

**SUNSHINE ACRES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2010**

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Sunshine Acres Property Owners Association was called to order at 1:04 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Gardiner Community Center by Annemarie Montera, President. Annemarie repeated the ground rules for the meeting; please do not speak over each other, it makes it easier for the secretary to transcribe the tape. All members wishing to vote must be current in their dues, registered and have a voting card. Please wait to be recognized to speak, using the microphone, state your name and plat number into the record before speaking.

Annemarie introduced the new Board of Directors for 2010: Ben Schrenzel, Director; Jerry Stiles, Director; Ginny Wilken, Director; Annemarie Montera, President; Marty Tipton, Secretary; Adine Kretschmer, Director; Ev Stauffer, Vice-President. The whole board is in attendance.

Minutes:

Since the October 2009 meeting did not have a quorum, we still need to approve the minutes from January 2009. Those minutes were presented. Marty asked if we met a quorum for today and it was reported that we have 46 in attendance so a quorum is met.

Marty had previously e-mailed copies of the minutes for both January and October 2009. If you would like to review a copy, they are available on the table. Regarding the January 24, 2009, meeting, are there any changes or corrections? Seeing no hands up, Marty asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Keith Kretschmer made a motion to accept the minutes as written; motion seconded, no further discussion, motion passes.

For the October 3, 2009, meeting, since there was not a quorum met that day, minutes were done, but they will not be approved since it was not a regular meeting. Spelling corrections to Jerry Stiles name were noted and the addition of "Pridham" after Don's name in the Mussel Beach Road discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

Annemarie reported that the Board voted the officers in and we did not have anyone who volunteered to be the treasurer, so she has been acting as the Treasurer and President. Annemarie did speak to Lois Fitzgerald who also ran for the board and missed by two votes of being on the board and she has agreed to become an *ex officio* Treasurer. She will also run again this next year for a board position. Lois will take over after the current reports are made.

Annemarie introduced Anne Stiles who presented the audit report (see attached). She reported that Annemarie maintained the treasurer's files which contained the general account and Mussel Beach Road account records, as well as bank statements, check registers, etc. Each expense was verified. A few minor clarifications were reviewed with Annemarie. Copies of this audit will be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Motion by Keith DeStefano to accept the audit; seconded, no further discussion, motion passed.

Old Business:

Common Property Report: Ev Stauffer, as Vice-President, has taken over the chores of the common properties maintenance. Ev reported that MBR had a really good cleanup done around Thanksgiving, thanks to Jim Wilson. A sweeper came in and really cleaned things up. The stilling pits were cleaned up. The retention pond did not get enough water in it to run the pumps, but the pumps appear to be fine.

One problem we have on Mussel Beach Road is someone up on Salal appears to have dropped a huge Fir tree that was property adjacent to them and not on Beach Road property, but it did fall on Beach Road property and

came very close to our drainage system. As soon as the weather clears up we will clean up that area better. The same person who cut the tree is now running a drain line from his house all the way down to our gutter on MBR. Ev has tried to contact the resident by phone and his calls are not being returned. Ev was told that the County approved; the County says “no” there’s no drainage permit issued. Ev has been in touch with the County and it will be taken care of.

The boat ramp was all clear the last time Ev was down there. The gate will be open later this week. If it gets icy or messy, it will be closed temporarily.

Jim Wilson asked about the toxic clam digging signs and if they were still necessary. Ev explained that the signs remain up until the County lets us know when to take them down. The signs were put up by us at the County’s direction and it is not anything we did that caused the toxicity. Discussion about possible causes ranging from Canada dumping raw sewage and Becket Point also doing the same and that what is going on in the Strait is not because of something our Mussel Beach Road drainage is responsible for.

Paint the Town: We are going off agenda so that Ben Schrenzel can speak about “Paint the Town.” There is a member of SAPOA who has approached a group that is willing to help her do some work around her property and they want to know if the community of SAPOA would be willing to offer some help as well. Ben presented a short history of “Paint the Town,” how they provide funds, materials, and labor to help paint homes. It’s kind of like a barn raising. If you are interested, please contact Ben by e-mail at Ben@Schrenzel.com. It is for Pam LaLonde and a date has not yet been set.

