

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUME 2, ISSUE 2

The following items were discussed at the Firelight Meadows Unit Owners Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

Collections: The Board received a report from CBO Collections of Bozeman on the progress in collecting past due assessments and other charges from owners/previous owners. The report gave the Board every confidence that all legal avenues are being pursued and that the revenues being received from past due accounts will continue.

Chalet Repairs: Cornerstone Construction Contractors gave a full report on progress made to date. They have over 2,500 pictures showing the deficiencies of original construction they have found and the steps they are taking to correct them.

Parking Rules: The Board approved a revision of the parking rules of the association to correct the flaws in the previous version. Please note those changes in the forthcoming minutes or on the website at www.apmbigsky.com.

Condo Trash Bins: It was reported that the Condominium Trash bins are being used by non-condominium residents. Those trash removal fees are paid ONLY by the condo owners, so any other persons using those bins are poaching! Correspondence will be sent to chalet owners/renters that are not subscribing to regular trash pickup to assure that our own owners/renters are not the poachers. The Board will take future steps to stop this poaching.

Propane: The Board selected Northern Propane as the vendor of choice for a new agreement to supply propane to condominiums. The new agreement commences April 1, 2011. Sam Geppert holds this portfolio and we thank him for his work in getting this accomplished. Please read the specifics in the minutes when they arrive.

Snow Removal Report: The Board discussed at length the status of snow plowing/shoveling and roof shoveling throughout the campus this snow season. There were many negative observations from Board members and owners present. Dick Hovde agreed to work toward more owner satisfaction of those services.

Welcome Letter to New Owners: New owners will be given a welcome letter in their title packets at signing, as well as being sent the welcome letter when they are issued their first assessment invoice. A copy of that letter is available for review on the website.

Legal Issues with West Fork Utilities: The Board discussed these matters in Executive Session. The Board disagrees strongly with WFU's request for water and sewer rate increases and also disagrees that the Unit Owners Association is responsible for those owners that do not agree to pay their own utility bills. WFU has demanded the Unit Owners Association pay these bills on the individual owners' behalf.

Your Board of Directors members are Garrett Baldensperger, Jack Eakman, Amy Free, Sam Geppert, Twila Moon, Scott O'Connor and Sam Reznicek.