

Bucks Lake Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Bucks Lake, CA

Officers:

Ken Nelson, President

Matt Grubbs, Vice-President

Michele Grubbs, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Minutes -DRAFT

Regular Annual Meeting

July 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Haskins Store, Bucks Lake, California

**I. Open Meeting/Standing Orders:**

**A.** Call Meeting to Order: 10:15 a.m. by President Ken Nelson

**B.** Introduction of Board of Directors/Roll Call:

Present: Ken Nelson, James Moore, Marcie Baker, Rachel Martinez, Cricket Brumbaugh, Gernert Lorenzen, Kathy Evanoff, Dean Henricks, Pat Starr, Eric Ward, Michele Grubbs

Absent: Matt Grubbs,

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

**A.** Approval of May 31, 2021 Minutes. Director Marcie Baker motioned to approve the Minutes as presented; Director Cricket Brumbaugh seconded the motion; all in favor – motion passed.

**III. Reports and Updates – Outside Agencies:**

**A. Plumas County Sheriff and Lake Report.** Lake is currently 76% full. Everyone is asked to watch for rocks and debris at the shoreline and to stay between 100-200 feet back.

**B. PG&E - Jesus Viscarra, Principal Land Planner, Environmental Management - Generation:**

PG&E equipment yard will continue to be a permanent functioning working site.

Spillway - Work still underway. Will not be lowered as far down as last year.

Resurfacing the back side of Lower Bucks to stop infiltration.

Grizzly Dam still closed – depending on outcome of inspection - repairs pending.

Upper Lake - Boat ramp repair at Haskins campground submitted for work to be done end of season or in 2022.

Haskins ramp will need rebuilt.

The 25' lake setback from high water mark was established to ensure public access.

PG&E cabin lease owners must contact PG&E land agent before engaging in any activity within the 25' zone.

PG&E being aggressively active in Vegetation Management - keeping lines cleared.

Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP) - inspections target high fire risk areas.

**C. Forest Service - *Leslie Edlund, Public Service Staff Officer:***

Additional fire crews hired to burn during the winter. Grant monies were from PG&E.

Do not have a District Ranger at moment - before any long-term commitments are made, need one in order to come up with a 20 yr. plan.

Logging permits not being given out is not the issue for burned wood removal - there's not enough wood mills capacities. SPI prioritized lumber from their land, resulting in there not being a mill to take the FS lumber.

North Complex Fire: Just couldn't get the resources on it; State lost a lot of inmate crews.

Are lightning strikes treated different than man-made fires - Yes and No

Lightning strikes in remote rugged areas like Bear Fire - smoke jumpers dropped on Middle Fork, but extremely rugged country and not really accessible.

Man-made fires - not necessarily remote and accessible.

OSV – New Over the Snow Management Plan was objected to; there have been 17 meetings so far.

Trash and Dumpsters - adding more dumpsters and talking with camp hosts. Bears are in issue because of trash. Day users are supposed to Pack-In and Pack-Out but they don't, they're leaving trash behind. All questions, concerns or comments can be emailed to Leslie.

Look into doing more public info campaigns to educate Day Users of the hazards of leaving trash behind.

PG&E & FS are working together.

*Member Comments:*

- Look into use of a shredder to mulch piles as it has many more benefits.
- Ask PG&E if slash piles can be stored at their site instead of at Quarry Rd.
- Look into ensuring contracts specify contractor is not allowed to just take lumber, but must also remove slash piles.
- Add more dumpsters at campground and at Kiosk.

**D. Plumas County Supervisor – *Greg Hagwood, Supervisor, District 4***  
*Supervisor, Greg Hagwood:*

The trails system at Bucks has not been a current topic of discussion or debate. Stewardship Council does want to connect communities through a trail system; however, the trails cannot have an adverse effect to property owners. Greg supports creating, marketing, and developing attractions to bring in a stronger economy to Plumas County.

Greg will include the HOA when the trails system is brought to the Plumas County Board.

PG&E - Jesus Viscarra:

Stewardship Council's desire/proposal is to build trail system southside of Bucks Lake Rd. up to Bucks Creek. Concern is the trail being above/next to the PG&E cabins water system.

Sierra Butte Trails Stewardship has to do feasibility study first. Plumas County must contact PG&E and PG&E must grant permission before a trail system can be established and built.

Jesus understood the original conceptual plan to be a walking trail behind Timberline down to the Bucks Lake bridge.

*Member Comments:*

Pros:

- Lots of cabin owners currently ride bikes and would use the trails.
- Sierra Butte Stewardship produces quality trail systems - ones that all ages can use.
- Plan now calls for walking, biking, and horseback.

Cons:

- Concern human waste above water supply.
- Illegal trails already up there and being used and trash is being left behind.

