

## Annual Meeting in 2010

Minutes of the annual meeting of Alpine Acres Association, held Monday, April 19, 2010 held at the County Government Center, Salt Lake City, UT.

President, Will Pratt, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The sign-in sheet was circulated throughout the meeting. 65 members and guests were in attendance. Directors in attendance: Will Pratt, Judy Bailey, Ginger Silvers, Jo Ann McQueen, and K Hayden.

Will Pratt introduced P.J. Abraham, Area Forester for Forestry Fire and State Lands office. PJ advised the group this year property owners who agree to spray their trees will have them marked with yellow ribbons for spraying and pink ribbons for trees that should be removed as the beetles have infected them. He asked that Association members keep track of their hours spent in fuels reduction the area around their cabins as it is valued at \$20.20 per hour in sweat equity hours. At the end of the season, these hours will be submitted either to Jo Ann McQueen or to him. Reimbursement depends on how much money the Department received in their grant.

PJ oversees the spraying of the trees. The company who will spray the trees has not yet been chosen, but those land owners who wish to spray will be advised as soon as possible. The cost is about \$10/tree. There was a question about the prognosis of the treatment. PJ said it appears the spraying has been about 98% successful and the beetles are now attacking smaller trees. However, the smaller trees won't support the infestation. It was asked if we should spray every year. PJ said it probably isn't necessary but you may if you want to. Another disease appearing is blue stain. In response to a question if the spray may be harmful upon contact to humans, he advised that people should stay inside until the spray has dried. The spray contains a 2% poisonous solution.

Will thanked PJ for his presentation and his continuing support of the program in Alpine Acres.

Jo Ann McQueen read the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting, which were approved as read.

Ginger Silvers presented the 2009 treasurer's report. For the year beginning April 1, 2009, cash balance was \$745.44. \$4,600.00 was received in membership dues (92 paid members). Expenditures for the year totaled \$2,636.69, leaving an ending balance March 31, 2010 of \$2,706.76. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Will then gave a report on the activities of the Association during the past year. We are still working on the grading of roads. As soon as the roadbed dries, Rick Osguthorpe will begin repairing roads not completed last year.

Gates #1 and #6 were replaced last year. We will continue to replace one or two per year as agreed upon in a past meeting. There was a discussion on how wide the gates should be as some of the gates aren't wide enough to accommodate the snow machines entering them in the winter. It was agreed that 14 feet wide should be the minimum. Will is going to ask for help from the members on this project and is going to get bids for the building of the new gates.

The County road grading has been very poor over the past few years. Will asked that Association members contact the County to bring our road grading standards up to those of lower areas of canyon.

It was agreed that our annual picnic will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon. A committee will be formed and more information will be given as the date draws nearer.

Bob Sluder gave the Fire Council report. He thanked the members for all the work that has been done so far and reminded them to keep tracking their hours. Since we started this program, we have accumulated over 5,500 hours of labor. On 8 occasions there were cut and burn crews of some 20+ people. There is a small amount of money left in the grant. We will use this for chipping and burning...chipping first and burning as a last resort. Bob expects better funding in 2011. The US Forest Service was pulled off the southern boundary project last year but are released to finish the work starting this July. He encouraged all property owners to establish a shade

break on their property lines. He asked that we get together and have a "chipper day" and become more independent in the defense of our properties. We need to establish a defensible space around our property. He reminded the group that there is excellent information regarding fire prevention and ideas to help with your defensive areas and also a fire escape plan on our website. Also, there is a lot of great information at: [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) .

Bob asked the members of the Association to donate fire equipment which could be kept in the community shed. The equipment needed is shovels, hoes, heavy gauge rakes, and polaskies. It is really up to us to be prepared and use proper materials for cabin roofs and firewise plantings, clean up properties of debris, and get all fire pits in compliance.

K Hayden gave a report on the meeting she attended with the Upper Weber Canyon Association. There are 1,500 members in this association. She advised our members to report a fire to both the Sheriffs Department AND the Fire Department. The telephone number is: 435-615-3500. Our association will put more of the emergency phone number magnets at the community shed.