Jerry Stiles thanks Jim Wilson and Ev Stauffer for their work on Mussel Beach Road. Since we have a quorum today, Annemarie thanked publicly Jim and Ev for their work on Mussel Beach Road.

Plat Representation: We are in need for plat reps for Plats 1, 6&7, Industrial. Discussion about plat reps and what they do. There is a volunteer for Plat 1 and Ev will be getting that ballot our shortly. Industrial Plat is supposed to have one rep from Industrial Plat and two from at-large, which is different from the rest. IP’s covenants are different and all of SAPOA members have a say of what goes on in Industrial Plat because it was supposed to be an industrial area and not residential, but that’s how it is now, mostly residential. Jim Martin in Plat 2 stated he will be resigning and Keith DeStefano will run for that position.

Off Agenda:

Board duties:

Ev, as Vice-President, is in charge of the nominating committee. He will need three people from the membership at-large to help him with that committee. If you are interested, please contact Ev.

There is a calendar on the website that shows when the meetings, deadlines, etc. are.

Please think about running or helping to find someone to run. We would like to see at least one member from each plat run for the Board and serve.

The newsletter committee will be Shelia Parker and Ginny Wilken and they will need help also with folding, stamping, etc. If you are interested, contact either one of them.

If you are interested in gardening and would like to help with the signage area, please see Marty Tipton.

New Business:

Deer Hunting: Ernie Hansen is representing Diamond Point Airport Association (DPAA) and came to the Board and asked if he could speak at the general meeting to clarify what had gone on at hunting season. Annemarie

wanted to make it clear that DPAA wasn't doing something they weren't allowed to do. On the contrary, they were asked to do this, and Ernie wants to do a report to show what happened. After the report, Ev will give a report on what he has found out about shooting on Diamond Point.

Ernie thanked the Board for being able to give this presentation. Ernie explained about the limited organized hunt. He gave a little bit of background on how it got to this point. According to Ernie, SAPOA and DPAA invited representative from Fish & Wildlife in the past to come and discuss the deer issue in the community. Fish & Wildlife said that it wasn't the state's regulations that were preventing us from doing anything about the deer population, that it was the covenants of the community. Everyone knows there are "no hunting" signs posted around Sunshine Acres prohibiting hunting. What came to light a couple of years ago is the fact that we don't have covenants preventing hunting in the community. This past year the USDA Wildlife folks at DPAA'S request got interested in what could be done to protect the airport from the growing deer population. Their idea was to come in to the community and do a culling which is a reduction through killing animals. They would need permission from Fish & Wildlife to do that. Fish & Wildlife said that they would prefer that the deer be reduced through hunting. At that point, Ernie got a request from Fish & Wildlife as well as USDA if he could identify some areas in the community where hunting might okay to do. They looked at the airport property which is in excess of 20 acres and some of the large undeveloped lots across the road from the airport. Fish & Wildlife changed the regulations and opened hunting to "any deer" meaning any sex of deer and also asked DPAA to participate or giving access to hunters to be on property.

The area north of Highway 101 from the Elwha River to the County line is designated a firearm restricted area. What that means is you can't use high-powered weapons in that area, it's shotgun or archery only. In that law it says you can't discharge a firearm within 200 feet of a residence and in the State of Washington you are not allowed to hunt on any private property without the homeowner's permission. This is where DPAA became involved. Ernie has been accused of giving kill permits for deer and all kinds of things that we have absolutely no power to do. DPAA was approached by Fish & Wildlife saying you are a large land owner, people can't hunt on private property without permission; will you give hunters permission. DPAA met, said it's in our best interest to try control the deer population here and the Board of DPAA decided to grant permission.

Also, contact was made with some of the large private property owners across the street from the airport and they granted permission for hunters to access their land. So DPAA's role was to give people permission to be in a legal hunting area for the purpose of hunting. The further thing that DPAA did, while shotguns are allowed north Highway 101 in the firearm restricted area, DPAA board felt that it was probably not in the best interest of the community to have people shooting in a neighborhood so they limited it to archery only. So this is how we got to a hunting season in Diamond Point.

