

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

**Meeting:** October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008  
9:30 A.M.  
ALA Conference Room

**Members Present:** Jack Cooperman—Chair, Tom Olhasso,  
Lori Pearson, Harry Sherman, Stan Tomlinson

**Excused Members:** John Henderson, Greg Naylor, Fred Read, Ken Stowe

**Resource Persons:** John Rutledge, Laura Dyberg, Pamela deForest

Chair Jack Cooperman called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

**1. Approval of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Minutes.**

**Corrections:** Page 5, top of the page, second sentence, add, "Big Cone," after, "root-bound."

**Motion** made by Harry Sherman (2<sup>nd</sup>) to accept the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 minutes as corrected. Vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**2. Managers' Report.**

**General Manager - John Rutledge:**

John Rutledge stated that we have initiated a discussion with CALTRANS about adding another entrance to the shop parking lot on the dam. CALTRANS initial response is that they are in favor of it. Ralph Wagner will be doing preliminary drawings to send to them. The timeframe we are looking at is fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) months.

**Property Manager - Laura Dyberg:**

Ms. Dyberg presented the report to the committee that appears at the end of the minutes.

There was discussion on the following matters:

- Access 12 – John Rutledge stated that he is in the process of trying to meet with both of the homeowners to discuss with them what we want to do. It was requested that we change the status to reflect this.

- Access 19 – Mr. Rutledge stated that the real concern with this area is that there is no parking at the top of those stairs. The bid is for completion of access stairway above ALA trail and to repair the trail and remove the wooden stairs below the trail. The lower portion is pending.
- Access 58 Fence– Mr. Rutledge stated he spoke to the informal HOA in the summer regarding this and they did nothing. They were contacted again and are going to take it up with other dock owners, but didn't give us a timeline.
- S376 Tree – We are expecting a report on the health of the tree. A forester said that its vitality is very low and that it might be a good idea to remove it. It was discussed to go to LACSD about trenching next to the tree. Mr. Rutledge doesn't feel that LACSD had anything to do with it. ALA is going to request that LACSD contacts us when they are doing any connections on or thru ALA property.
- S291 Electrical – Mr. Rutledge stated that he feels it is the time to send a formal notice giving them fifteen (15) days or we are going to remove it.
- W207 improvements – It was discussed that he was never given permission to have sand and to remove it. It was suggested to get the suggestion of the arborist involved.

**Motion:** made by Harry Sherman (2<sup>nd</sup>) to have the sand removed. Vote. All Ayes – 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

- Forest Care 40 – We received the bids and we will be qualifying the two lowest bidders. We are not in a position to give a final recommendation at this time before speaking to the lowest bidder. We will not be coming in over \$56,000.

**Motion:** made by Chair Cooperman (2<sup>nd</sup>) to authorize staff to award the best bidder for each of the four projects within a \$44,000 to \$56,000 range. Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

- Village Cove Parking – John Rutledge will go over the proposal from Scott Peterson and line-out the things that do not apply and have a plan before we talk to the dock owners as a courtesy.
- Boat Chained to Tree – Was taken care of by staff.
- Shade Trees at N444 – The trees were removed.
- Trashcans – We are doing an inventory to address which ones need to be replaced.
- Access 21 Bees – We have bombed the area and are waiting to see if they go dormant in the next cold snap before we contact someone to remove them.

- Lighting and Electrical on our Property (in tress or unsafe) – We are going around the lake to determine which items are on our property and will contact all the homeowners to remove them by the end of this month.
- Pedestrian Gate at Shelter Cove (East end) – Laura Dyberg to contact the HOA and find out if we can share their code with our members.
- Sand at Village Cove Beach – Laura Dyberg contacted the HOA but has not received a response. She will send a certified letter to the management company.
- Non-Native Tree Staff Permitted on our Property (N444) – The committee would like to look at it first before making a decision.
- Dealing with Juniper (Cypress-like) Trees – It was discussed that this is something we need to address on our property. Staff will do research on this topic.
- Landscaping on Mr. Ashby’s – Staff met with Mr. Ashby and told him that his irrigation was inappropriate on our property, and that he needs to get permits for his electrical. The landscaping was done over a year ago and was unpermitted.
- Access Posts – Cumorah will be starting the installation next week.

**3. Status of Demonstration Garden.**

A report was not given.

**4. Trails and Access Report.**

Tom Olhasso had nothing to report at this time.

**ACCESS MAP:** is being worked on.

**5. Correspondence.**

There was no correspondence to discuss at this time.

**6. Old Business.**

This item was taken out of order.

**Mr. Choura’s Tree Trimming:**

Laura Dyberg reported that Mr. Choura was here to discuss with the committee, the tree trimming that was done near his property. She reported that she feels that his intention was to get a permit and that he felt that he did have permission with what he acquired from Shoreline. It is hard to determine if it is a view cut or for fuel reduction. John Rutledge stated that he agrees with Laura that it is hard to determine Mr. Choura's intention and we would have likely given him permission to do some of what he did if he had asked. He said the height of some of the branches that were cut is a bit excessive; however, from his house it does not appear to be a view cut.

