

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

Meeting: March 6, 2009
9:30 A.M.
ALA Conference Room

Members Present: Jack Cooperman—Chair, John Henderson, Tom Olhasso,
Lori Pearson, Harry Sherman, Ken Stowe

Excused Members: Greg Naylor, Fred Read, Stan Tomlinson

Resource Persons: John Rutledge, Christina Ellsworth

Chair Jack Cooperman called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

1. Approval of February 6, 2009 Minutes

Corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 7, remove the word "south" from "south shoreline slope."

Motion: Harry Sherman (2nd) minutes approved as amended. Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

2. Managers' Reports:

General Manager - John Rutledge:

Property Manager, Laura Dyberg was excused. Mr. Rutledge reported that an estimate of \$4,000.00 was received for moving the chain link fence on Access 58. More bids from licensed contractors will be requested. Mr. Rutledge recommended that the Committee set a limit for this project. Jack Cooperman stated it is not necessary to move the fence all the way to the ALA easement line.

Mr. Rutledge reported that the preparation work is complete for the gate accessing the trails just east of Burnt Mill Beach Club. The work should start next week.

Mr. Rutledge reported that the Demonstration Garden sign has been ordered. ALA maintenance will do the initial installation of the sign and a contractor will build the stone base. Completion is planned before the season starts.

Mr. Rutledge reported that two of the three large pine trees in Tavern Bay Beach Club may be dangerous due to wind torque damage and may need to be removed by recommendation of the Forester doing the Forest Care program. Lori Pearson will compare the current condition of the tree by the Demonstration Garden to last year based on photos she has. Tom Olhasso asked that if a contractor routes out these stumps, other stumps be ground out at the same time. The Committee decided to meet at Tavern Bay after the meeting to look at the trees.

The Committee discussed planting trees at Tavern Bay. Mr. Rutledge recommended that trees put in an open area should be protected with minimum six foot bark beds and fencing. Mr.

Cooperman asked Mr. Rutledge to work on placement of trees and an overall plan including shade structures and additional tables.

The Committee agreed that properly installed synthetic grass may look nice but the long term implications and the impact it might have on ALA's ability to grow living plant material was a concern. A special meeting to discuss artificial turf was tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2009 at the ALA office at 9:30 AM. The Board of Directors and the Lake Operations and Maintenance Committee will be invited. The meeting will be open to anyone. Mr. Cooperman asked that questions or concerns be given to staff to be researched before the special meeting. Mr. Cooperman explained that there are two concerns about artificial turf: one, ALA's need to make the Beach Clubs acceptable and two, allowing members to install it on ALA property.

Mr. Rutledge stated that ALA owes Mr. Fulton a response on his appeal of the Committee's denial of his request for permission to install artificial turf. Mr. Cooperman stated that the Committee will try to arrive at a response for Mr. Fulton at the special meeting but the final decision will be at the Board level.

Ms. Pearson expressed concern with allowing artificial turf in one application and losing control in areas because of Agreements such as Moreland and Hamiltair. Mr. Rutledge stated that if ALA decides some use is appropriate, ALA is in a stronger position if guidelines are established.

Mr. Cooperman asked staff to be prepared with the square footage of the area ALA is considering for artificial turf installation, the estimated cost of artificial turf and the cost of the proper installation of natural grass. Ms. Pearson requested that staff find an installation at a large park used by families and dogs.

Mr. Rutledge reported that updated Committee descriptions will be on the agenda of the next Board meeting on March 28, 2009 and these will be made available to Committee Chairpersons before being sent to the Board.

3. Status of the Demonstration Garden

Lori Pearson reported that there has been little change. A garden clean up day will be scheduled for the end of March or beginning of April. Signs, plants and boulders should be finished in the next four to six weeks.

4. Trails and Access Report

John Rutledge will arrange a meeting about the Village Cove parking lot with Tom Olhasso, Jack Cooperman, himself and the designer, Scott Petersen.

Regarding the status of Access 12, Mr. Rutledge reported that he is waiting for approval from the Board and Executive Committee to do the extensive research with legal counsel on the legal status of the Association relative to the easements.

The Committee asked about Accesses 19 and 54. Mr. Rutledge reported that Ralph Wagner is working on both. Mr. Wagner will be contacted that day.

Mr. Rutledge reported that the target date is May 1, 2009 for a new trail marker map.

Jack Cooperman reported that Access 51 is missing a sign. Tom Olhasso reported that the post at "old" Access 7 needs to be looked at. Mr. Rutledge stated that staff will take care of them.

5. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence to discuss.

6. Old Business

Jack Cooperman asked about the removal of Juniper, Cypress and other non-native flammable plants for fire safety. John Rutledge reported that some of these species have been removed as part of the Forest Care program and will continue during other projects, but not all at one time. Mr. Cooperman expressed concern regarding large piles of stored wood chips as they can spontaneously combust.

7. New Business

Jack Cooperman reported that ALA has an adequate quantity of native trees available to members. Lori Pearson added that there will not be new seedlings for distribution this year.

The next meeting is April 3, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Minutes prepared by Christina Ellsworth.
Minutes reviewed by Jack Cooperman.