

Crystal River Ranch News
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Meeting Minutes for March 15th, 2014

Vice President Jody Prusi called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Members present: Diane Thompson, Teresa Steel, Karl Goeres, Cindy Hieggelke, Jody Prusi, Brian Miller, Robert Copeland, Steve Lewis and caretaker Jim McKinley. Members Absent: Curt Simonson. Also present: Wendy Scholl, Frank Nemeth, Tom Thompson, LJ Frank, Eric Mosher and Lisa Copeland.

Minutes from the January 18th, 2014 board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account:	\$125,357.52
Money Market:	\$37,496.86
Water Reserve CD:	\$45,118.80
Capital Reserve CD:	\$24,504.76
January Expenses:	\$10,890.60
February Expenses:	\$6,257.59

Teresa reported 200 of 240 lot owners have paid the 2014 annual assessment and water fees.

Caretaker's Report

Jim has started spring grounds clean up.

Vandals recently broke into a picnic area restroom where they smashed the toilet and broke the door knob. On Thursday March 13th the CRR mail was also compromised as vandals emptied many mailboxes. Some mail was recovered but be mindful that it is possible you may be missing a statement or other important mail. That same night several vehicles were gone through and one was stolen. The stolen vehicle was recovered. Keep your vehicle and cabin doors locked at night.

Once again plastic garbage cans with bungee cords holding down the lids have become a hazard for the elk. The elk bend the can and pop the lid off to get at the garbage inside. A bungee cord remains attached to the can and the elk end up with the open garbage can around their neck (a garbage can necklace). Here are several suggestions to help prevent this from happening. Place cans on the street early Thursday morning. Lids need to be tightly secured. Metal cans are more difficult for the elk to open.

Part-time residents who have garbage service should attach the garbage can to a tree or post if the can will be on the street several days prior to Thursday pickup. Several home owners have constructed an enclosure for the cans and made arrangements with Murreys Disposal Company to walk onto the property and get the garbage can from the enclosure.

Full-time residents. Please take cans to the street as late as possible on garbage collection days – the shorter the time the cans are at the roadside the less time for elk to find them.

Check with Murreys Disposal to see if they will pick up the following animal-proof garbage cans:

BERICUDA Bins and enclosures <http://www.bearicuda.com/>
Steel Cans <http://www.behrensmfg.com/>

Rubbermaid Animal Stopper

http://www.rubbermaid.com/Category/Pages/ProductDetail.aspx?Prod_ID=RP091453

Water & Facilities

Karl reported the water committee is evaluating equipment for the water system telemetry. The board approved the committee's recommendation to retain Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, LLP to research water issues.

The facilities committee reported that they are securing bids to finish the concrete work in the parking lot area in front of the mailboxes.

Architectural Control

Brian reported issuing one new building permit and one permit for the removal of a danger tree.

Shoreline Stabilization Project

Wendy Scholl, River Committee, reported the on-going monitoring tasks at the vane sites with Lawrence Dominquez EcoAssets continue. As weather changes, irrigation and scotch broom pulling tasks ahead. Project permit closure might be 2015 – 2016. Closure is completely dependent on Pierce County Planning & Land Services and WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife.

Box Gardens

It is the time of year to start thinking about planning a box garden. Last summer was a good one with great sunshine to produce a good harvest. 2014 marks the third summer of the CRR box gardens! If you had a box last summer, or wish to start box gardening this summer, contact Frank Nemeth. There is a \$30.00 per year fee. Frank will be contacting last year's participants soon for renewals

Old Business

Frank Nemeth reported that progress is being made on the Greenwater telephone book.

New Business

Be a good neighbor and clean up after your dog. Carry plastic poop bags when walking your dog and take the droppings back to your place for disposal. Also, remember to keep your dog on a leash.

CRR board elections: There will be three open positions to be filled at the May annual meeting. The three board members whose terms are up are Steve Lewis, Teresa Steel, and Curt Simonson. Steve and Teresa have stated their intent to run for reelection. Curt's job will take him to the east coast for the next year, so he will not be running for reelection. Board members serve a three year term. The board meets eight times a year and board members are also asked to serve as needed on commissions and committees. Officers are elected by the board after the May meeting. If you are interested in running for the board please complete the attached form, and return it to Jim McKinley prior to April 19th, 2014 so your name can be placed on the mail-in ballot included with the April minutes. Mail-in ballots and in person voting are counted at the May meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Next board meeting: Saturday, April 19th, 2014 at 4:00pm
Water and Facilities meeting at 3:00pm
All lot owners are encouraged to attend.