

Catspaw Property Owner's Association
Executive Board Meeting – Billy Dasher's Basement
July 9, 2016 at 1:35 p.m.

In Attendance: Frank Lee, President, Randy Aderhold, Vice President, Jack Lurie, Treasurer, Susie Henderson, Secretary, Laurie Holmes, Communications, Billy Dasher, Road Chairperson, Art Trufelli, Governance Chairperson

Member Attending: Ross Henderson

Action Items:

1. Randy Aderhold will discuss with Bernie Calaway, Walnut Gap Road Committee, the ownership of the mail structure at Walnut Gap and Walnut Creek Road intersection
2. A proposal for signage improvements will be submitted to the board for approval

The board members were asked to meet in Billy Dasher's basement during the Catspaw luncheon after the annual meeting at Billy and Eloise's home rather than immediately after the POA meeting at the Cashier's Public Library.

No meeting agenda was provided by the President.

Frank Lee said that we have a stable organization. All the junk that we went through is history and now we need to build relationships. For Frank, the hard thing to deal with is trust issues. He said that everybody's intentions are great and wonderful. However, when we came to the telephone board meeting (June 2, 2016), the new website was a fait accompli just like the mailboxes. No one knew anything about the website or the mailboxes. Whatever those issues are, we want them to come to the board and be accountable. We don't want to be like the board under the 1996 bylaws. We can now say that we don't have the ugliest mailbox kiosk. No one knew about the new website until we got to the meeting. Susie Henderson stated that this was not true. Frank said we must conduct ourselves under the rules of the board. That's why I came to talk to you (Susie) about the mailboxes because I knew there were federal issues and I didn't want you or the association to get into trouble. I don't mean to be singling you out. Everything has to be approved that has to do with public properties. This is my opinion and my advice.

Frank Lee said that now that we have a great website and mailboxes, we only have signs to improve and roads to take care of. Billy Dasher said that he has made decisions on the roads and needs that authority. Frank said that if you, Billy, want that authority then it's ours to give.

Susie Henderson commented that last year when Myrna Mahon created flower gardens, there was a big controversy as to whether Myrna and the volunteers from both communities should have had board permission to create the flower garden at the mailboxes. After the 2015 community garden project was over, Kathi Lurie and Susie Henderson volunteered to pay for the stain and stain the mail kiosk as their contribution to the mailbox project. Susie Henderson stated that we were helping Walnut Gap because the mail kiosk belongs to them.

Frank Lee said that Catspaw Property Owner's Association owns \$1000 of the mail kiosk. Susie said that she understands that we bought some mailboxes with that money to sell to our members. Susie said that the staining needed to happen rather quickly and that she and Kathi Lurie were trying to be helpful to Walnut Gap with their project. Frank reminded everyone of his statement at the annual meeting that Prior Planning Avoids Piss Poor Performance.

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Susie Henderson said she was trying to understand what is being asked of her by the board. Randy Aderhold said that if I pay for something that does not give me the authority to go around the wishes of the board. He asked, "Is it okay for me to put a sign at the base of your lot that states something that I want to portray? Remember the criticism from years past that people did things without asking." Susie Henderson said that we did ask for input on the color of the stain from Jeanne Miller (Walnut Gap resident) and many others. Randy Aderhold said that "the Board is the only authority for Catspaw. If I (Randy) go around and ask my friends and don't ask the right people which is everybody else, I have violated essential principles. We have fiduciary responsibilities. This is not a lecture on fiduciary responsibilities. The fact of the matter is that it is great work, but we don't want to return to the actions of prior years that were criticized."

Jack Lurie interjected that the mailbox kiosk was not our (Catspaw POA) project. Randy Aderhold said that "Walnut Gap did not have the right to do the project without our input." If Walnut Gap wants our cooperation on the roads, they must let us provide input on the front entrance. Art Trufelli said that this is a special case. Randy Aderhold said that if they want our money, they must communicate with Catspaw.

