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BLACKHAWK NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Update

Important Links:

- [Blackhawk Website](#)
- [Blackhawk Facebook](#)
- [Covenants](#)
- [Driveway and Building Compliance Forms](#)
- [Contact Information](#)
- [July 27, 2019 Minutes](#)

The Blackhawk Board of Directors for 2019-2020 held their first meeting on July 27. The new officers are Glenn Key, president; Brad Brooks, vice-president; Art Jackson, treasurer; Susanne Bloomfield, secretary; and Sue Boyd, board member. Frank Stump and Mark Sutter will serve as transition board members for the first three months.

With the approval of the dues increase to \$450 a month, the board hopes to continue to improve the BHR roads and clear culverts, add more matching funds for wildfire prevention grants, and with the help of the community, choose a design for a front entrance to replace the current, crumbling gateway.

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Aguilar Community Center. Property owners are invited to attend.

Anyone considering putting in a new driveway or constructing a new building, be sure to check out the requirements in the Blackhawk Ranch Covenants and submit the proper compliance forms. The links can be found on the left.

You will also need a building permit from either Las Animas or Huerfano counties if your accessory structure is 200 sq. ft. or over.

Huerfano 719-738-1220 opt.5

Las Animas 719-846-4486 opt.3

Call for Committee Volunteers

In an effort to involve more Blackhawk residents in activities and decision making on the Ranch, a call is going out for volunteers for the various committees. Joining with your neighbors in a common cause not only makes our BHR a better and safer place but also is a great way to meet and make new friends. Below is a list of the committees, their chairs, and a short summary of their duties. Please contact the chair of the committee if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions.

ROADS COMMITTEE

Glenn Key, chair (bhrpoaglenn@gmail.com)

This committee is in charge of planning road maintenance and improvement, scheduling snow removal, and assisting the chair with the road budget.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Brad Brooks, chair (tractorboy2017@gmail.com)

With an emphasis on wildfire prevention and emergency procedures, this committee is actively involved in cutting and chipping trees along ranch roads, writing grants for mitigation funding, coordinating with local emergency agencies, and providing accurate maps.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Sue Boyd, chair (schelm0152@gmail.com)

Reviewing compliance forms for new construction, investigating reports of covenant violations, and working with local officials are the major tasks of this committee.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Susanne Bloomfield, chair (skbloomfield65@gmail.com)

Serving as a source for disseminating information to property owners, this committee will work with the BHR board as well as the committee chairs in sharing news and events happening on BHR.

WEED COMMITTEE

Art Jackson, chair (bhrpoatreas@gmail.com)

Committee members will inspect the roads for noxious weeds, initiate spraying of the road easements in the spring and fall, and notify owners of infestations of noxious weeds visible from the roads.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Brad Brooks, vice president (tractorboy2017@gmail.com)

The BHR Board envisions this committee as a sort of Neighborhood Watch. With the threat of wildfires omnipresent, the increased traffic on the Ranch, and the growing problem of illegal marijuana grows, this committee will serve as a contact point for property owners and a liaison with local law enforcement.

AD HOC FRONT ENTRANCE COMMITTEE

Glenn Key, president (bhrpoaglenn@gmail.com)

This group will discuss and choose several options for repairing or replacing the front entryway, determine how much work can be done by BHR volunteers and/or contractors, and estimate expenses. The various designs with costs will be voted on by the property owners at the next annual meeting.

Fire on the Ranch

On the evening of August 8, lightning struck a tree on Lot 166 that sent flames up into the sky. Alert neighbors notified the owners, who immediately contacted 911 and called other Blackhawk residents. One person drove to the front gate to lead the fire truck to the fire site while others kept an eye on the fire until the emergency vehicles arrived.

The following day, fire trucks again responded when a resident called 911 because smoke was visible on the Ranch. This time, a property owner was burning slash without notifying BHR or the fire department. The fire responders explained that even with a medium fire danger, it is unwise to burn slash during the wildfire season.

With all of the rain storms we have had this year, it is very important that we all be vigilant and spot fires before they have a chance to spread. Quite often, lightning strikes may not start a fire like this immediately but smolder for a few days before they ignite.