Either myself (Ernie) or a couple of alternates to me when I wasn't available met with every hunter who came out here. They personally met with every hunter and went over the areas, physically drove them around where all the boundaries were of the areas that they could be in, talked to them about the sensitivity of carrying on this activity in a residential neighborhood and reminded them that beyond that they were required to follow all the Fish & Game regulations because they aren't enforcement people. They were merely giving them permission to be on private property for the purpose of doing a legal hunt.

Ernie wrote a letter at the end of the year to Loren Schaeffer who is a staff biologist at the USDA Wildlife Services and to Anita McMillan who is the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife in Port Angeles:

"I am providing this document to summarize deer control effort at Diamond Point. The neighborhood owners association, Sunshine Acres Property Owner's Association, has met in the past with representatives of Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to discuss the issue of the growing deer population on Diamond Point. The Diamond Point Airport Association has participated in these discussions as well as initiated discussions of our own. While hunting is permitted on the Miller Peninsula under WDFW Regulations, it was believed that hunting was prohibited on Sunshine Acres by their covenants. This was tested and found that no restriction existed. Through the years many vehicles

have been involved with deer strikes, people and pets have been challenged by deer and one recent substantial aircraft accident occurred involving a collision with a deer. Nationally, between 1990 and 2008 there almost 790 collisions between deer and aircraft, accounting for over \$29 million in damages, 25 injuries and one fatality. Pilots and residents of this community are aware of the risk deer pose. Pilots routinely make multiple over-flights of the runway and attempt to scare deer away prior to landing. In many instances, adjacent neighbors are called to physically drive deer from the runway before landing or departures are attempted. The potential for catastrophic deer strike at Diamond Point is very high.”

This fall I made contact with Loren Schaeffer of the USDA Wildlife Services Airport Coordinator to seek assistance with this matter. Subsequent to a visit to Diamond Point by Mr. Schaeffer and District Supervisor Matt Klellum, a plan was formulated to obtain data on the deer population of Diamond Point. Survey procedures were developed and agreed upon. On May 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., a deer census was undertaken by members of DPAA. The following is a summary of the procedures.

They were very concerned that whatever we did would hold up to scientific scrutiny in terms of getting a valid sample of the deer.

A map of the entire neighborhood from the State Park property to the ocean was divided into 14 areas. Fourteen copies were made of each area and delineated on a separate map. A meeting was held with the surveyors where the procedure for the survey was discussed. We had 15 volunteers show up and they were briefed as follows. One map was issued to one person conducting the survey for that area. Each survey area was reviewed and where to look was discussed to avoid duplicate counts. If the deer is not in your shaded areas, don't count it; it will be in somebody else's area and counted by them. The coding was discussed and assistance was given on identifying adults versus young.

This is the result of that survey. To summarize we counted 41 adults and 29 young. This was in a 40 minute survey since the areas were quite small. Young were yearlings, fawns were being observed in the neighborhood during the day but none were counted during the survey and they were obviously bedded down at 7:30 at night.

Based on the number of deer we saw during weekly casual walks through the neighborhood before and after the official count, we suspect that our formal count is much lower than the actual number of deer present. A meeting was held between USDA and the Department of Fish & Wildlife and it was decided to try and reduce the deer population through regular hunting and any deer harvest was allowed for the area. They also issued 30 master hunt archery permits for the month of January and DPAA and myself were involved to find suitable hunting locations in this primary residential community.

The deer hunting at Diamond Point is virtually over [this was written in early January]. While 30 master hunt archery permits were made available, I have been contacted by only one master hunter for permission to hunt. I suspect that most master hunters have already harvested their deer for the year. Hunters were granted access to portions of the Diamond Point Airport Property and 14 acres of other private property near the airport through agreements with the land owners. The hunt went reasonably well, however, some neighborhood objection was raised. WDFW enforcement was contacted at least once and two Clallam County Sheriffs responded on another occasion. Both contacts lacked merit and were not pursued. I received e-mail messages or phone calls objecting to the granting of permission and also calls in support and encouraging more aggressive effort. A letter of complaint was written by some members of Diamond Point Adult RV park. I welcome an opportunity to discuss results of this effort and explore other opportunities to control the deer population at Diamond Point.