**E. Stewardship Council** – Why is the Stewardship Council still in existence; it was set to expire. *Board will reach out to the Stewardship Council to find out.*

**F. FERC** - Currently no board member actively participating.

**G. Bucks Lake Fire Department** –Joe Knight, BLFD President & Neal Baker BLFD Board of Director, Jim Rutherford, BLFD Board of Director:

Five (5) Volunteers: Don Beskeen, Dave Beskeen, Jordon Beskeen, Mark Mantle, and Mike Vanneman.

Secretary - Bill Nolte

Treasurer - Barry O'Sullivan and Paul Glock

Looking for a new CEO and until the position is filled, President and Board of Directors are the acting CEO.

Looking for more volunteers; several promising candidates have expressed interest in joining.

Two Non-Profit organizations:

Bucks Lake Fire Dept., Inc. 501(c)(4) non-tax-deductible

Bucks Lake Volunteers, Inc 501(c)(3) tax deductible

Neal Baker working with OES, FS, SAM, and US Treasurer to obtain documentation of paperwork submitted for reimbursement from government for the use of the fire station, equipment, and wages for last year's fire. Majority of monies would be for the volunteers' wages. As soon as the documentation is obtained, it will become part of the Fire Department's financials and available to community members. Financials are currently available.

Pancake breakfast - served over 800+  
Fire Department is looking forward in continuing to work alongside the HOA to better the Bucks Lake community.

**ADD ON- Bucks Lake Snow Drifters** - Kyle Felker (HOA member), (Bucks Lake Snow Drifters Snowmobile club CNSA rep, and the CNSA Northern Regional Director).

US Forestry trying to put in place a 6,000 foot buffer over the Pacific Crest Trail and prohibit snowmobile access; this would include the cut-off road up by the Summit. The OSV plan was objected to because it will have a ripple effect. Currently, there are 5 river crossings and the FS wants to limit those.

FS wants there to be a 12” snow depth before snowmobiling can be allowed on road. Don’t need 12”, but it’s what is being proposed.

FS trying to stop the grooming of trails out to Bald Eagle.

Conflicts between snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. Skiers complain of noise. Snowmobile registration fees pay for the grooming of the trails.

#### **IV. Discussion/Action Items:**

**A.** Proposal to amend the current HOA Bylaws to allow for online voting services for future general elections. Such amendment would be in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of the Bylaws.

Points in favor:

- Rapid results
- Secure voting
- Minimal technology requirements (smart phone app)
- Meeting not required

Points against:

- Weak Wi-Fi connections around the lake
- Not all Members own smartphones
- Mail still works and is familiar to all

**B.** Proposal to amend the current HOA Bylaws to allow for write-in voting for eligible and interested candidates for open HOA director/officer positions. Such amendment would be in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of the Bylaws.

Points in favor:

- Write-ins have already been used in previous elections
- Allows broader range of candidates

Points against:

- Write-ins are not an authorized process in current Bylaws
- Difficult to pre-qualify write-in candidates as to eligibility and/or interest in serving if elected

**ADD ON- Proposal** (by Member Mark Pawelczyk) to amend current Bylaws to require that Board seats from individual membership tracts be elected only by Members residing in those tracts. Officer positions would remain elected by at-large Member voting.

Points in favor:

- Improved Member representation for individual tracts

Points against:

- Additional layer of complexity in balloting

Three items involving HOA voting procedures were brought to the membership for discussion. Each item would require amending the HOA Bylaws for enactment.

After discussion of these three items, informal polling of the membership indicated at least enough interest for the Board to go back and further develop and refine each proposal into a form that the membership could then consider for a vote.

**V. Ballot Results:**

**A. Appointment of new Directors and Officers.**

Ballot Results:

President Position

James Moore – 83

Dustin Doyle – 29

**2021-2022 President: James Moore**

Vice President Position

Cameron Miille – 26

Kevin “Elwood” Stevens - 85

**2021-2022 V.P: Kevin “Elwood” Stevens**

Private Position

Marcie Baker – Private (unopposed)

**2021-2022 Private: Marcie Baker**

PG&E Position

Cricket Brumbaugh – PG&E  
(unopposed)

**2021-2022 PG&E: Cricket Brumbaugh**

**VI. Treasurer’s Report:**

**A. Approval of 2020-2021 Actual and 2021-2022 Proposed Budget**

Director Kathy Evanoff motioned to approve the 2020-2021 Actual and 2021-2022 Proposed Budget as presented; Director Marcie Baker seconded the motion; all in favor – motion passed.

**B. Financial Report- As of Friday 7/16/2021:**

Fraud Acct. closed. \$100.04 transferred to HOA checking account on 6/15/2021.

Bank of America: \$ 12,607.79

Current membership: 164 as of 7/17/2021

**VII. Public Comment:**

Question – should HOA publish membership by district e.g., XX PG&E, XX Private, etc.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.