



# HVPOA Newsletter

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May 1, 2010

## Next Board Meeting:

May 15, 2010 10 am  
Location: Mt Pleasant city Hall

## Next Member Meeting:

July 17, 2010 10 am  
Location: Pavilion in Hideaway

**BBQ to follow** next member meeting. To contribute food or fun call Bennie, the Activities' Director. (801) 754-5526



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## Election Results in

The annual meeting was well attended with 148 ballots submitted in person, by mail, fax, and even email. Only one was placed in the illegal pile because the member did not sign their name or lot number.

In order to comply with IRS regulations and not jeopardize the Associations standing as a Not-For-Profit organization the members voted to approve rolling the left over fund from the last two years into the new budget. The proposed budget passed with a 125 votes of approval. That means that this year's assessment is \$168. In March, the board approved a 10% discount in assessments (\$151.20) if paid in full by May 31, 2010. So get those assessments in!

The amended and restated By-laws were approved with 102 for and only 41 against. We congratulate the members for approving the By-laws as they will help the association run smoother for many years to come.

In the election for board members Clifford Johnson was re-elected and R. Mike "Jake" Jacobson was newly elected to the HVPOA Board of Trustees.

Clifford Johnson	94
Jake Jacobson	87
Bryan Cook	40
Roy Walker	55

In the Board meeting immediately following the Members Meeting Clifford was unanimously approved to continue as President of the board and Jake was named as 2nd Vice President after Boyd. Jake will also work with Boyd Williams on the roads.

## COLLECTION UPDATES

*NOTE: If you are current or ahead on your assessments, skip to the next article.*

In a few weeks those of you who owe more than \$1000 in past due assessments will receive a call and or letter from an attorney seeking payment; this effects approximately 40 lots. This is your final opportunity to pay, or make payment arrangements, before your lot will incur additional and substantial fees. Please contact your Board of Trustees immediately if the amount owed on the enclosed statement is incorrect or if you want to start a payment plan. Individual Board members *are not authorized* to make special agreements but we will address your case at the next scheduled meeting of the Board. We will vote on the proposed arrangements and you will receive, in writing, a contractual agreement. If you were charged late fee or any fee other than interest, please call for a correction to your account.

## HIDEAWAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Roads.** Boyd Williams and Tom LeFevre made a presentation on the roads at the annual meeting. Part of the presentation included the promise that all roads not gone over last year because of some unexpected and expensive road work, will be worked on this year. The *entire* board has authorized and budgeted over \$80,000 to the roads which is 50% of the budget. Past budgets have allocated from 22% to 36% of the budget to our roads, so 50% demonstrates this board's intentions of cutting down on administration costs and focusing as much as possible on well maintained access to lots.

**Reminder about Inspecting Records:** The board approves all expenditures from the previous month at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The checkbook and deposit slips will be available for inspection following meetings. All other pertinent records will be on the official website.

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## About Ballots

The board obtained a legal opinion regarding ballots and our elections. It can be found on the official Hideaway website. He explains the differences between Oral, Standing, Open Ballot, Secret Ballot, and what a written ballot is. There is nothing in the state Statute that requires Secret ballots. He explains the strengths and weaknesses of using a secret ballots and suggests that if we want to use secret ballots, that we must amend the by-laws again. He suggests that it is an inherent weakness not to allow nominations from the floor during an election.

At the annual meeting, a member brought up secret ballots during the open forum. He suggested that Robert's Rules required secret ballots when voting by written ballot. However, Hideaway By-laws require a mail-in ballot for most issues and is governed by state law-Section 2.8: *Any Mail-in Ballot shall comply with the Statutes of the State of Utah (specifically Utah Code 16-6a-709) and Robert's Rules: Section 1.2.*

State law does not require secret mail-in ballots for Non-profits and Roberts Rules specifically disallows them: *Voting by mail cannot be a secret ballot, as it is necessary for the tellers to know by whom each vote is cast.* Article 3, Section 48.

The drawback of mail-in ballots is that they can't be secret. But the advantage is that most absentee owners get a chance to vote on the candidates and be a part of the decision making that affect us here in Hideaway.

### BALLOTS ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD:

At this annual meeting a few members carried in ballots for members not attending. This technically should disqualify a ballot. Ballots were to be filled out in person at the annual meeting or received by the board via mail, email, or fax by noon on the day preceding the election. The ballots were counted this time, (they would not have affected the outcome) but in the future any ballots not meeting the clearly stated requirements will be considered illegal and not counted. *So follow the By-laws so all votes can be counted!!!!*

## Special thanks to:

**Louise Knapp** for manning the welcome table at the annual meeting.

**Gary Majnik** for his excellent suggestion about beginning a swap meet to recycle our unwanted items (see page 4)

**Tom LeFevre** for arranging for removal of and recycling of metal, especially old cars and appliances!

**Terry Holzworth** The Association would like to thank Mr. Terry Holzworth for filling in these past few months. His knowledge of Associations and the budget process was greatly appreciated. Along with his leadership, he brings a wealth of personal knowledge of the history of Hideaway. Terry has owned property since the 1980's and we hope he will continue to contribute!



## Money Saving Secret:

Pay your 2010-11 assessments in full for the entire year and get a 10% discount! The Assessment this year is \$168 but you may only pay \$151.20 if you pay now. Those who want to continue to pay by the quarter may, but when you are late, a 10% penalty will apply.

