal Tree Removal and Trimming on ALA Properties.

This item was addressed under previous items.

6. Status of Demonstration Garden.

Lori Pearson stated that the irrigation is being installed, plants have been ordered, and benches are being worked on. Threes in the holding area have been transplanted to larger containers by community volunteers.

7. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to discuss at this time.

Mr. Coverdell reported that we have received a plan from the Hendersons, who are adjacent to ALA property, to do a large amount of improvements. Chair Cooperman requested that the committee go out to the property to review the plan.

8. Old Business.

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

9. New Business.

Chair Cooperman recognized that Ken Stowe and Fred Reed have been working on removing limbs in the Willow Creek Area. He thanked Ken Stowe for his hard work.

Lori Pearson reported that LACSD is giving a rebate to those who install low-flow toilets. Mr. Coverdell will bring this up to the Lake Operations and Maintenance Committee.

The next meeting will be on June 1, 2007 at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Pamela deForest.
Reviewed and revised by Jack Cooperman.