On January 5, there was only one hunter at that point, [unintelligible] I took several photographs of deer on the airport on January 5, 2010. Seventeen were present at one time. While the harvest will help, a plan for the future needs to be developed. Just for some statistics to let folks know and I have the statistics from a Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife document, that deer reproduction in an area such as Diamond Point is 25% to 35% annually. We physically counted 70 deer. We could use that number, but for the sake of

discussion assume there's 100. We're going to see an increase of 25 to 35 deer just by the annual birthrate every year. I'm only telling you that because I want you to think these numbers are huge. Now for some harvest data. 32 known deer were removed from the community. 27 through the organized hunting effort. The difference between the 27 and 32 are five others who were found dead in the neighborhood. One was a road kill and two were taken by hunters while trespassing. There were a couple of incidences that I was aware of in the community where people not part of the hunting effort that we were involved in but just people that were basically hunting illegally because again in the State of Washington you have to have permission to hunt on private property. Of the 27 taken through the hunting effort, 15 were bucks, 12 were does. The deer harvested ranged from yearlings to mature animals, it's just a further breakdown of when they were taken during what season, things of that sort.

That's kind of where it all stands with the community. I've had some discussions with both Anita McMillan from the Department of Fish & Wildlife as well as Loren Schaeffer. We do have some options for going forward in the future. There is a possibility of having a culling whereby officials from the USDA would come in and reduce the population. That would be kind of a very focused and quick activity. None of the deer would go to waste. They have methods of getting rid of them to homeless shelters and other places. The other possibility is to continue a limited deer hunt as we have done this year or a combination of both. The culling involves some financial support, it's about a \$1,000 they figure to come and do a culling. The problem they have with doing a culling is that it can reduce the population at that point in time then it grows again until it reaches some untenable time where they would have to come and do it again. That's why there's been discussions of doing a combination where they would get the numbers down and then maybe through some limited hunting, they would be able to maintain the numbers at whatever level is established as being a reasonable level. Nobody wants to get rid of all the deer on Diamond Point, at least I shouldn't say, I'm sure there are some people who would like to. None of us are attempting to get rid of all the deer on Diamond Point. We are charged as DPAA to protect the airport and to manage the airport for you. You all have an interest in the airport through your deeds. Beyond that we have an airport association comprised of the active flyers in the neighborhood and we certainly have an obligation to try and keep the airport safe for them. They will experience the greatest harm and most liability if another accident occurs. An accident occurred last year that substantially damaged the airplane. Fortunately, neither of the occupants were harmed. That's all been documented with the USDA.

That's kind of how we got to where we are this year. If nothing is done, we still have the opportunity to do a limited hunt. We can always pursue the culling as well if folks feel that's the best way to do it.

Jim Wilson asked with relation to the limited hunt, is there any way the restrictions to bow hunting or archery only can be put into the game laws so that we don't have the misled people like happened last hunting season that came up and shot a deer right in the neighborhood. Ernie explained that Ev is going to talk with us about firearm restrictions in a little while. There's a firearm restriction area, and we currently are a firearm restriction area. There's another component area that is a no firearms discharge zone and Ev will explore that with us. There is a way through that to restrict firearms by definition are a weapon that shoots a projectile through an explosive device. Shotguns, bows and archery are not considered a firearm. However, depending on how you write the petition, bows and arrows can be included. There is a way if you want to just get the guns out of the neighborhood and have people note that is to do the no firearms zone that only includes firearms, but would still allow archery unless you specifically try to exclude archery.

Keith deStefano asked is archery allowed within 200 feet of the residence. Ernie said that he couldn't definitively answer that. It is a firearm restricted area and firearm by definition would be guns. Keith asked if a person could stand at the boundary of his property and shoot into the airport association property within the rules, with a bow and with all the other rules. Ernie stated that if they had permission, permission is the key thing. For the most part people aren't going to be hunting here because they don't have permission to be there. DPAA is giving permission in very specific areas. There are also laws that say you can't shoot across or alongside highways. You have to be physically on that property.

Cindy Knight asked who pays for the culling. If it's really an airport problem, then it would be appropriate for them to pay for it.

