

# CORTINA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

August 19, 2006

The Cortina Property Owners Association (CPOA) meeting was called to order At 10:15 am by President Jon Whinston. Board members present: Corley Friesen, John Greene, Joanne Hanson, Roy Palmer and Roy Piskadlo. The addition of Roy Palmer to the CPOA Board was inadvertently omitted from the February, 2006 minutes. Welcome to the BOD, Roy.

Treasurer Bill Green has resigned from the BOD. Jon Whinston presented the financial report. CPOA expenditures for 2006 are congruent with the 2006 Budget approved at the February, 2006 CPOA meeting.

A Water and Sewer report was not presented due to the absence of Operating Manager, Jeff Leigh. Jon Whinston reported no significant activity has occurred.

Jon Whinston gave a report on the status of the Bashore property sale. This land is contiguous with the Open Space corridor separating Mesa Cortina and Wildernest. A coalition of Summit County, GOCO, Buffalo Mountain Metro District, and CPOA have committed sufficient funds to acquire the Bashore property and add it to the current Open Space land. COPA is seeking to obtain a water and sewer easement in conjunction with this transaction.

The trailhead Mutts-Mitts program is working fairly well. Users are requested to take “used” bags home or to a trash receptacle. Trailhead signs will be modified to encourage this action.

A lengthy and thorough discussion of the Pine Beetle crisis resulted in the following conclusions based in part on the results of several “straw votes” by CPOA attendees:

- \* Don Parrot (389-7111) will lead a slash/chipper clean-up day. Chipper rental and professional help will be paid for by CPOA. The scheduled day will be announced in advance by a special mailing and on the CPOA website. Volunteers willing to help with this clean-up are encouraged to call Don. Slash should be piled in an accessible area on your property where it can be collected efficiently but not on the roadway or easement.

- \* In 2006, 324 trees infested with pine beetle were documented on Mesa Cortina properties. All but one property owner complied in removing them in a timely manner. This identification and removal policy will be used again in 2007. Note: 130 trees were identified and removed in 2005.

- \* Future CPOA emphasis will focus on proper and timely spraying of lodgepole pines. The effort will try to protect what’s living rather than dealing just with the identification and removal of trees already infested.

Issues of enforceability and liability make spraying trees an individual responsibility. CPOA will help co-ordinate dissemination of information and formulate policy. Suggested procedures for the 2007 season will be presented on the CPOA website and passed out at our February, 2007 owner's meeting.

\* Tim Glasco of Neils-Lunsford Nursery will make a presentation at the February meeting dealing with the tree species diversity and succession. He will offer post-lodgepole landscaping ideas for Mesa Cortina.

\* Roger Bohart (262-1750) will spearhead an effort to get all CPOA members to spray their lodgepole pines in a timely manner next spring.

\* THANK YOU ... Joanne Hanson and Roy Piskadlo for all your time and effort working on the pine beetle problem this last year.

Mountain Systems (Bob Polich .. 668-5500) is now doing the Cortina Water and Sewer billing. They will be building an e-mail data base for Cortina members. This should make communications with members easier and more frequent. The CPOA website (MesaCortina.com) is being expanded and updated. Thank's to Joanne Hanson for past work on the site.

Dave Matthews (262-6725) reported on the Fire Mitigation and Pine Beetle data/expense collection effort. Property owner's should document and report ( forms will be available on the Mesa Cortina website) the time and costs incurred in both Fire Mitigation and Pine Beetle spraying and tree removal for the period October, 2005 to September, 2006. This data should be sent to Dave. He will compile the information and use it in applying for Grant funding from the Colorado Forest Service. Monies received from the Grant will be used for future pine beetle control and fire mitigation in Mesa Cortina. Dave's address is: P.O. Box 1848, Silverthorne, CO 80498. His e-mail is: [dmatthewsdss@comcast.net](mailto:dmatthewsdss@comcast.net)

Dave Matthews will continue to develop the Mesa Cortina Wildfire Prevention Plan with the goal of submitting it to the CPOA Board for review and presentation to the CPOA membership for review and approval.

Thank's to Corley Friesen and crew for the post meeting picnic.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

1. PLEASE send your e-mail address to [Bob@Mtn-sys.com](mailto:Bob@Mtn-sys.com).
2. Check the MesaCortina.com website for the latest community news and the Fire Mitigation and Pine Beetle time and costs forms.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Minutes: John Greene, CPOA Secretary