The school bus is now picking up kids in the canyon.

The wooden fire sign at the canyon entrance was vandalized. It has now been repaired. This sign is operated by the Fire Marshall.

Some of the Associations such as Beaver Springs and Aspen Acres are having problems with beavers. 37 have been trapped and relocated. This is expensive to do. She added that maybe we'll be seeing beavers back in our marshlands!

Oakley now has two unmarked patrol cars. They will be enforcing the 25 mph speed limit in Oakley for sure.

Holiday Park members complained about children speeding on ATV's. Anyone driving one must have it registered, have a drivers license, and not speed.

Waste Management personnel reminded members that this dump is for household waste only...no large items or building materials. They will be improving the lighting there this year. The contact is Mark Offerett, 1-435-640-0112.

It was reported that there is still money for in-kind service from the Utah State Fire Council. Dale Zabronski is our contact person.

Major water freeze damage has been reported. There were several deep freezes with no snow insulation in January. Home owners should be prepared for unexpected water line breaks.

We now have better telephone, cell phone and tv service in the canyon. Jack Walkenhorst is the contact at All West Communications. There is a tower at the gate at Pine Mountain which enables cell phone usage. Holiday Park and Alpine Acres can have 512K and DSL service. Sign up with All West.

The Summit County Sheriff's office would like to have everyone register their cell phone numbers so they can call in case of an emergency. Do this at: [www.summitcountysheriff.com](http://www.summitcountysheriff.com) . They have a record of all land lines.

Jo Ann McQueen explained the need for a change in our by-laws, Section III, Article 5. Due to a conflict in City scheduling, our annual meeting must now be held 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April. A motion was made and this change was approved.

Mike MacDonald gave a report on our website. The website address is: [www.alpineacres.org](http://www.alpineacres.org) . He passed out an information sheet which showed all of the important topics that are available on the website, including: emergency notification and evacuation plan; fire plan; road rules and regulations; board members; association by-laws; meeting minutes; membership directory; bulletin board; and the contact for the website. There was a discussion about the confidentiality of the membership directory. It was decided to have the Board look into all

privacy issues. Mike urged all members to take a look at the website as it does contain some potential life-saving information.

Will then named the members of Alpine Acres who have passed away during the previous year. They were: Allan Brems, Wayne Campbell, Mabel Fresne, Darlene Nix Mueller, Ray Fritz, Tom Daniels, and Lou Schoenhardt. We will miss these fine members of our association.

Will advised that two board member positions needed to be filled, that of vice president and member at large. David Pack, Jeremy Jones and Bill Pettigrew offered to run for these offices. A vote was held and David Pack and Bill Pettigrew were selected. Judy Bailey and K Hayden were thanked for their years of service to the Association.

Will then opened the floor for any other business issues.

It was suggested that we have an Association yard sale. The members agreed this was a good idea. It will be looked into and a committee selected to run it.

Bud Bailey suggested that we should raise our Association dues. Since the value of our properties have risen so much, it would appear that we need to take better care of the Association roads and properties. Most members present appeared to support raising the dues; however, there was some dissent. Harold Waldhouse suggested that perhaps an assessment would suffice. Larry Migliaccio made the motion and it was approved that a committee should be selected to study this important issue.

Mike MacDonald brought up the issue of the new legislation that prevents people from fishing in our streams. He said that Loren Moench has been in favor of allowing people to fish in the past. It was agreed that the Association will send Loren a letter to restore this right to Alpine Acres members and friends.

Louise Franke asked those present to look for a white cell phone that was lost last Fall somewhere along the roads. Please contact her if it is found.

There was a question about the number of trailers that can be allowed on a lot. This information can be found in the association by-laws and is on our deeds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Addendum:

Immediately after the meeting, the Board met and voted that David Pack would be Vice President and Bill Pettigrew would be Member at Large and be our Upper Weber River Association delegate.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Ann McQueen, Association Secretary.