

## **Cornville Community Association**

### **General Meeting**

### **Annual Meeting**

**May 14, 2008**

The General meeting of the Cornville Community Association (CCA) was held at 7:00pm, Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the Oak Creek Elementary School Gymnasium, 11490 E. Purple Sage Rd., Cornville, Arizona 86325. There were 27 attendees and 2 guests.

Deanna King called the meeting to order. Everyone was welcomed and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The new Board Members were introduced with their new titles. Dave Belkiewitz is the new Secretary, and Russ Bottjer is our new Membership Coordinator.

The minutes of the April General Meeting were approved.

**Treasury:** Ted Luke reported the current CCA Treasury balance is \$3141.53. There were \$106.00 in deposits and \$199.51 withdrawn. There are still a few checks outstanding.

**Membership:** Russ Bottjer reported there are currently 213 paid members of the 2008 CCA.

**Cornville:** Lois Hook asked for new ideas for community events.

**Trails:** Paul Graham gave a trails update. He said that Kyle Berkamier with Yavapai County trails was hired in January, 2008. He coordinates trail groups from the entire Verde Valley and they meet each month. There was a meeting on the Coenville Stage Trail on May 13, 2008. Bill Stafford from the National Forest Service said the grant money that was received for that trail has been used up. To go any further, more money will be needed. Archaeological studies have been done and many sites have been mapped. On another note, Yavapai County's Multi Use Path along Cornville Road is proceeding.

**Cornville Green Fair:** For the June 2008 General Meeting, the CCA will be holding the First Annual "Green Fair". We have invited 7 to 9 groups to set up booths and discuss issues pertaining to going "green". It will be a fun and different type of meeting, so we encourage everyone to attend.

**Proposed Park at Aspaas Rd. and Cornville Rd. with Design by NAU:** A member asked about the progress of Northern Arizona University's study and our proposed park extension. The final information will be to us within 10-14 days. Then a meeting will be set up with Chip Davis and the Forest Service. At that meeting, they will figure out how much of the project Yavapai County is willing to take on.

**Lock Boxes for the Elderly:** Carole Mackler was a guest speaker and talked about "Lock Boxes for the Elderly". This is a service started by local REALTORS® where a person can apply to have a lock box with a key inside attached to their house for use by fire personnel in the event of an emergency. Only the local fire department will have a master key to the boxes, and they are not the same boxes used by the local Association of Realtors. Ann Ziller is the local coordinator for the program. Lock

Boxes for the Elderly is a free service, but they ask for financial information. If you don't qualify for the free service, the fee is nominal.

**Potential Local Illnesses:** Robert Resendes, director of Yavapai Health Services, came to speak about West Nile Virus and MRSA. He gave ways to avoid mosquito propagation at your property, and talked about how West Nile Virus is spread. It can be spread from mosquito to bird; bird to bird; mosquito to person and mosquito to horse. It is not spread from person to person, but the person or animal that is infected is now considered a "host" to the disease, which can lay dormant. MRSA is basically an antibiotic-resistant staff infection by bacteria which is primarily spread by bad hygiene.

**2008 Verde Valley Fire Season:** Verde Valley Fire Chief Jerry Doersken talked about measures that can be taken to avoid the big fire season which is predicted. This year was the 8<sup>th</sup> wettest winter on record. The main culprits this year contributing to wild fire are tumbleweeds and foxtails. Keep your property trimmed and mowed, and be sure there is no standing dry vegetation under trees. Trim trees and bushes so that branches are not touching the ground. Clean out rain gutters, and move firewood at least 25' away from any structure. Dry grass near structures is also a fire hazard. Be careful while grinding or welding. A member asked about the effectiveness of lightning rods. Chief Doersken said they work, although they are not common in this area. Any person wishing to install them should consult with an industry professional. There are important considerations associated with correctly installing and using lightning rods. All homes need to have a thorough emergency plan to deal with local disasters as well as emergency evacuation.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:00pm.

Lynne Ordean

Edited by Dave Belkiewitz, Secretary

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