

**BUTTE MEADOWS/JONESVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**September 6, 2009 - 12:30 p.m. - Volunteer Fire Station #10 Picnic Area**  
**Minutes**

The General Membership meeting of the Butte Meadows/Jonesville Community Association was called to order by Board President, Miranda Morris at 12:50 p.m.

The President thanked everyone in attendance for making the Omelet Breakfast a great success and for taking time from their holiday weekend to attend the membership meeting. A special thanks was given to Rod and Susan Poole for donating their time and materials for the pancakes that were enjoyed by all. She emphasized that the association exists as a tool for the community by putting into action projects and activities that enhance the community. She said that ideas from the entire membership are welcome and encouraged. Miranda reminded everyone that last year at this time we were breathing a sigh of relief that the forest fires had not engulfed our area and that we are all very grateful for the help from many sources that kept our community safe and intact. A new committee has been added to our organization to address community safety. The Activities Committee is another new committee that has been added. They started the summer with a program about the cattle drives that used to go through Butte Meadows.

The secretary, Barbara Conklin, read the minutes of the August 31, 2009 Annual General Membership Meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

The treasurer, Ren Wakefield, gave the treasurer's report which showed \$25,354.56 in the checking account and \$12,375.62 in the savings account for total current assets of \$37,730.18. Current liabilities and equity are \$37,730.18. He reported that approximately 420 people had attended today's omelet breakfast. When the president asked if there were any questions, Jere Jacobs commented that the association is keeping a lot of money in the checking account and much less in savings. It would seem to be wise to transfer money from checking to savings. The president said that this matter is being looked at.

Under unfinished business, the president reported that the Board had voted in October, 2008 to seek non-profit status. If this is accomplished, donations to the association would be tax deductible and we would qualify to apply for various grants that are available. A vote of the general membership would be required since a by-law change would be needed.

**Accomplishments since the last general membership meeting:**

- at the urging of Kathleen Purvis, the county installed a guard rail at the mini summit.
- the line shack museum has been transformed and is now on display. Thanks go to the Board history committee and to Maggie Hill for the great paint job. Future plans for the museum are to expand the photo collection, add to the history record and collection.
- clean up of the McGann- Cussick Cemetery, again thanks to the Board history committee. Besides being cleaned, the rock walls have been repaired, and the sign repaired, cleaned, repainted, and hung.
- additional copies of the history book, "Small Corner of the West" have been purchased and are available at Butte Meadows Mountain Mercantile or at the BMJCA website.
- through grants, dumpsters were made available at no cost to the association for the Memorial Day weekend in May and the Labor Day weekend in September. As a reminder of keeping our community clean and safe in acceptable ways, Miranda asked everyone to remember that we are not supposed to use the campground dumpsters. They are for campground use only. The US Forest Service has contacted the association regarding indiscriminate dumping on forest land. They asked the a reminder be given that dumping on Sierra Pacific property or US Forest Service land is illegal.

- As part of the association's Emergency Preparedness Plan, the Red Cross has provided us with provisions to set up an emergency shelter for 40 people. In case of an emergency is declared by the Red Cross, these provisions will be available to us. They are stored upstairs in the firehouse.
- The BMJCA Activities committee was responsible for acquiring a 2<sup>nd</sup> AED or defibrillator which is for the Station #10 response unit. At present there are two Butte Meadows people taking the Volunteer Fire Fighting Training course and two others are considering it. As part of safety in the Butte Meadows community we encourage everyone to take the CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid classes that are available through the Red Cross. Information on class schedules will be posted on our website.
- BMJCA had a new and improved website thanks to the work of the website committee. Alice Zeissler and Jim and Cheryl Conery have put together this new site with decorative graphics and photographs of Butte Meadows activities. Information and articles of interest are continually being added. The Website and Webcam are available for your information. You are encouraged to go to [www.BMJCA.com](http://www.BMJCA.com) for updates on Butte Meadows and Jonesville information. Power outages in the winter may be a problem but the issue is being addressed.

**Up-coming projects that the Board will be undertaking:**

- Road clean up is scheduled for October 3, 2009. Sign-ups for volunteers for this event were solicited from the membership.
- The Board voted to pay for the construction of an extension to the overhang that currently covers a small portion of the Volunteer Fire Station on the west wall. The extension will provide a protected area from the northern door to the southern door. It will provide protection for covered bulletin boards where community and emergency information can be posted year round.
- The Activities committee has organized a Sunset/Moonlight event at Colby Mountain for October 3 starting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is to bring their own refreshments and try to car pool.
- The BMJCA Newsletter will continue to be published, three times a year as another source of information.
- Although sanding of the highway during winter has been a project and is still a need, it won't be possible for this year because of cuts to the county budget.

The president asked that everyone join her in a round of applause for the work of all the BMJCA volunteers. A special thank you was given to the committees which had very large projects: the museum, the newsletter, the new Website and the dumpsters.

**Election of New Board Members:** Steve Miller, speaking for the nomination committee, presented the slate of proposed new Board members. It was explained that when a board member finds it necessary to resign from the board before that person's term is completed, someone is appointed to complete the term. If the term of office is still not completed at the time of the next general membership meeting, then a nominee or nominees are placed on the slate of nominees for official election.

The slate of nominees was presented as follows:

For the 2010-2011 term of office

Jim Carroll  
 Katy Hildenbrand  
 Barbara Mann  
 Bruce Miller  
 Miranda Morris  
 Ren Wakefield

To complete terms of office for 2009-2010

Tom Arcoleo  
 Jim Conery  
 Jacque Goss

A motion was made by Jan Ellis to approve the slate of nominees as presented. The motion was seconded by Chrys Van Eckhardt and approved unanimously.

The president asked for ideas and suggestions from the members on what they feel is important for the betterment of the community.

- Gary Hildenbrand suggested that the weather station and webcam be updated or boosted so that it is reliable.
- Dave Minton spoke about the need to find a way to provide reliable phone service with DSL (high speed fiber optic line).
- Jere Jacobs suggested that money from the checking account be transferred to the savings account since such a large balance in checking doesn't seem necessary and perhaps could serve us better in savings.
- Chrys Van Eckhardt indicated a need for a cell tower in the community so that cell phones would be another source of communication. It's needed for police, fire and community members. He said he believes that CHP has one at Colby Mountain Lookout. He would like the board to look into the cost.
- Chrys also mentioned that double yellow lines should be extended to the green gate.
- Barbara Mann announced that at the annual meeting of the Jonesville Cabin-owners Assoc. it was decided to support renovation of the Jonesville Hotel. She asked anyone who would like to be involved with this project to make a donation or to sign up to help.

The president thanked everyone for their comments and suggestions and indicated that the board would take these ideas under advisement. She also asked all members to submit comments on the connect page on the website.

The "members only" raffle prizes went to:

A night at the Diamond Hotel – Maggie Hill

Dinner at Johnny's -

Two "Butte Meadows/Jonesville" mugs – Ron Pool

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.