



## **SaddleRidge POA Board Meeting Minutes December 19, 2006**

The open forum portion of the meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams at 6:05pm. Board members in attendance in addition to Joe Williams were Lynn Williams, Ron Steel and Tom Bender. Other attendees of the open forum were: Jan Fulkerson of the Texas Forest Service; Captain Craig Tilton of the South Hays Fire Department; Carl Bartling, property owner; Brandon Metcalf, property owner/resident; and Ruben Madrid, property owner/new resident.

Jan Fulkerson discussed our mutual roles involving the Firewise Program and presented new documentation for the Board to renew our commitment to the program. She discussed the advantages of being in the program and noted that our area is in year 10 of a 30 year drought cycle. As part of her commitment to Firewise and SaddleRidge she will visit properties by invitation of the owners to evaluate the problems.

Captain Craig Tilton is the chief of the all volunteer fire station across RR12 to the South of the sub-division. He noted that Wimberley Fire Department and his Department share the fire protection responsibility and are on the same radio monitoring system to better coordinate their efforts. His Department is proposing an emergency only gate at the North end of Mission Trail to access the adjacent property. Captain Tilton will approach the O'Quinn Ranch for approval for an emergency access gate. Once this is obtained, SaddleRidge (working with Captain Tilton and Jan Fulkerson) will attempt to locate grant money to pay for an emergency access gate at the end of Mission Trail.

Brandon Metcalf discussed the problems that he and some of his neighbors are having with wild hogs in the Southwest corner of our sub-division. He cited the damage to his property and some adjoining properties and the possibility of attack by the aggressive wild hogs. It was noted that the wild hogs are prolific and an increasing problem in central Texas. He has been somewhat unsuccessful in trapping the hogs and is enlisting help from the POA in those efforts, recommending that the POA offer an incentive to eradicate this menace. The board agreed to review his request.

Carl Bartling, a new owner in SaddleRidge wants to fence his property to protect same from wild hogs, and was referred to the architectural committee.

Ruben Madrid, a new resident, indicated that he had read the previous minutes of the board meetings and noted that we were encouraging volunteers to step forward to help serve the sub-division. The board members were pleased to discuss some of those opportunities with him.

Joe Williams called the Board Meeting to order at 7:22pm. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published. (Minutes of the meetings are posted on the website). Minutes approved.

### **Old Business**

The board members each expressed their appreciation for Joan Goetz and the other volunteers of the Christmas Decorating Committee. Each will receive a thank you letter from the Board.

Ron Steel presented an update and progress report on the South Entrance Landscaping project. Three quotations have been received for the design phase of the project. All are well qualified to complete this phase. After careful review of the quotations and the resumes, the Board voted to let the design work to Bob's Organic Garden of New Braunfels. It was noted that Bob's and several of the other contractors will bid on the construction phase after plans are approved.

### **New Business**

The Treasurer reported that association dues are coming in at a good rate and that approximately 30% are in. The board reviewed the budget and approved some minor changes.

There was a discussion of the preliminary results of the survey that was mailed to all owners with the dues statement. One noteworthy suggestion will be implemented immediately: to send email notices to all owners when significant changes to the website occur or when the newsletter is ready.

The Board received the application of a volunteer for the Architectural Committee from Francis Savage.

The Firewise documentation was discussed and it was decided to renew our Firewise Community Protection Plan. The documentation was signed and delivered to Jan Fulkerson. A Firewise committee will be formed, and Vivian MacDonald will include a Firewise brochure in every welcome letter to new owners.

The wild hog problem as reported earlier and in the open forum was discussed in depth and several suggestions were made regarding our possible commitments. Board members each had suggestions, and indicated that they would research the feasibility of these suggestions and would then report back at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pmCST.