Ernie explained that many deer were killed through starvation, parasites or disease. Ernie explained that starvation is the greatest cause of death in any population of deer. The next cause of death is parasites and disease. The last cause of death is predation either by man or animals. Part of what happens in a place like Diamond Point that makes some of those rules go out the window is that it's not a natural environment. Further, there are things that happen especially in the area of starvation, and I don't know if I even want to get into this, but feeding artificially promotes what nature would normally take care of. Feeding has a lot of bad implications and I know there are people who swear by their right to feed deer, but it alters their natural behavior, it alters their natural feeding, and it can even kill the deer because it alters the amount of nutrition that they get at different times of the feeding cycle. Fish & Game has been here before and that's a big thing Fish & Game encouraged us at the meeting a number of years ago was requesting people to quit feeding the deer. It also raises the care and capacity; they're just like human beings, you have to have food, water and shelter. If you change the food supply, you increase the ability of the land to carry more animals. Ultimately, the unfortunate thing is folks think they're doing deer a good service by feeding them, it exacerbates the problem by causing us to have to take these kinds of measures to control. You feed the deer, now we get more deer, now we have to kill them to keep the numbers down.

A member of the association asked how many people here had encounters with or had seen a cougar in the area. The cougars aren't here just to eat your dogs, although they might. Another member recounted the time a deer was being chased by a cougar in the morning when a school bus was in the area.

Ernie reported that all the land that is currently State Park land used to be Department of Natural Resource land and hunting was allowed there. It helped mitigate the problem and managed the population. Since the Park Service took it over, all hunting was denied. No one was gathering any data so you can't say with certainty that the population of Diamond Point has increased but anecdotally he has seen that when the hunting pressure on that DNR land was eliminated that the deer population of Diamond Point also started to increase.

Annemarie asked for clarification that when SAPOA met with DNR and Fish & Wildlife. Ernie was referring to the SAPOA general meeting several years ago. Annemarie clarified that SAPOA didn't have anything to do with this latest event. Ernie explained that this recent activity was strictly DPAA's doing. Ernie asked how many people knew hunters were in the area. "At what point" was the main question from most people.

One member asked what the process was for culling. Ernie explained that they use highly suppressed weapons and they will set up shooting stations most like on airport property, the large vacant property, either ours or the ones across from the runway that they used for hunting. They bait them into that area and then put them out. A question was asked about what is "highly suppressed." Ernie explained that the USDA guy said "I could shoot you in the knee in the front seat of the car and the person in the back seat wouldn't hear it." They're set up so they are shooting downwards, controlling it.

Jerry Mahoney asked if we know how many deer are taken throughout the year in the area with firearms. There are probably 20-25 taken in the area towards Critter Country and back over in the area behind where Ev lives and along that back road there. You hear the shots all through the winter and some in the summer. [Discussion unintelligible.] Ernie explained that we'll never hear those numbers because those are illegal activities.

Ernie thanked everyone for the opportunity to address the general membership.

Annemarie reported that since the Board heard from Ernie and from people who had hunters in their area that the Board decided to look into what we could offer, not that the Board is going to do or anything but just the same as what Ernie is telling you, what else can we do. This board in particular, at least under my leadership, is going to look at what we can to get information for people. We've had a phone call about a bigger light out on Highway 101. Annemarie looked into it and told the woman who asked what can be done. We have had people

ask about mailboxes out here. We've had requests about any number of things and we'll be glad to look into them, when we can, but we're not going to make decisions that are either going to cost money or whatever without getting some idea from the whole membership and not just who is here. In that light, we decided to look at what else can we do besides continue to do what we're doing and one of the things that we have decided is that we need to find out what the majority of the property owners want and if that is to allow an ordinance the way it is right now to stand, and we really do need to do something in regards to taking the "no hunting" signs down because we live with a false idea that there's no hunting here. If we're going to allow it, the Board through newsletters, the reader board, whatever, will need to tell people when hunting season is happening so that you can be more aware and careful and know what to do if somebody comes on to your property that you know is illegal.

Ev Stauffer went to the County to find out just exactly what the ordinance says, can it be changed and how to do it. Now we will find out if we want to change it. We may just want to leave things alone or work with DPAA with something that takes care of their needs and our needs. At the very least we need to educate everybody so that if it continues to be the way that it is, that people will know when hunting season is. Ev will give information on that. We are not going to vote on anything today, the Board isn't making any recommendations one way or the other. We will probably do what we did with the speed limit and that was put together a petition to change the ordinance.

