

## PTRIA 2012 ANNUAL MEETING SECRETARY'S REPORT

August 26<sup>th</sup>-S.P.C.F.P.D. Station #3

President Bill Harper called the annual meeting of the Pike Trail Ranches **Improvement** Association to order at 2:00 P.M. 43 persons signed in representing 31 properties.

Out of consideration for Fire Chief Don Felton's time, Bill asked Don to begin the meeting ~~began~~ with a slide show and talk on fire safety and fire mitigation. Don stressed the importance of having a clearly readable reflective house address signs and a clear pathway to the house. Locked gates are a major hindrance for the fire crew. If you don't want a fire to have a party at your place, keep the area free from debris including the roof. Don gave a lot of information in the 20 minutes he spoke, all of it was very interesting. We thank him very much for the excellent presentation.

The minutes from the August 28<sup>th-2011</sup> **2011** meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. No one objected. The Treasurer's report was read. There is a balance of **\$13262.50** as of this date. After a question about the gravel being paid for, a motion was made and seconded for approval. It was approved.

Mary Maxson announced that she was stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer of PTRIA. She will be living in Canon City full time. We are so grateful for her dedicated service for the last 9 years. Mary received a big round of applause.

Bill Harper talked about a board meeting held at Bill's house that addressed the issue of having Jon Klima take over as Treasurer and having the Secretary being a separate position. Also discussed at the same meeting was replacing Kathy Mikesell. Due to her continuing work out of state, Kathy graciously offered to resign. Bernie Mann offered to fill in for Kathy until the 2013 election.

### Old Business

#### Battle of the Cattle

About 2 weeks before Thanksgiving Doris Schoepf reported a group of about 14 cows wandering in the field in front of her place. After numerous

phone calls to a several local ranchers and state and local agencies, Bernie Mann took a photo of an ear tag. Then Bill Harper was able to locate the foreman of the ranch. Dave Tilton had generously offered the use of his fenced pasture to hold the cattle until the ranch foreman could arrange for the pick up. Strangely enough, the cows wandered onto Dave's property and Bill, who happened to drive by, shut the gate on the wandering browsers Thanksgiving Morning. The Battle of the Cattle was over.

Billed talked about all the work that had been accomplished during the 2011 work party. Several of the culverts had been dug out and ~~a couple~~ most had to be flushed out. Thanks to our fire dept truck and with the help from Jim Ivy, Kathy Mikesell, Doug Skellinger (got inside the culvert) Bill H, John Klima, and Bruce Mohr, the flush out was a success. Trash was picked up and signs were repainted. Thanks very much to all who participated.

Jon Klima gave a report on the ponds. He said that weeds continue to plague the upper and lower ponds. Jon brought out the rake that is used to pull the weeds and challenged the Real Men of P.T.R.I.A. to step up to the plate and drag it around for a good time.

#### New Business

Dick Horne asked if it was against the PTRIA Bylaws for Bill and Nancy Harper to serve on the Board since there is only one vote per property. After much discussion it was agreed that having 2 votes on the Board was not the same as a property vote. Bernie and Larry Kohn talked about how a new person was to be voted in by the Board. A specific wording will be worked on so that there will be a Bylaw section for such a situation. Doug Skellinger nominated Elaine Rocksted to be secretary. After much floor discussion, Nancy Harper will remain secretary until the 2013 election.

Bill Harper talked about Dick Horne having to step down from running the grader until he has shoulder repair. Dick explained the dry weather had kept him from grading more than a couple of times this year. Bernie will be helping until Dick is able to return to roadwork. Bernie stated that if anyone has an issue with the roads to call him or Dick. Neither professes to be mind readers so do call direct.

Jackie Magee gave a talk about the uranium mining company requesting permits for Waugh Mountain. She stated that the company is using some sneaky tactics to tag private property. She advised every homeowner to



check his or her deeds for mineral rights. There is a web ~~sight~~ **page** on Piketrails.org that lists the State agency that does well water testing for heavy metals.

Karen Kohn stated that mining for uranium uses huge amounts of water and how the water is treated after**wards** is sad.

Rick Turley said that he had done some research to find out what water filters took uranium out. He said that any filter that took out lead would also take out uranium 238, which is in our area.

Jackie brought some reading material on the subject to pass along.

Bill brought up the topic of a ~~fee~~ **dues** roll back for 1 year, an idea proposed by Mary Maxson. Mary went on to explain that some of the owners had experienced economic hardships, although some people contributed more than what is asked. Bill said the maintenance of the roads had been lower. Bruce Mohr asked if the grader**r** was working well. Bernie assured everyone that it was working 100%. A lively discussion on the floor followed. Again Mary stated the current balance in the budget. Rick Turley pointed out the he was the treasurer of a much smaller HOA and they had a minimum of \$20,000 in the bank for emergencies of all kinds. Craig Miller asked if new culverts could be added. At the end of the discussion a general consensus was to keep the dues the same.

Marvin Haney asked about PTRIA insurance and Mary Maxson explained what ~~the~~ PTRIA has. Bill added that we have a \$10,000 CD for legal expenses.

Jon Klima has a map on the Piketrails.org ~~sight~~ **site** that has all the tracts listed. The question was raised if we should have the tracts color-coded to show which tracts have paid dues. This brought about a lot of talk on the pros and cons of such a plan. Finally a vote was taken and it was 20 yeses to 8 no.

Bill asked if any one would be interested in renting a chipper for trimmed branches. There was some discussion on the cost of renting as opposed to buying. Only 3 people were interested so the matter was dropped.

The next work party is planned for Sept. 15th 2012 at Station #3 10:00 AM.

Dick spoke about the wash boarding on the roads and stated strongly that people who go faster than 30 mph on dirt roads are the cause of the problem.

Bernie asked for the new homeowners of PTRIA to introduce themselves.

Randy and Darlene     tract 079

Andrew, Sarah and Isabelle Hawkins   tract 204

Rick Turley     tract 187

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Harper, PTRIA Secretary