

# WILDWOOD HIGHLANDER

## Summer 2007

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### **2007 ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2007 annual meeting of the WHLA was held at the Datil Volunteer Fire Dept. firehouse in Datil on 19 May 2007. For what is believed to be the first time since incorporation, a quorum was present. Minutes are available on the WHLA website. The principle item of business was the election of three new Board of Directors (BoD) members. They are:

David Brown, Lot #6	6 Rock Spring Circle	772-5646	<a href="mailto:dntbrown@gilanet.com">dntbrown@gilanet.com</a>
Thomas Cook, Lot #7	7 Rock Spring Circle	772-5350	<a href="mailto:tomcook@gilanet.com">tomcook@gilanet.com</a>
John Schaefer, Lot #5	5 Rock Spring Circle	772-5776	<a href="mailto:jfs@wildblue.net">jfs@wildblue.net</a>

Returning BoD members are/were:

Alma McCarty, Lot #57	Western View Drive	772-5153	(no email)
Chad Morrow, Lot #73	Western View Drive	772-5310	<a href="mailto:chadsince1963@gilanet.com">chadsince1963@gilanet.com</a>

Subsequent to the annual meeting Mr. Morrow resigned. He was replaced by Member-at-Large John Kell on 10 June 2007. Mr. Kell's contact information is

John Kell, Lot # 83	Western View Drive	772-5929	<a href="mailto:johnkell@shaw.ca">johnkell@shaw.ca</a>
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### **WHLA OFFICERS for 2007-2008**

At the first meeting of the new BoD, held at the Cook residence on 25 May 2007,

Tom Cook was elected president,

David Brown was elected vice-president,

Alma McCarty was elected treasurer (continuing),

and John Schaefer was elected secretary. John will also serve as newsletter editor.

### **WHLA WEBSITE**

As noted above, the WHLA has a new website. The BoD has determined that it will serve a more prominent role than did the old site. Minutes of all meeting...annual general and all BoD...will be posted. Association member Jonille Shepherd, Lot #11, 772-5603, [shepherd@gilanet.com](mailto:shepherd@gilanet.com), will serve as webmaster. The site is still under development at this time. Please provide input to Jonille. Our thanks to Judy Schaefer at I-stuff.com for hosting our site. Again: the site URL is [www.wildwoodhighlands.org](http://www.wildwoodhighlands.org).

## **COMMUNITY WELL**

The Wildwood – Wildwood Highlands Community Well is dead, and has been declared to be an unlikely candidate for resurrection. The well fund has been dissolved and contributions returned to WHLA members. The WHLA BoD will make the issue of a new well (or ?) one of high priority in the next few months.

## **ROADS**

Roads within and leading to Wildwood Highlands are the major concern of (and major reason for existence of) the WHLA. VP David Brown is the chair of the BoD roads committee. David has been extremely active since 25 May and has prepared this report:

We had a couple of rain showers in June that allowed us to do roadwork without bone dry conditions. Summers Reed and crew did the work, bringing four loads of gravel on Western View Drive, 2 loads on Rock Spring Circle and one on Agua Fria near the western end. This was in addition to 3 culverts placed to divert water from soaking the roads and washing away gravel and road base. We can use many more culverts.

Agua Fria Hill in Wildwood has always been a problem because it washboards so easily. Part of the problem is that the gravel is so deep and loose. We brought in two loads of crusher fines and pulled some of the gravel into this in hopes of binding the gravel more and preventing it from wash-boarding as easily. Your help can also be of value if we can remember to keep a light foot on the accelerator on the hill.

This spring we gave more attention to grading the secondary roads. Some roads have not seen a grader in five years. Unfortunately there are areas where there is just not enough dirt to grade and these areas we couldn't really do a thing. A grader can do nothing with solid rock. We want all roads to be better and we are interested in your ideas and suggestions.

We are also interested in your help as there are a number of projects that need to be done that really require man hours more than heavy equipment and volunteers are being sought. If spending a morning with shovel in hand or carrying rock sounds like fun, contact David Brown or any other board member.

Be well and be happy.

## **WHLA ARCHIVIST**

The BoD has agreed that an archivist of WHLA records would be a good thing. President Tom Cook (whose idea it was!) was tasked with finding one. Good hunting, Tom!

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

The WHLA BoD has met three times since the 19 May elections. Meeting minutes can be found on the WHLA website. The Board has determined that all of its meeting will be open to any and all WHLA members. We will do our very best to insure that meeting details will be posted on the website well in advance of the event.

## **BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The WHLA Board of Directors has established a Bylaw Review Committee to assess and update (as needed) the WHLA Bylaws. Member-at-Large John Kell will chair the committee. All members with suggestions for improving our bylaws are asked to contact John at [johnkell@shaw.ca](mailto:johnkell@shaw.ca) . As suggested amendments are developed, they will be presented to the WHLA membership for review.

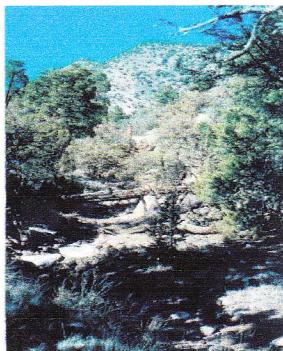
## **POLICY ON MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

The BoD asks your cooperation in providing us an email address for newsletters and other necessary or useful communications. One mailing by USPS to all will expend almost 1% of a lot owner's annual dues ... we can all think of better ways to spend that money! To those who received this newsletter in the USPS mail: Please send your email address to the secretary/newsletter editor. It's John Schaefer at [jfs@wildblue.net](mailto:jfs@wildblue.net) (and, since that one is not working well at the moment, copy [schaefer@wildblue.net](mailto:schaefer@wildblue.net) ). Also, if you do not wish to have your email address shared with other WHLA members, please let me (editor John) know. A short summary of our policy is:

- If it can go by email and we have your email address, that's the way it will go.
- Otherwise, it will go by USPS, but we'll continually bug you for an email address.
- We hope to eventually have contact details for all members on the web site. You can opt out by letting the secretary know.

## **NOTES FROM A LANDOWNER**

The air is clean, the flowers are all in bloom, the temperatures are somewhat cooler and the birds are singing. You should come on out and enjoy your property.



## **BOARD MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER**

There will be a board meeting on Sunday, September 2, at 11 AM. As always, the meeting is open to all landowners. We hope that you will attend and participate. The meeting will be followed at 12 o'clock by a potluck dinner. Bring chairs, a potluck dish, and drinks for yourself. We will furnish plates and silverware. The meeting and dinner will be held in Tom Cook's garage, which is located at 7 Rock Spring Circle. Rock Spring Circle is the first road west of the Laude's and lot 7 is the first driveway on the right after you leave Agua Fria.