Roads. There was a discussion that the Walnut Gap road chairperson, Bill Sullivan, presents invoices when the road work is done and should consult with Catspaw about the road work prior to completing it. Randy said, "If they are going to take my money for the roadway and entrance, they must consult me." There was also discussion that Catspaw is trying to work cooperatively with Walnut Gap on the roads.

Randy said to send everything to him by email. He said that he gets lost if he has to register somewhere. Laurie said that he must register for the website which is easy to do. Frank Lee said that he has an email group for the board. Laurie said that emails can also be sent from the website and a copy is maintained.

Frank Lee said that he agreed that blowing leaves out of the ditches was important. Billy Dasher said that if you are walking the roads, remove twigs from ditches to avoid a plugged culvert and overflowing ditch. Laurie Holmes said that she was not surprised that leaves accumulated on Rusty Ridge Road where no one had lived for years.

Randy Aderhold said that Ross and Susan Henderson have a sign near the left turn up Catspaw Road that says "swing wide" and has rocks on the inside of the turn; people think they are going to fall off so they cling to the curve and tear up the road. A discussion ensued about how to drive on the mountain roads. Billy Dasher said that several people have been looking at signs that will help people know how to drive up the mountain and direction signs. **A sign plan with costs will be presented to the board.** Billy Dasher said that you can't cut it on the inside of the curve going up, but you can going down. Susie Henderson said that last year the Frontier truck slid off the mountain in the winter. Two individuals tried to take the corner on the inside and slid off the mountain at the intersection of Catspaw and Buckhead Roads. They had to jump out of the truck as it slide backwards.

Randy Aderhold suggested that he was hungry and wanted to have lunch.

Ross Henderson asked when it is appropriate for member input according to the bylaws and was advised to speak now. He asked Randy to talk with Bernie Calaway (Chairperson of the Walnut Gap Road

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Maintenance Committee) about ownership of the mailbox structure. Ross said that Walnut Gap believes that they own the mailbox structure. Jack Lurie, Susie Henderson and other board members agreed that Walnut Gap believes that they own the mailbox structure and that Catspaw purchased 10 of the mailboxes with the \$1,000.

Ross explained that this spring, Bernie Calaway asked Susie Henderson, "When are you going to get on with the stain for the mailbox structure?" Randy Aderhold said that "you should have told him you will get on with it as soon as my board authorizes it."

Ross Henderson asked Randy to come to some understanding with Walnut Gap regarding ownership of the mailbox structure. Ross reiterated that Bernie Calaway believes that Walnut Gap owns it. Randy said that he would take that under advisement. Randy Aderhold asked who the \$1,000 for the mailboxes was paid to? Ross said that the Walnut Gap board has changed since the \$1,000 was paid. **It was agreed that Randy should talk with Bernie Calaway about ownership of the mail kiosk.**

Ross went on to say that Frank was talking earlier about following the rules. Ross said that he was on the governance committee this year which never met once. He reminded Frank and others that our bylaws state that if a person is not at the meeting at which they are nominated for an office, there must be a written statement from that individual saying that they accept the nomination and a written resume. Ross pointed out that in 2015 Frank suspended the rules and let Ron Meuldjik be nominated and elected without either requirement being met. Essentially, someone was elected who did not want the job. Frank Lee complained that Ross questioned the election as he has never suspended anything. Randy asked if a protest was raised. Frank said no. Randy said that we were trying to do something that was suggested - to open the board to others. Art Truffelli said that Ross is raising the same issue that was raised by Frank and Randy. Ross said that we should all follow the rules which the board members agreed.

Jack Lurie, Treasurer, asked for approval to reimburse Susie Henderson for \$39.38 for expenses for the annual meeting. Motion approved. One late payment was made at the meeting by Peter Roth without the late fee. Jack recommended that we suspend the late fee which was approved.

Meeting adjourned about 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henderson, Secretary

Note: A recording of the meeting is available upon request.