Snowcrest Heights Improvement Association

Proposed Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2015

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was started at 2:23 pm by President Roger Watford.

**Roll Call –**

Manker (M): Richard (Dick) Tufts (10), Joel (Paul) Gillingwators (31), Christy Catalano for Joseph & Nancy Catalano (19), Robby Ellingson (8), Roger Watford (16).

San Antonio Falls (SAF): Ron & Missy Ellingson (4), Denise, Robert (Bob), & John Scudder (39), Monte Singleton (37), Charles (Chuck) Carelli (11), Jean Hannah for Paul Hannah (16), Gilbert (Gil) Junkunc (55).

Glacier Tract (GL): Rodney Schaerer (27), Kathy Louche’ (11), Tamara Hanson (12). Vincent Vogt (22).

Ice House (ICE): Robbie Warner (46), David Siriani (48), Jim (James) Kuhlman (PVT 4 & 5), Paul Hannosh (PVT 2).

Harwood: Elizabeth Ward, Ski Lifts: Ron & Robbie Ellingson.

A quorum is 15, we have 20 present; SHIA general meeting proceeds.

**Current SHIA BoD:**

President – Roger Watford

Vice President – Eric Kueckels, not present

Secretary – Rodney Schaerer

Treasurer -- Paul Hannosh

Other attending board members – Jim Kuhlman, Kathy Louche,

Robbie Warner, and Dick Tufts.

**Review and Approval:**

● Spring 2015 General Meeting Minutes (Rodney)

Roger moved and Robbie seconded; motion passed to accept minutes with two noted typo graphic changes. The Spring 2015 General Meeting Minutes will be posted on the SHIA web site.

● Financial Report (Paul)

Financial report was presented and each member received a copy. The membership discussed the report, asked questions, and was satisfied with the report.

Robbie moved and Dave Siriani seconded to approve the treasurer’s report; motion passed.

**Water System Status:**

● Spring #5 and Chapman/Minich flow rates (Roger)

We are completely running off of spring #5 which is at 28 gallons per minute (gpm) when the pump is on. This is the lowest water output Spring #5 has ever been observed at. Both tanks are a half full. Chapman/Minich is 1 gpm, Snow is preferred over rain because rain runs off the ground into streams and rivers and is not captured by ground water systems whereas snow slowly melts and the water has time to seep into the ground and be captured by aquifer systems.

● System demand and winter outlook (Roger)

8- 10 gpm is the current system demand. So far, Spring #5 is holding us.

● Consumer Confidence Report (Robbie)

Consumer Confidence Report is published every year and from now on this report will be posted on the web site instead of being mailed to members as it was this year and in previous years. Robbie explained the report to the members. We are in compliance on all items. The Manker Spring and Horizontal Well is turned off until we can install the arsenic removal system which is awaiting U. S. Forest Service approval.

Roger explained that arsenic blending must be approved by government agencies. The better approach for SHIA is to treat the water and then just mix the water. Lead and copper content is being monitored by the county and SHIA is submitting samples to the county.

● County Environmental Health Services water system inspection (Roger/Robbie)

Roger went over the annual inspection and standards. The total system is inspected by the county and we had a new inspector this year. We need an emergency response plan to be filed with the county. The SHIA water physical facilities are rated by San Bernardino County as adequate because of our spring pump heads and storage tanks needing some maintenance. The Chapman/Minich spring pump heads are to be completely sealed which they currently are not. Concrete spring head seal, copper/lead monitoring and water distribution need to be looked at. Chlorination is an issue since our current system is manual and not automated. We need to closer monitor and record chlorination.

**Improvement Projects:**

● Chapman Spring sanitary pump head seal (Roger)

Needs to be done; (~$500).

● Tank #2 retrofit (Roger)

Needs to be done; (~$45,000).

● Maniker Campground water main pipe replacement project (Robbie)

Robbie has talked to John Thorton, the district ranger, and we are trying to get an update on the U.S. Forest Service approval; (~$60,000).

● Arsenic treatment system (Robbie)

The arsenic removal system back flush process was discussed and the SHIA proposal seems to be okay with the U.S. Forest Service. The filtration media is sent back to the company for refurbishing and arsenic removal. The water back flush procedure is simply to remove particulate matter from the filer. The arsenic remains attached to the filter and is not released in the back flush. There will be a monitor system to shutdown the filtration system if arsenic levels are not being safely meet; (~$40,000).

**New Business:**

● SHIA web site, shia.org (Rodney)

The web site is being worked on and we plan to utilize it more fully in the future, especially for posting minutes, etc. There are technical issues with security, information exposure, content management, and material organization. Rodney will assume responsibility for maintaining the SHIA dot ORG web site. If members have difficulties with the site they are to contact Rodney who is listed on the web site along with the other SHIA contacts. Rodney’s personal e-mail address was given to members for their usage.

Two elderly members requested that they continue to receive SHIA materials via U.S. Postal Service since that is what they are accustomed to. Rodney took their names and will send them hard copies of SHIA materials.

● Tract representative elections:

Manker Tract, 2 positions

Roger Watford and Dick Tufts are up for reelection. Paul Gillingwater is taking Dick’s position with Dick’s endorsement and Roger Watford will continue in his current status. Members agreed.

Member at Large:

Robbie Warren is reelected as the member at large.

**Member Questions and Comments:**

The question of utilizing Ski Lift water for fire fighting was re-raised by Ron Ellingson. Denise Scudder commented that Mt. Baldy Town Hall needs a written proposal with physical structure and costs detailed before they can consider any such proposal. Ron Ellingson (Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts) was advised by the SHIA board that he needs to submit a written proposal before any action can be taken.

Members discussed ongoing difficulties of getting fire insurance for cabins in the wilderness.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Minutes submitted for approval by SHIA membership at the next spring 2016 general meeting by Rodney Schaerer, secretary.