

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

Friday, April 10, 2009
2:30 PM
ALA Conference Room

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

Others Present: Jeff Altmeyer

Resource Persons: John Rutledge, Laura Dyberg, Christina Ellsworth

Chair Jack Cooperman called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

1. Approval of March 6, 2009 Minutes

Motion: Ken Stowe (2nd) to accept minutes as submitted. Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

2. Managers' Reports:

Property Manager – Laura Dyberg:

Ms. Dyberg reported that the Forest Care project is almost complete. ALA can still apply to have additional areas done. Ms. Dyberg explained why some Manzanita trees were completely cut down. Manzanita is a high intensity fuel so the Manzanita trees with a lot of old growth and dead wood inside which were at the base of a large stand of trees were cut down. Manzanita trees in areas without large trees were only thinned. Ms. Dyberg reported that Manzanita has never been a protected species.

Ms. Dyberg reported that the Demonstration Garden sign will be installed next week and the stone work for the base will be done at the same time as the Tavern Bay Beach Club sign.

The Committee requested that staff inspect Junipers planted between the trail and the shoreline adjacent to the Conovitz property and look for any irrigation which would be a violation of ALA and LACSD's policy.

General Manager – John Rutledge:

Mr. Rutledge reported that the majority of Earthscape's tree injections will be in Grass Valley as the trees are in stress from the 2007 fire and thus more susceptible to bark beetle infestation.

3. Status of the Demonstration Garden

Lori Pearson reported that plants are beginning to bloom and a work party needs to be scheduled. Fred Read reported that he found the rose bushes cut back improperly. Jack Cooperman requested a list of the Demonstration Garden expenses for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

4. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence to discuss.

5. Old Business

The Committee requested a plat of the parcel on Hwy. 173 where the property owners installed a horseshoe pit in order to make sure the pit is not on ALA property.

John Rutledge stated that staff will research if Brad Brier is still placing ALA marking posts when he surveys a lakefront property.

Laura Dyberg reported that she received another bid to move the fence on Access 58. The new bid came in higher at \$8,000.00 because irrigation lines became visible with the melting of snow which would also have to be moved with the fence.

The Committee discussed scheduling a special meeting to discuss artificial turf. Mr. Rutledge reported that he met with the groundskeepers of the Lake Arrowhead Country Club to discuss the ALA's ability to grow natural grass. After taking core samples at Tavern Bay, the groundskeepers concluded that in order to have a maintainable, viable lawn ALA would have to make some adjustments to the watering system, tear out all the grass that is there, add soil amendment down 12 inches, get a special cut and grown sod which would be a combination of Kentucky Blue and rye grass, put the sod down by the middle of April and keep people completely off the grass for a minimum of 90 days but preferably 12 months.

Jack Cooperman stated that the overall plan for Tavern Bay Beach Club and Peninsula Park should be addressed at the special meeting including tables, shade structures and other ground cover. Other types of natural grasses were discussed. Mr. Rutledge reported that LACSD discussed being a significant partner in the installation of artificial turf.

Lori Pearson suggested increasing the amount of sand at Tavern Bay, installing more pads of DG or wood chips with tables and adding grass in a small area. The Committee discussed creating an overall plan for Tavern Bay Beach Club. Mr. Rutledge expressed his concern that the Beach Club would not be ready for this season if a landscape architect became involved.

A conceptual planning meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2009 at 1:00 PM to discuss the use of artificial turf on ALA property by members and discuss Tavern Bay Beach Club. The Board of Directors and the members of any other Committees were to be invited.

The Committee requested a draft proposal of the specifications of artificial turf that ALA might approve including where it could be placed and how much existing grass it could replace.

6. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

The next meeting is May 1, 2009 at 9:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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