Keep in mind that if you have an outstanding balance you cannot qualify for the 10% discount until the balance is paid first.

If you want to pay by credit card or bank draft, send an email to: [treasurer@hideawayvalley.org](mailto:treasurer@hideawayvalley.org) and she will send an email invoice from Pay Pal. You do not have to have a Pay Pal account to use these methods and it is secure and private as well.

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"Unless we receive the outstanding balance of your HOA dues within ten days, we will have no choice but to destroy your credit rating, ruin your reputation, and make you wish you were never born. If you have already sent the seven cents, please disregard this notice."

## Trash Issues:

It seems like the trash issue in Hideaway is a never ending source of garbage—pun intended. Tom LeFevre has thoroughly researched the issues with trash and found that if a few owners and non-association neighbors continue to abuse the service, it will be lost to the association. Why? Because the bins are for household trash only. The signs are posted, but some lot owners ignore the signs and a few non-members travel to Hideaway to dump their garbage.

All these items have been found in our household trash bin:

- Dog poop (this is an abuse of our service)
- Mattress's, broken furniture, TVs, (haul to Ephraim, please)
- Hazardous waste: paint cans, batteries, {radioactive suitcase bombs?}
- Tires, construction material, slash, water heaters, car parts (the vendor gets fined)

If you value the trash service, it can not be abused. Your board is making every effort to save expenses and maintain services. Everyone who dumps material other than household garbage takes us one step closer losing our vendors.

### So what can you do with your other “stuff.”

**Dog poop:** Dig a hole on your own land and bury it, or scatter out across your acreage and let mother nature handle it.

**Abandoned cars or large metal objects:** Call Tom LeFevre or Boyd Williams to have them removed.

**Batteries:** Place all batteries next to the fence and the board will have them removed.

**Hazardous materials.** Contact the fire department either in Indianola or in Fairview for direction.

**Other:** Slash and construction material and old appliances need to go to the land fill which is free. It is located at mile post 269 between Mt. Pleasant and Ephraim on Hwy 89 on the west side of the street (small sign so you have to search). Please don't burn your slash for safety reasons. Haul it to the landfill or contact a board member.

### DISSCISSON IN JULY MEETING

There will be an open member discussion on what to do about the trash at the July Member's meeting. Please do your research and bring your suggestions. What we have now is a flawed system but if we work together, we can find a solution that will benefit us all.

Be aware of our concerns for the next member's meeting: Bins hold household garbage *only* unless we have the clean up bins. Construction material and slash can go in the clean up dumpsters but not hazardous material. Expect the clean up bin in June. It will be marked!

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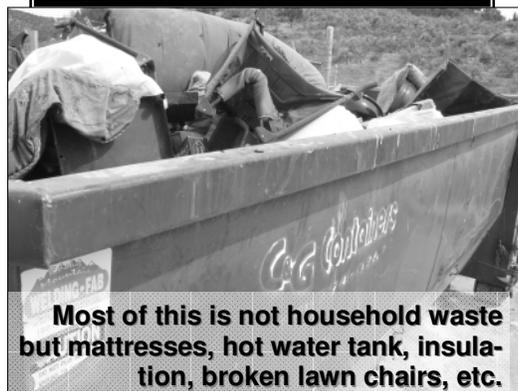
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**Most of this is not household waste but mattresses, hot water tank, insulation, broken lawn chairs, etc.**

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**Drunk or Impaired Driving:** Please be mindful of everyone and DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE! When drinking, please stay on your own property or at the social gathering and DO NOT drive on our roads. WE receive many complaints about a few swilling beer openly and tossing the cans out the window. Please do not risk your future and the lives of your neighbors.

**Firehouse:** Our Fire Marshal asks that people do NOT park at the firehouse or leave vehicles there. As convenient as it is, this is not appropriate. Vehicles will be towed.

**Official Communications:** All communications to the board must be mailed to our official box address located on the front of this newsletter. For non official communications you may use the phone or email addresses of the trustees. So please go

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# Statement Inside Please Open

### **Coming in next issue:**

*Notice for the July Annual Meeting*

*Opinion pieces on Trash removal*

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through the proper channels if you need something addressed.

**Swap Meet in the common area?** Gary Majnik suggested we conduct a regularly scheduled swap meet in the common area. "Not only is this a good idea for members, but it might cut down on what people throw in the bins. Maybe they can offer to swap the stuff they don't want any longer," he explained.

Here are some options: Have a swap meet and BBQ following the summer and fall quarterly member meeting. We could schedule the last Saturday of the month from May through September for a yard sale/swap meet. Signs could be placed on the highway to attract other folks to buy things.

Types of items to sell or swap: yard sale items, unwanted construction material that is still useful, hand made crafts, eggs and produce. Those who have extra kittens might want to swap them for a home baked pie!



**Volunteer! Your  
community needs you!**

### **Committees Rock**

Many board members say that committees are the lifeblood of associations. More importantly, in a well organized association, committees are where it's at. Community members often consider the board as the "best" place to be involved. However in a well-run community, important issues are first worked through and refined by committees and the board merely puts on the final stamp of approval (with the assistance of legal counsel, of course) .

The most active committee you might consider being on now is the Covenants Committee. It is time to revamp outdated and unenforceable covenants and bring Hideaway up to date with County Code and have them reflect our goals as a community.

To contribute to the Covenants Committee, please call the chair, Vivian Kunz at 435-427-3608.