The committee discussed the cutting and Stan Tomlinson and Harry Sherman agreed that Mr. Choura had the good intentions and that it does not seem to be a view cut. Chair Cooperman stated that he and Everett Coverdell had looked at the dock area in previous years and Mr. Choura was given permission to trim at that area only; it differs from what Mr. Choura said in his letter. A concern is the height of the green limbs that were cut.

Mr. James Choura appeared before the committee to discuss the significant tree trimming on the ALA Reserve Strip at the back of Orchard Bay that was determined by staff to be his responsibility. He explained that he purchased his home in 2006 and didn't know much about the bark beetle damage that occurred. He said that he started to clean up around his property immediately because of all of the slash. In 2007 he got a permit because he was concerned with the dead limbs that could possibly fall on his grandchildren and the people who come to that area to smoke. He then chipped to help prevent erosion. He stated he has great remorse for not involving ALA more in his actions. Until he opened the letter he thought that the communication from ALA was going to be a commendation on his good work. He explained that he is thankful for the committee for all of their hard work. He considers himself someone who likes to follow rules and he endorses what this Association does. He said that he did not understand the easements or whose property he was working on.

The committee asked Mr. Choura several questions.

Harry Sherman suggested posting *No Smoking* signs in the area.

Mr. Choura was asked why he cut green limbs. He responded that his intention was not to cut green limbs. He said he only cut limbs that look damaged or split.

Chair Cooperman encouraged him to talk to the ALA before thinning is done and that we are not here only to tell people to not do things.

Mr. Choura was excused. All committee members participated in discussion pertaining to fine and/or consequences.

John Rutledge stated that he feels that it wouldn't be inappropriate to tell Mr. Choura to organize a clean-up of the Volleyball Court area at Orchard Bay.

Chair Cooperman stated that what he is hearing is that the majority of the committee doesn't want to fine him and that staff will write a letter and request that he does a clean-up of the Volleyball Court.

7. New Business.

This item was taken out of order.

There was a discussion about *No Smoking* signs and where we can place them. Lori Pearson suggested placing signs that say that this is a highly flammable area and to be careful. Stan Tomlinson suggested banning smoking on all ALA property except in designated areas. John Rutledge stated to let Laura Dyberg check with the county to see what ordinances there are. The hard thing is going to be enforcement. Mr. Rutledge went on to say that he could add a section to the member letter and the Updates regarding this issue.

The next meeting is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 P.M.

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

## Status Report - Forest & Property Planning September 2008

Location	Name/Project	Issue	Status
Acc 12	improvements	stair replacement	This item is on hold until counsel addresses the question of easements and Arrowhead Lake Association's rights and obligations to maintain improvements thereon.
Acc 19	improvements	stairway extension	Bids are due October 17th
Acc 54	improvements	improvement	JR & LD walked the site with Ralph Wagner and plans are being prepared
Acc 58	chainlink relocation	easement encroachment	Member notified of need to move fence; Member acquired property in late 2006 as is and claims no knowledge of violation. Fence was installed prior to 2005. Meadow Shores HOA notified of CC&R violation; MSHOA has been contacted regarding their actions so we can coordinate. MSHOA previously indicated that they would address the fence. They were reminded of that commitment in late September.
S055	Mellinger	electrical	Wires & lights are out of ALA trees, HO trench work complete. Final rewire to his pole pending his contractor schedule. COMPLETED.
S376	Shaver Tree	Dead or dying	
S263	Choura	unpermitted trimming	HO letter sent in re: committee hearing scheduled for 10-3-08
S291	Field	electrical	JR is working directly with property owner (Morton Field) to expedite completion. Mr. Field failed to make contact as agreed on 9/28/08
W207	Parrish	improvements on reserve strip	Member initiating work on 10/06/08. Staff to field inspect and draft letter of agreement to ensure continued

			maintenance of wells.
W203	Schroth	pebbles on path	Member notified of pending removal by ALA
Brentwood Parcel	Brentwood Parcel	hazardous fuels reduction	on-going; multi-agency project; County Fire has been removing fire damaged trees; County Hazardous tree program will be addressing large dead dying trees; Forest Care 40 will be doing small stems and ladder fuels. Cal Fire is participating at many levels
Multi-Parcel ALA	Forest Care 40	43 acre fuels reduction	bids due 10-2-08
Village Cove Parking	site improvements	parking and pedestrian definition	management & legal review; landscape architect developing plan to accommodate member concerns and ALA goals. Proposal received from Scott Peterson; discussion to follow
Marina Hillside	Marina Fuels Reduction	hazardous fuels reduction	CalFire agreement signed; project to start upon crew availability; was to start 9-30 but crew called to fires in No. Calif.
Lakeside-Resort	trail improvements	new gate near BMBC	pending field review and bids; fence and gate location determined. To be bid in October