Ev stated that the County ordinance is Chapter 15.16. There is a subparagraph .040, creation, modification, or deletion of no firearms discharge area and/or restricted firearms discharge area. The "no hunting" signs were put up probably around 2002-03. All of us assumed that there was no hunting here. The Board at the time did not do the petition for the County Commissioners to establish a no firearms discharge area. Ev created a petition during a conversation he had with Ernie that he thought they'd come to an understanding that we could accommodate or negotiate a settlement between DPAA and us, but Ev thinks that fell through. What this petition says is "We the undersigned property owners who own property within the boundaries of Sunshine Acres described below, petition the Clallam County Commissioners to create a no firearms discharge area for this area pursuant to Clallam County Code Chapter 15.16 Firearm Discharge Restrictions and 15.16.040. This restriction is to include the use of bows. Bow use will be allowed on the west one-third of the airport property marked on the map and this petition does not exclude professional hunts directed by DNR, USDA or Washington Fish & Game."

Ev thinks this is a reasonable accommodation to allow some control of the deer in the runway area and yet keep people from shooting in our neighborhood. Up until a couple of years ago, everyone thought those signs meant something and we didn't have a problem. Two years ago we had 2 or 3 people come in and start shooting. The sheriff was called and said it was perfectly legal, no restrictions. Then last year hunters came in and had permission to hunt in certain areas but they were going into other areas and driving the deer into where they could hunt them or shooting them and letting them run into other property and die in people's front or back yards. Ev believes the deer need to be controlled, but doesn't think we should be shooting in the neighborhoods. The state law says you need to stay 200 feet away from a building. 200 feet is too little.

A member of the association asked for specifics about what Ev was stating. Annemarie reported that one of the incidents happened in her back yard and there's not 200 feet between the properties.

Ev tried to present his plan about what can happen if the signs are changed making this a no shooting or firearms restricted area. If we make this a no shooting zone, then it is clear and the sheriff can do something about it. Jim Wilson stated that Ev has included bow hunting and then included only the west one-third of the airport, not the entire airport. Ev explained that the reason he did that was part of his discussion with Ernie that this was a reasonable compromise. There is no reason to shoot deer on the eastern end of the runway where there are houses all the way around it. Jim Wilson said they land airplanes and never hit any houses next to them. Ev asked why a house couldn't be built on Lot 28 then. It's all interconnected.

A member of the association said he came close to hitting a deer in the daylight; they're not afraid of airplanes.

If the state would pass the no feeding law and we can keep people from feeding massive amounts of food a week,

Rick Tipton, Industrial Plat, described the hunt that could be seen from his front window. The hunters would get their binoculars and search the neighborhood, looking into people's backyards, to find the deer and herd them into the hunt zone. Rick also stated that all of us in the meeting allowed Ernie to make his presentation about the hunt without interruption and we should have been at least as kind to allow Ev to make his speech without interruption.

Ev stated that his personal feeling is that we need this area designated as a no shooting zone, including bows. We can discuss how much of the airport we want to allow bow hunting in. Ev thinks the western one-third is plenty especially if the state would pass the no feeding ordinance.

Don Pridham asked Ev if this would go to a vote of the members of SAPOA. Ev stated that this is not a SAPOA thing; this is information for the residents, a petition. Don stated that as a point of accuracy for at least 35 years that he knows of, people have been hunting deer on Sunshine Acres property intensively with firearms and one of the leading guys doing it was a member of the Washington State Patrol. They were out here doing it day and night.

Ev reported that he hasn't seen the hunting with the exception of the guy shooting his bow back up on Rhododendron and the deer running around with arrows sticking out of him.

Jerry Mahoney made a comment about the deer feeding and state laws, that it would help us. The increase in the deer population over the last few years has really increased. Jerry reports that deer on his morning walks have gone from 8-10 deer to 30-35 deer, thanks to the feeding. The real issue here is the feeding of the deer has increased the population to where it's become a problem. Jerry also stated that folks do not want to hunt the deer, but with all the feeding that's going on, it has come to that.

Ev reported that he knows of at least five feeding stations throughout the neighborhood where people are feeding the deer. It has to stop. If we do a cull and get the numbers back down to a reasonable number, mother nature will take care of it. In the meantime, this petition is something we can do.

