

# **Berry Creek Community Association**

## **Minutes**

September 13, 2008  
70 Graystone Lane

Executive Council Present: Roger Cutler, Skip Gross, Loren Gill, Dori Hamill, Katherine Molohon

\_\_\_ Association members present

9:00am Call to Order

August 2, 2008 minutes approved

Announcement: CAKE benefit to raise money for new fire squad. October 18, 2008 at the Oroville Municipal Auditorium, doors open 7pm, show at 8pm, \$28. All proceeds to go to Berry Creek Fire Dept. Matching funds from county.

[www.berrycreekca.org](http://www.berrycreekca.org) Website: Steve Gerling is still in charge, and Will will take over soon. Needs new software. Updates need to happen to communicate with the community.

### Communications:

Skip: During evacuation Skip was barred from entering in area to program radio. At fire safe mtg. suggested that mobile radios be used to communicate. We need frequencies for scanner. Apparently BC Fire some of their scanners are old and they didn't get the frequency that was being broadcast for the fire unless you were in the fire vehicle. OES, Sheriff, Problem with chain of information.

Ham radio club wants to raise money for a transponder.

Contact Shari McCracken about Disaster Preparedness Training and ID cards.

Agencies involved: OES, BCF, CalFire, and Plumas National Forest. Need contacts for emergencies.

Fire Safe Council is already addressing some of this. We need to communicate with them as to progress.

**ACTION:** Executive Council to work with fire council and BC Fire Rescue to work towards resolution.

Committee Reports:

**Public Safety:**

Goal is to produce a paper with all of the frequencies relevant to us for the scanner and to produce a contact list for emergency offices as well.

Encourage everyone to buy a scanner (receive only) for emergencies to monitor emergency info.

### **Public Health:**

The committee met with Mark Trumm who will put together a presentation on the many options available to our community regarding health insurance. We do not qualify as an association, but individual plans offer options. The rules regarding eligibility and exclusions are changing. We want to present some options for more affordable health care plans at the next Town Meeting.

We are in the process of researching Rural Health programs that might bring a vaccination clinic to Berry Creek and further down the line, we hope some kind of clinic or doctor in a box will provide services up here.

### **Roads and Trails: Andy and Kathy**

\*Road Widening Petition: for the Improvement of Bald Rock Rd from Centerion Way on to Ruckerfeller Rd, and Ruckerfeller Rd on to Berry Creek School and the Berry Creek Fire Dept. 61. 170 signatures currently collected, goal is 1000. ACTION: canvas for signatures. 18 and over Berry Creek residents or property owners qualify to sign. This is just the first step to show the county that this is an issue we are concerned enough about to pursue. You can sign the petition at Canyon Creek, Village Market, and the Post Office or with any member of the BCCA Steering Committee or Council member.

\*Bicycle Club markings status: County has notified summer solstice bike race that their permit will be revoked if they don't clean the markings from this past race through Berry Creek. Great follow-up by Andy. Thank you to Public Works for addressing this so promptly.

\*Suggestion: We need an accurate map of current roads. Work with Public Safety/Fire Dept. Talk to Chief Rankin.

\*PGE had good info during fire. Possibly talk to them.

\*Good news: Forest Service was out this week and dozed the back way up to Bloomer Hill Lookout. That created alternate fire evacuation route for those residents.

ACTION: Get contact in Oroville from Nanci. Follow up on getting other fire roads maintained.

\*Kathy is in progress on working on advisory road signs.

\*Paul Lundbom: checking accidents reports for Ruckerfeller Rd. and also old plans to widen.

\*High Speed internet. Write letter to demand high speed from providers. There is a desire and need for it up here. Max Griffin?

\*\*\*We need to remember that all of this is a process and takes time and perseverance.

### **Watershed:**

\*Kathy: Nonprofit status progress? Roger

\*Are wells going dry? Word is that yes, people are having problems and water levels have dropped 20-30 feet. New wells are being drilled deeper. Future growth is dependent on access to water, so we need documentation.

\*Vicki Newland will issue watershed assessment. Waiting for that assessment.

### **Planning and Zoning:**

\*County has decided that current zoning are insufficient. We are zoned ag and timber. Ag has limitations that don't apply here. Possibly a new designation zone. ACTION: Meet with Dan Breden to discuss what that involves.

\*Deer Herd migration restrictions: 1984 is latest deer herd migration study. Concerned that the documentation shows little evidence that justifies restriction on development. 40 acres limitation currently. Can't divide parcels down lower than 40 acres. Upcoming meetings will discuss further.

### **Parks and Rec:**

Met Sept 4.: Loren and Shirley:

\*Harts Mill still has fire items inside. Waiting for empty bldg to get acquisition.

Mike Shorrock will be at fire safe council, talk to him on status.

\*Bald Rock trailhead: Karen Hayden in charge. Angela left msg. Want concrete tables/benches and maybe BBQ's too.

\*School may be building a bigger gym. Can it be used as community center also?

ACTION: Talk to school board. There is current talk to double size of gym. Also discuss with school about thoughts on a park and any Feather River Park and Rec classes they would like to see. Community School is now owned by school. Board meets this Thursday at 6:45 in school library.

\***Treasury Report:** Checking Account: \$64.16 Savings: \$325.11

\***Website creation and upkeep:** ACTION: donate \$50.00, which will combine with Berry Festival, Grange, Fire Safe Council and Citizen's Association funds.

\*Next Town Meeting: Autumn, Nov 8? To be determined

\*October 11, next Executive Board Meeting at 70 Graystone Lane 9am

\***Benefit Concert** for the Berry Creek Fire Department by band CAKE is October 18, 2008. Tickets online at [ticketweb.com](http://ticketweb.com), in person at Greenline Cycles, Oroville, Diamond W in Chico **AND if you are in Berry Creek you can call Firefighter Will Cotter for tickets (\$28) at 510-915-2578. If you can't make it to the concert but still want to**

**donate to the Squad 61 Fund, please visit [www.berrycreekca.org](http://www.berrycreekca.org) on how to do that online.**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40am