

Minutes of Shield O Terraces Annual Meeting  
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Held on Wednesday July 8, 2009  
Kindly hosted at the home of Emily and Hawly Smith

Presentations before meeting:

Introduction to the Snowmass Capital Creek Caucus-get to know your neighbors and become part of the process to help preserve the beauty and environment where we live. There is a website with a monthly newsletter at [www.snowcapcaucus.org](http://www.snowcapcaucus.org)

Crystal Yates-White of the Pitkin County Weed Control urged persistence and vigilance in controlling the problem of noxious weeds in our area. For the subdivision, white top is one of the most urgent problems. The best solution is early control. Cost share funds to help pay for control are available from the county.

Meeting:

The meeting was brought to order by Michael Vernon. It was determined that there was not a quorum present.

Present were as follows: Hal and Joy Hartman, Michael Vernon and \_\_\_\_\_, Tom Decco and Margaret Walker, Katie and Larry Leonaitis, Emily and Hawly Smith, Eric and Kelly Hansen, Mark Regan, Rick Cote, Muriel Frei, Kevin Michalson

Previous minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report was presented by Kevin and accepted. Annual dues will be reduced by \$100. Full report will be posted on website.

Weed report presented by Eric. Good progress on thistle. White tops are the new scourge in the neighborhood. We will continue to attack and the county is helping with the cost of materials.

Fire mitigation: the first pass of thinning along all roads is now complete. Remember that the egress in case of fire is down Shield O Road, fire trucks will be coming up the Mesa road. We will get reimbursement for clearing.

Road Maintenance: Everyone was satisfied with the road work. All roads except Blue Sage got new cover. We are still getting washboard up from the mailboxes at the entrance due to people accelerating up the hill. Please goslowly. Old Pond is in good condition. A special thanks to Eric for all his work overseeing this project.

Revised Association Rules: Kevin recorded an amended and restated rules dealing with surplus funds and reserves. It will be posted on the website.

Tom Decco recommended getting legal opinion on dealing with existing reserves or consensus of membership on keeping existing reserves. Hawly Smith was opposed to spending money on opinion. Michael Vernon recommended board deal with it.

Tom Decco will work on issues dealing with statement of compliance as required by the State.

#### New Business

Kevin has worked on an updated map of the subdivision. It is posted on the website.

Eric noted that SOT is now providing many more services to the membership but some members are forgetting the efforts made on their behalf and being demanding and disagreeable. This attitude can have the unfortunate effect of decreasing the level of volunteerism of members willing to give of their time for the benefit of all. This could also lead to the necessity of hiring a manager. Please understand that this is a rural area and it is not meant to have the same level of services as a city.

Election of Board: 14 members were represented at the meeting, 17 are needed for a quorum. The following were conditionally elected to the Board- Tom Decco, Hawley Smith, Michael Vernon, Eric Hansen, Mark Regan, Joy Hartman, Kevin Michalson. All present approved.

Michael Vernon will solicit additional votes need to confirm.

A plea was made for other members to help with governance of the Association. The participation of all is needed.

Hal Hartman noted that the Old Pond water table is dropping, possibly due to construction of a cut for a driveway nearby. We are losing our riparian habitat. There was discussion of ways of preserving the water level.

Hawley Smith noted that if the ditch could be reopened it would help the water table for the whole subdivision. He is working on getting the ditch reopened.

Tom Decco said that the people at the State say that the ditch cannot be counted on to increase the water table. Michael Vernon noted that there are many pluses to irrigation.

We want to thank and acknowledge the efforts of those in attendance of the annual meeting and the Smiths for hosting. We want to especially thank all the Board members for all their efforts to make this Association work.

Michael Vernon called for adjournment of the meeting.