

WILDWOOD HIGHLANDER

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2008 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2008 annual meeting of the WHLA will be held at the Datil Volunteer Fire Dept. firehouse in Datil on 17 May 2008, at 10 AM MDT. The formal notice, agenda, list of BoD candidates, ballots, and other material will be mailed to all members in early April. Please see the material below regarding BoD elections. Please also recall that our new bylaws incorporate detailed procedures for consideration of amendments to same. The bylaws are on the web site. For convenience Article 7 is repeated here:

Article 7 – Amendments

Section 7.1 – Proposal: An amendment may be proposed by:

- a resolution of the Board of Directors, approved by a majority of the Board, or
- members in good standing having five or more of the votes entitled to be cast at the annual meeting.

A proposed amendment must be filed with the Secretary of the Association not less than forty (40) days before the date of the annual meeting. The proposers may provide a statement, of not more than 100 words, in support of the proposed amendment, for inclusion with the Notice of Meeting. The Board of Directors may also provide a statement, of not more than 100 words, for or against the proposed amendment, for inclusion with the Notice of Meeting. The board reserves the right to edit material deemed patently offensive.

Section 7.2 - Approval: To be approved at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting, a proposed amendment must receive an affirmative vote of members in good standing having two thirds or more of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

Amendments must be received by 7 April for consideration this year.

BoD CANDIDATES NEEDED

There will be two vacancies on the WHLA BoD this year. If you have an interest in serving on the BoD, please remember that written nominations are due NLT 40 days prior to the annual meeting (that date this year is 7 April! Hurry!), and must be signed

and dated by at least two members in good standing having two or more votes (bylaws Section 4.4 excerpt below). Send the nominating papers to the Secretary, WHLA, POB 87, Datil, NM 87821-0087.

Section 4.4. Nomination (excerpt)

A member in good standing may be nominated for the position of Director by the submission of nomination papers to the Secretary of the Association, not less than forty (40) days before the date of the annual meeting. The nomination papers shall be signed and dated by the nominee, and signed and dated by members in good standing having two or more of the votes entitled to be cast at the annual meeting.

Sample nominating paper

Nominators:

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate John Doe for the position of Director of the Wildwood Highlands Landowners' Association, for the term beginning in May 2008.

Name: James Doe
Lot Number: 123
Signature: James Doe
Date Signed: 2008-Apr-01

Name: Matthew Doe
Lot Number: 456
Signature: Matthew Doe
Date Signed: 2008-Apr-01

Nominee:

I accept the nomination:

Name: John Doe
Lot Number: 789
Signature: John Doe
Date Signed: 2008-Apr-01

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

David Brown, Lot #6	6 Rock Spring Circle	772-5646	dntbrown(at)gilanet.com
Thomas Cook, Lot #7	7 Rock Spring Circle	772-5350	tomcook(at)gilanet.com
John Kell, Lot # 83	83 Western View Drive	772-5929	johnkell(at)shaw.ca_
Alma McCarty, Lot #57	57 Western View Drive	772-5153	(no email)
John Schaefer, Lot #5	5 Rock Spring Circle	772-5776	jfs(at)gilanet.com

WHLA WEBSITE

As noted above, the WHLA has a 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...have been and will be posted. Association member Jonille Shepherd, Lot #11, 772-5603, [shepherd\(at\)gilanet.com](mailto:shepherd(at)gilanet.com), serves as webmaster. Our thanks to Judy Schaefer at I-stuff.com for hosting our site. Again: the site URL is 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, acting with the neighboring Wildwood Landowners' Association, has explored ways to resurrect or replace the well, but the prognosis is bleak.

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 typically expends over ½ percent of our annual budget: 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\(at\)gilanet.com](mailto:jfs(at)gilanet.com). 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 (Unless required by bylaws to go by USPS).
- Otherwise, it will go by USPS, but we'll continually bug you for an email address.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next BoD meeting will be held in the Cook home at 7 Rock Spring Circle at 4 PM MDT on Sunday 30 March 2008. The principal business will be establishment of the agenda for the 17 May annual meeting.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Due to late reminder by the secretary, non-receipt of email by members with "yahoo" addresses, some lost mail, and other miscellaneous problems, the BoD decided in its 16 March meeting to set the late fee for the month of February at zero. Members whose dues were received on or after 1 March 2008 owe the Association \$5 for each and every month after February.

**** See you at the annual meeting, 10 AM Saturday 17 May 2008, Datil Firehouse.
As always, we will terminate with a potluck lunch.****