

CORTINA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Semi-Annual Meeting – February 21st, 2004

The semi-annual meeting of the Cortina Property Owner's Association (CPOA) was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Jon Whinston. There were four board members and thirty-two people representing about 25 properties in attendance.

Jon Whinston presented the COPA assets and financials as of December 31st, 2003. An end of year balance of \$143,498.18 was documented.

Jonathan Kriegel representing Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness presented information about the mission and projects of this organization. Working under supervision of the USFS this group maintains trails and signage, and works to prevent environmental damage in and around the Eagles Nest Wilderness. Pending receipt of a GOCO grant for trail improvement the group will assist in locating and building a trail from the old cabin at the base of Buffalo Mountain to the top of the Buffalo. This project is expected to begin this summer. Individual membership in the organization is \$10 per year. Address is: Friends of Eagle Nest Wilderness, P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443. Upon motion and approval the CPOA voted to make a one-time contribution to Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness of \$500.

Eric Rabitsky of the USFS, Ron Cousineau of the Colorado State Forest Service, and Patti Maguire, Summit County Fire Mitigation Officer presented materials concerning the thinning and clean-up of a 200 foot buffer area around Mesa Cortina. This action would enhance the defensible space of the subdivision, mitigate fire potential and assist in combating a fire once it was burning. The volunteer work of CPOA members on our slash and clean-up programs of the last several years could be a material factor in having the Wildernest –Cortina area funded for this program. CPOA will work with the aforementioned organizations to help obtain access and provide information to concerned owners about damage to their property by mechanical equipment used on the job. Additional information concerning potential damage and logging contractor methods are needed. Summit County Open Space will be asked to participate in areas involving Open Space trees that have been killed by pine beetles.

COPA will work to schedule another slash and trash pick-up day during the summer.

The incursion and tree killing by pine beetles continues to be a significant community/forest problem. COPA paid for a pine beetle survey last fall. 68 infected trees were identified, up from 46 in 2002. Individual property owners have been notified if there are beetle infected trees on their property. These trees must be removed and properly handled. Property owners should initiate and pay for the removal of these trees. If the property owner fails to take appropriate and timely action CPOA will have the trees removed and the property owner will be billed.

Spraying the trunks of pine trees over 4 inches in diameter in mid to late June with Sevin helps to deter the pine beetle from attacking sprayed trees. This is done by property owners or contracted to a company such as Tom Estes at Preventative Tree Spraying. If we all address this problem together the pine beetle damage in the Cortina subdivision may be greatly reduced.

Mesa Cortina Water and Sewer District issues were addressed by Jeff Leigh. The W&S District meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM in the Silverthorne Branch Library. These meetings are open to the public and property owners with questions or comments are encouraged to attend. Operational problems or issues should be directed to Matt Willits of Water Solutions at 970-390-8615.

Long-range studies of our water supply and alternative sources of water are being undertaken by the District. Cautious water consumption is advised in light of the relatively low snow pack and potential drought conditions this summer.

Locating and mapping of all curb stops/water shut-off valves is scheduled to be completed this summer. If a stop cannot be visually located on a property it may be necessary to pay a contractor to locate the stop using remote sensing equipment.

Kudos to Bob Brockmeyer for the time and work he has contributed to the W&S Board on behalf of the CPOA.

Good neighbor reminders:

Remember to use bear proof garbage cans. Don't set garbage out the night before it is to be picked up.

DO NOT feed the fox. It is against the law and dangerous. Both bear and mountain lion are attracted to this food too.

There is no parking on county roads. Violators will be ticketed.

Mesa Cortina is experiencing a growing problem with light pollution. If you have lights that project off your property please be considerate and turn them off when you retire. Don't leave large outdoor lights on all night.

Minutes prepared by:



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Please remember the Mesa Cortina website at www.Mesacortina.com has good Information on pine beetles, invasive/noxious weeds, and fire protection.