

FORCA BOARD MEETING

May 21st, 2016

Meeting called to order at 3:00PM by Liz Cheadle, Board Chair.

PRESENT:

Liz Cheadle

Debra Slaybaugh

Lane Wipff

Deb Sprinkel

Karen Sadler

Mark Glass (update of ranch manager activities)

RANCH MANAGER REPORT:

Clayton has been spending long hours with weed eating chores around the common area and North Gate prioritizing for fire safety. Thistles are very bad this year around the barn. Next spring the ranch could be hit hard as the seeds can lay dormant up to seven years. Discussion ensued about the possibility of hiring someone to assist Clayton with clearing chores around the common parcel.

Mark will research pricing not to exceed a limit of \$500. The board agreed to go forward with the intent of finding help for Clayton.

Ranch House: \$105.00 approved for repair of a broken window.

The previous ranch board had approved the replacement of four tires for Clayton's Quad. A check will be given directly to Clayton to buy the tires.

TREASURER REPORT:

Official duties have been transferred to Debra Slaybaugh. She is up and running with Quick Books and is current on expenses. Ranch dues will continue to be invoiced quarterly. A friendly reminder to all owners to make timely dues payments to avoid late fees.

Debra acknowledged the previous Board discussion regarding the possible hiring of a professional bookkeeper to oversee FORCA financial matters. This will be tabled for now to be discussed at a later date.

FACILITIES/ ROADS

Much progress was made on getting our roads back in shape after a season of good rains. However, in some areas, particularly on Circle J Ranch Road, years of scraping has unearthed the roads rocky skeleton and there is not a lot of dirt to work with. Beginning with next years rainy season, Bob Dwight plans to work with both grader and bulldozer to pull more of the rocky soil from the banks, crush it and, in effect, make more dirt. He will also use his scraper to slightly flatten the angle on some of the curves that

have become overly steep.

North Gate repaving scheduled to take place June 1st. The road will be closed the entire day.

(Apologies minutes are late!)

GRAZING/ CATTLE LEASE:

Our cattle lease will expire at the end of this year. The grazing committee reports it has begun to research current lease rates in Madera County and will meet with the Circle W this summer to determine their interest in renewing their lease on the Flying O. Neighboring ranches continue to express an interest in the lease should we not reach a suitable agreement with the Circle W.

SECURITY/ GATES:

Trespassing into the Flying O has been of concern. On several occasions what appears to be the same individual has manipulated and broken the south gate and driven through to the north gate. Clayton has been diligent in his pursuit and obtained a photograph and license # of the young man. He has worked very closely with the Sheriff's Dept. Officer Williams who has been extremely helpful. It was suggested we write a Thank You note and also request Citizens On Patrol (COP) to come by. Unfortunately the trespasser was unable to be apprehended as the plate was expired and from a previous sale of the car.

Ongoing discussions will continue regarding ranch security, and Lane will carry on exploring upgrades for security gates and power source options.

SOCIAL/ CLUBHOUSE:

July 4th is approaching! It is time to talk about the possibility of getting together for a social gathering! Susan Rappaport would like to hear from you, and has offered to organize if there is enough interest. It is a good opportunity to just hang out and catch up with each other.

BARN:

No new updates.

COMMUNICATIONS/ WEBSITE

The old service has been taken down. Renewal possibilities discussed such as prorating current contract , canceling and restarting a new contract, etc. Cam Ireland has generously offered to work on the website with the intent of getting it back up and running as a repository for minutes, budgets, and other FORCA documents.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Next Board meeting scheduled for July 2nd at 3:00PM.

Karen Sadler, Secretary