

FORCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 22nd, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM by Liz Cheadle

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

Liz Cheadle
Debra Slaybaugh
Lane Wipff
Deb Sprinkel
Karen Sadler

RANCH MANAGER REPORT:

Clayton has closed the pack station in the mountains and is present on the ranch 7 days a week.

There was some wind damage last week when a tree came down at the clubhouse. The only damage was to the tree itself; the propane tank escaped damage when the tree fell on it, and the electric house service was narrowly missed.

The fence beyond the pond has been repaired.

The rain gutter has been reinstalled on the barn.

The roads were groomed after the rain (prior to October 22nd). The work took Clayton 7 hours to complete.

The pole saw was repaired and carburetor was replaced in Oakhurst for \$180.00. The fuels in California have additives that can damage gaskets; seals, and other parts which lead to this issue. A fuel mix designed for 2 cycle engines and this should help conserve the equipment.

Maintenance around the property continues as well as the barn area.

Culverts were measured; five need replacing. Culvert at the barn just south of the horse corrals; 45 ft long/ 19 inch diameter. It appears to have been laid incorrectly in that it doesn't flow downward across the road properly.

Culvert south of the curve of Chen's driveway 38 feet/18 inch. It will need to be set deep to avoid damage from road maintenance .

Three additional culverts need to be replaced: One south of the Wolf drive 35ft/18 inch, and two north of the south gate 36 foot each. All need to be corrugated and at least 12 inch to drain water and silt.

We do need to wait for rain; in the meantime we will go forward to check prices. The plan is to stay in touch with Bob Dwight and commit to a date as the work should be done as soon as it is possible. Mark will also check with a friend who has equipment and may be able to do the work less expensively. Having the work done all at once should offer a cost advantage as well.

Clayton is beginning to work on the trees again and will be cutting a limb on the mail road near the

Buchnoff driveway.

Controlled burning will resume as soon as the County Fire Chief has declared fire season over. That doesn't happen until we have received a good amount of rain and fire activity slows down in the south state.

It would be a good time to start looking into purchasing a riding lawnmower. A 22 or 24 horsepower would be ideal and could cost around \$2,000.

Clayton continues to receive requests to step in as a ranch security person. Just a reminder that he is willing to check on open gates and if possible get a license number, but the owners need to contact the appropriate authorities should we have an issue on the ranch.

Cal Fire has been very busy with tree mortality and fire season this year, so ranch brushing is on hold for now. Mark vows not to let them forget us!

We received 31.48 inches of rain last season.

Thank you to ranch manager liaison Mark for a great report !

TREASURERS REPORT:

Almost all of the ranch dues payments are accounted for. If you are behind please catch up as soon!

The board voted to continue the discount on ranch association dues paid in full for the year 2017.

The treasury is stable; the CD's will be rolling over, and the budget planning for next year will begin.

SECURITY AND GATES:

Discussion and information gathering on gate security for the ranch continues. Lane Wipff and the board plan to put together information on what has been researched and proposed thus far. It is clear that ranch security is a concern and an ongoing problem for a private community like ours. Lane has done extensive research with the company Cell Gate which would significantly elevate our efforts to keep the ranch safe and from criminals and trouble makers. Better systems are not inexpensive, and consideration and input of everyones views and opinions will be asked for and voted on once all the data is put together.

GRAZING AND CATTLE LEASE:

The board accepted the the recommendation of the grazing committee to extend the Wyle contract through 2017. The committee will be working on a new contract for 2018 that will be negotiated with interested parties.

SOCIAL AND CLUBHOUSE:

A great Harvest Fest October gathering at the clubhouse Saturday Night Oct 22nd! Great food, drinks, and company with a cozy October vibe about it all. Thank you so much Susan for organizing and making it happen. STAY TUNED! There will be Holiday gathering in December as well so make sure to put it on your calendar when the date is set.

WEBSITE:

Cam Ireland has done excellent and beautiful work building and formatting our Flying O Ranch web site. There is still some work to be done and it will take some time to populate it with updated material for the pages he has created. The board will work to pull that together as well as a plan for keeping all of the info updated and current so it can be launched! Thank you Cam!!

OTHER BUSINESS:

A HUUUUUGE Thank You to Deb Sprinkel for her Human Resources expertise in making sure the ranch association is in complete compliance with the law regarding Clayton's status as a ranch employee. He now has all of the mandated forms and required postings are in the tack room where he primarily works.

Next board meeting scheduled for December 3rd @10:00 AM in the clubhouse.

The Annual Meeting date has been set for April 8th, 2017 at 10:00AM in the clubhouse.

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 PM.

Respectfully,
Karen Sadler