

FORCA BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 13TH, 2016

Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM by Liz Cheadle, Board Chair.

ALL Members Present:

Liz Cheadle
Debra Slaybaugh
Lane Wipff (Via Cell Phone)
Deb Sprinkel
Karen Sadler

RANCH MANAGER REPORT:

Clayton has been on the ranch during weekends more than initially expected and Dakota has been available to fill in much of the time he is absent. Horse owners are filling in on barn duties as needed.

Projects for Clayton include fixing the fence above the pond and pricing tires for the Quad that had been previously authorized (\$300) at the last meeting. He will be asked to report his findings at the October meeting.

Stocking the fish pond was discussed: what kind of fish would be best, i.e Mosquito fish or Bass, perhaps Trout. The possibility of hiring someone was discussed who could recommend and follow through with recommending, creating, and maintaining a pond ecosystem. The Coarsegold Resource Conservation District (CRCD) was mentioned as a possible resource. All of this will be discussed with Clayton for his input and suggestions.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Most ranch association dues have been paid; If you are behind please catch up! Invoices are ready for quarter 4.

Our PG&E bill was \$140.00 for the last month, which is usually \$40 to \$45.00. Power bill covers club house lights; AC, and well. There was an unusual amount of trash not cleaned up around the clubhouse not long ago, perhaps lights were left on? Just a reminder to keep an eye out to make sure the clubhouse is being properly utilized and lights are turned off when not in use.

All bills have been paid. Regarding Clayton's status as an employee of FORCA, Debra Slaybaugh has been authorized to address the issues and actions that would bring the ranch into compliance.

FACILITIES / ROADS:

On the morning of July 30th there was a small fire that started above and off the ranch outside the north gate. It did travel into a small portion of SA's property. There was no structural damage. It is not clear what started the fire and is currently under investigation.

A reminder that there is to be No Operation of any equipment in grassy areas due to severe fire risk.

Madera County has a website where people can sign up to be alerted if there is a fire and if your

location is at risk. You can supply multiple phone numbers to cover land lines, mobile and work phones. WEB ADDRESS: WWW.MCALERT.ORG.

SECURITY/ GATES:

The Cell Gate person visited the ranch to look at the surroundings around the south gate and to evaluate placement and how much power we need for the upgraded security system. Liz has a solar contact that will be visiting as well in several weeks and she will ask him to look at the area and advise us of possibilities.

Complete cost for our security gate endeavors would only be "guesstimates" at this time, however Lane was able to offer about \$8,000 per Gate including a camera; infrared lights that tie into a safety loop that begins to take pictures as they drive through. Photos would upload to Cell Gate's website.

The system would be difficult for someone to tamper with or damage as the equipment will be set up high. Lane continues to follow up with the company and more information and updates will be forthcoming.

GRAZING LEASE:

The grazing committee will provide updates at the next board meeting scheduled for October.

SOCIAL/CLUBHOUSE:

Harvest Festival ! Plans forthcoming!

BARN:

No new specific updates at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS / WEBSITE:

Cam Ireland is working on our ranch website daily building it up from scratch, and he hopes to have it ready by the end of next month. We hope that Cam is able to attend the next Board meeting to provide us an update on his infamous website progress. Thank you Cam!

Meeting adjourned at 4:36PM.

Next board meeting scheduled for for October 22nd @ 10 AM.

Respectfully,
Karen Sadler, Secretary

