

## Annual Meeting in 2011

Minutes of the annual meeting of Alpine Acres Association, held Monday, April 18, 2011 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 to all in attendance. Directors in attendance: Will Pratt, David Pack, Ginger Silvers, Jo Ann McQueen, and Bill Pettigrew.

Jo Ann McQueen, Secretary, read an abbreviated version of the minutes from 2010. They were approved as read. A copy of the entire minutes is posted on the website.

Treasurers report: Ginger Silvers reported for the year beginning April 1, 2010, cash balance was \$2,708.75. \$4,420.00 was received in membership dues (88 paid members). Expenditures for the year totaled \$7,312.40. \$550.00 was received in prepaid dues, leaving and ending balance of \$366.35. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

FEMA grant: Will said that the County helped us apply for the FEMA grant. The grant funds went straight from FEMA for removal of trees/debris from the river to alleviate potential flooding in 2011. He thanked Kevin Callahan, Derrick Radke, FEMA officials, who helped us out, as well as Alpine Acres owners who allowed access through their properties. He also expressed thanks to Jim Warburton for his help in this project. He advised that Kevin Callahan has arranged for sand bags and sand for members to use as soon as possible. They will be available at Alpine Acres community property and also at the Oakley Town Hall.

Roads: Will said we were unable to complete the grading of the community roads as most of our money was spent for repairs due to the flooding. He thanked Rick Osguthorpe for repairing the damaged roads.

Gates: The aging gates were not repaired or replaced due to spending money on flood damage. We are hoping to do one or two per year, funds permitting, starting with Gate 1, which has the most damage.

County Road Grading: Will said that we must continue to put pressure on the County to keep our roads at the same standards as the road leading to Holiday Park. The telephone numbers will be posted on the website so our members can call and request this work.

Spray program: David Pack advised that Forest Service funding for this program has stopped. PJ Abraham, our Area Forester, has agreed to train anyone interested in learning how to identify threatened, infected or dead trees on May 21<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting. Jo Ann has received permission slips for those wishing to have their trees sprayed. PJ will help us flag the trees and provide tape this year. \$2,300 was disbursed to those who sprayed last year, but no more funding is available. He told the members that a "spray coordinator" is needed and asked for a volunteer. No one in the audience volunteered. Jo Ann and Gordon will assist that coordinator this year and in the future. It is hoped that someone will come forward to take on this important responsibility.

In Memoriam: Will named members of our community who have passed away this year. They were: Bob Anderson, Bud Bailey, Robert Dale Johnson, and Paul Wollschleger. We will miss them.

Change in by-laws: David explained the reason for the increase in the annual dues. Most members do not realize all that goes on behind the scene. We pay taxes for the roads, the community property, provide road and gate repair, and, as last spring, most of our money was spent for flood repairs. We also pay for our website and for the mailing of notices of meetings. And...the annual picnic. Dave told the meeting attendees that he had arranged for insurance of the kid's pond at no additional insurance cost. Mike MacDonald suggested we charge a pro rata amount for those people who do not pay dues. We had 88 members last year out of 104 properties, so it does appear we have a good percentage of people paying dues. Clara Fritz advised that it is nearly impossible to impose a fine or a lien on property owners who don't pay dues.

Fire Council report: Bob Sluder thanked everyone for their efforts. The Fire Council is a program of the National Fire Protection Association designed to encourage local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners,

community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others in the effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire – before a fire starts. A Firewise approach involves landscaping, home construction and design, community planning and forest/land management. The Firewise Communities program offers a series of practical steps that individuals and communities can take to protect themselves and their property from risk of wildfire. The Firewise vision is that, through homeowner preparedness and community planning, wildfires can occur without catastrophic loss of lives, property and natural resources. Alpine Acres is one of only 8 or 9 Firewise Communities in Utah, and about 600 in 40 states.

In September, chipping crews were sent along roads in Summit County. On October 12-25, we had 20 firefighters in Alpine Acres who removed over 1,000 dead trees. Bob thanked the Board for being so instrumental in getting the access requests for this project. (Round of applause!) He recognized the efforts of other Fire Council members: Mike MacDonald, Jim Warburton, Rick Osguthorpe, Bill Pettigrew, Will Pratt and David Pack. Together we want the community to focus on education, tools and equipment, and chip and burn. For example: piles left from last year, and he hoped a lot of new, will be chipped and burned this year. We are looking at having a burn day such as other Weber communities. If we can't get a chipper from the Forest Service, we should look at buying or renting one for Alpine Acres. Please keep working on your properties and remember to turn in your "Sweat Equity" forms. A copy of the form can be found on the website. We'll try to get more help from the Federal and State Forestry, but last year the amount of help was really extraordinary! Please check out [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for more information.

Brent Staten asked about the old deadfall that is lying in the forest. Bob explained that it is not as much of a fire hazard as is new slash and undergrowth.

Bob then gave a snow report. There were over 100 trees down on the road. Our members with Snowcats can't get the road opened this year because of the amount of snow. We will have to depend on the County.

Upper Weber Canyon report: Bill Pettigrew gave a brief overview of the meeting that was held in March. He explained that mountain lions and bears are in our community. We don't have as many as in other areas, but they are there. The biggest offender for attracting bears is hummingbird feeders, even if you take them in at night. As the meeting was running long, he prepared a handout which contains more complete minutes of the meeting. This will be posted on the website along with the minutes of this meeting.

Website: Mike MacDonald provided a handout which gives the address of our website. He encouraged members to contact a Board member if they would like something posted on the website.

Mike also expressed thanks to Rocky Mountain Power for all the time they have spent in our area working on the lines year 'round. We are in an area that has the oldest power system in the canyon. If you see a Rocky Mountain Power person, thank him! Also if you see a line down, be sure to call them. The number is on the website and also on the refrigerator magnets.

Election of three Board members: Will thanked Ginger and Jo Ann for their work over the past years, and thanked the membership for their support during his term of office. He explained that Ginger is willing to serve another term as Treasurer, but called for nominations from the floor. John Lund, Jeremy Jones, and Gordon Daniels were nominated. Jeremy Jones, Gordon Daniels and Ginger were elected to the Board.

Other business: Will announced that the annual picnic will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. A committee will be selected to organize this event.

It was suggested that the date the Gardner Fork bridge is open be posted on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann McQueen, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

After several discussions, the newly elected Board members accepted the following positions.

David Pack – President

Bill Pettigrew – Vice President

Gordon Daniels – Secretary

Ginger Silvers – Treasurer

Jeremy Jones – Member at Large