

IAHA Board Meeting

July 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly at 7:00 PM. Present were: Dave Martin, Alan Wright, Robert English, John Horn, Craig Cowles, Herb Jolliff, and Keith Moes. Also present were: Carole Gabel, Rena Peck, and Lynn McDonald.

SECRETARY: The minutes from the last meeting had been posted as "draft" minutes on the web site, and all had a chance to read. Herb Jolliff made the motion to approve the minutes as posted, and Keith Moes seconded. All approved by voice vote.

TREASURER: The report of activity since the beginning of the year was passed out and enumerated by Treasurer Keith. Herb Jolliff made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, and Dave Martin seconded. All approved by voice vote.

ARCHITECTURE: Dave said that there were no new projects to report, and listed older projects that are being finished.

MAINTENANCE: Craig handed out a report about the seal coat and crack fill process, being done by Salem Slurry, currently in progress on the Bonanza and Skylane taxiways. The total cost will be \$6,238.00. Cracks have already been filled, and they will be back on the 28th to put the seal coat down. John said he'd found one that hadn't been filled yet, a short distance from the Gabel's hangar, and Craig said he'd take a look. There was some discussion of the cost, and John recalled that bids had been solicited for this job a couple of years ago and Salem Slurry was still the cheapest. Kelly proposed that the bill be paid, Dave Martin moved, and Herb Jolliff seconded. All approved by voice vote.

Craig also introduced Lynn as his assistant, described the job that he does, and also described the problems that Lynn's been having with his tractor. Craig made the case for the Association to consider purchase another tractor, about \$1700, so that Lynn can keep doing his job. It would belong to IAHA, and Lynn could operate it. IAHA would effectively replace the tractor that he wore out on behalf of the Association. President Kelly opened the topic for discussion. Dave asked if the tractor came with a mowing deck, and the answer was yes. Alan said that this is pretty cheap labor, given how long Lynn's been doing this on behalf of the Homeowner's Association, and wondered if a more expensive one would be safer for Lynn to operate on steep hills. Dave asked about a sickle-bar, one that would elevate with the terrain to keep the tractor level, and Lynn said that those were difficult to maintain. He also said that a light tractor would be ideal because he could ride it "side-saddle" to counter-balance and keep it from tipping over. Discussion centered around which brand and model; Deere was the voiced preference. Dave asked how Lynn was getting compensated for the lots that he mows, and Carole answered by saying that the charge was nominal and people had no problem paying Lynn directly. Rena asked how the rates were determined to charge people for mowing, and Carole answered that the fee of \$125 was calculated by adding up cost of gas and ongoing maintenance. Dave made the motion that the Board pay up to \$1900 toward the purchase of a tractor for Lynn, and that he would own the tractor. Herb Jolliff seconded. All approved by a show of hands. Dave said that the Association should write an article for the membership explaining this decision and the logic behind it.

Craig also passed out a flyer for the Clean-up Day coming up this Saturday the 25th of July. The forecast is for hot temperatures that day, so the earlier we start the sooner we finish. Originally the scheduled start was set for 9AM, but it was agreed that an hour earlier would be better. People should bring their own gardening

tools.

OLD BUSINESS: President Kelly enumerated the responses from neighbors about the pads that they needed to install. Two properties have not performed the action: one is the Towner house, and the other is the White residence (this is half-done, with no movement recently). These people have been warned already. Dave proposed that the owners of these two houses be sent registered letters notifying them that a lien will be placed on the house. Discussion centered around how much opportunity they needed to comply after the warning. The date of August 10 was suggested, and a month from the date of the letter was also put forward. Herb liked the idea of a month. August the 24th, a Monday, was chosen. Herb made the motion, and Dave seconded. All approved unanimously by a show of hands.

NEW BUSINESS: Alan asked if anyone had seen [the article on the AOPA website](#) about the FAA that mentions our Airpark. Currently, Independence Airpark is the "poster child" for how an airpark should be run. According to Dave, the AOPA's position on the FAA stand regarding airparks has been neutral in the past, but it is no longer: they are firmly pressing the FAA to back off of established airparks. The ODA has asked us to not start a letter-writing campaign yet, since there are no actual policies in place to protest. The agreed consensus is to lay low until some policy is actually about to be enacted. The FAA has other problems right now, including the Washougal debacle where deeded access from nearby houses is being threatened. Discussion centered around how pro-active to be, as opposed to reactive.

Carole mentioned that there have been complaints about the Muis house, specifically the yard, since no one lives there and the weeds are getting very tall. Blackberry brambles are reaching the gutters. This may be a City matter, but the Association has the option to weed-whack the yard and attach a lien on the house. The City should be approached first, though, since this matter may be their jurisdiction. The Savage house was also mentioned, and while there are fewer cars on his property, his big-rig truck is parked on the street, and that is a violation of City ordinance. Kelly said that if he did that again, he would talk to him.

There was also some discussion about Joan Malette's suggestion that someone within the Association purchase Harry's fuel depot. The Association itself cannot do this, since IAHA is a non-profit organization, but an individual can once enough information is gathered.

ADJOURNMENT: Craig made the motion to adjourn, and Keith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM. The next meeting has been set for October 22.

Respectfully submitted by Robert English, secretary.