Marty Tipton, Industrial Plat, pointed out that it's not just people who intentionally feed the deer. With the number of homes that are out here, with our landscaping efforts, we are all feeding the deer as well. Deer eat roses, fruit trees, lots of other plants, they eat grasses and on the airport there is a lot of grass out there. If you want them out of your yards, fence the yard which is what DNR said to do when they came out here a couple of years ago. Marty also stated that when DNR came to the general meeting a couple of years ago and asked who had a problem out here with the deer, at that time, 10-15 people raised their hands that they had a problem. The rest in attendance at that meeting didn't have a problem with the deer.

Ev stated that when the deer are restricted to eating grass, you essentially have the same problem you have with the artificial feeding, the deer get sick and don't do well. Deer need to browse the occasional rose bush. It's the pans full of food that is causing them to concentrate in an area. There is a person over by the runway that is feeding hundreds of pounds of food a week and that is concentrating.

Jerry Stiles stated that it is called culling because it's not hunting. Jerry also reported that he has been more endangered by deer than he has been by hunters. He knows of three specific engagements, two of which involved him personally where the does are coming after him. He saw another engagement in his front yard where they were attacking a young man walking by. They will come after you because they are habituating because they are fed. They become accustomed and have lost their fear of man.

Ev asked if anyone wants to go along with the petition, he'll rewrite it and get the petitions out. What we need is 50% plus 1 of the homeowners in the designated area. We'll go to the County, a hearing will be held, and if approved, we'd have to change our signs with the ordinance number, etc.

Ernie Hansen made a statement about a comment Ev made that up until a couple of years ago, we thought the no hunting signs meant something and we didn't have a problem, but from a hunting perspective, you're absolutely right. Everybody thought that there was no hunting. What we did have was a problem and that was the deer. We had no tools to manage the deer. Then we discovered that the signs didn't mean anything then we had a tool to try and manage the deer, i.e., the hunt. I think the other thing we need to keep in mind is that 27 deer were taken out of the community, about 50 people were here, there were a few incidents that occurred. But the incidents that occurred, almost without exception, were people that were doing stuff illegally. They weren't part of the organized hunt. One way to deal with this is to have an organized hunt and be able to meet with people and control it. I guess the only other comment I have in terms of the petition is that if folks think this is a great idea, I think DPAA, I can't make that statement as a group, has no problem eliminating guns. We already voluntarily eliminated guns. We only allowed people to come in with archery. The part that the Board didn't go along with when I talked with Ev is they weren't willing to eliminate their ability to control the deer population on airport property with archery included in that. Archery by its very nature is a limited range weapon. Archers by their very nature have to identify their target, look right at it and release the arrow. They're not out shooting at noises and shooting something that may go a mile. Archery is limited and hopefully safe. We had a good success rate and nobody got hurt, there weren't even any close calls. Annemarie had a problem illegally. Another problem in the neighborhood was illegal. These are the renegades. Thanks again.

Rick Tipton stated you talk about not having tools to use, if the new law passes about feeding deer, would the airport association agree to allow three years of equilibrium to be reached with no feeding before they started the next hunt. Ernie said that he didn't have an answer for that. Discussion about how the petition for firearms restricted area is an individual thing, it is not something that is being set up by the SAPOA Board. Ev is pursuing this on his own.

Annemarie reiterated that 50% plus one of the property owners would have to sign the petition. Annemarie, as president of SAPOA, is concerned that if we don't change the ordinance, then we need to change the signage and we need to as the association put in our newsletter when the hunting season is and what to do if somebody comes on your property so that residents know that it's occurring, that it's legal, but only if they give their permission, that whatever goes on, this is their recourse.

Don Pridham stated that the current "No Hunting" signage was never backed by SAPOA or was put up there illegally a long time ago. Marty Tipton stated that the "No Hunting" sign had a line that said it was backed by Sunshine Acres Property Owners Association. Don would like to see the minutes that show it was approved. Annemarie reminded people that this is a no firearms discharge area, it's only during hunting season and only for deer that firearms discharge is allowed, and only shotguns are allowed. Discussion about whether or not this area is a no firearms discharge area. Annemarie read from the e-mail she received from Jim Jones, Jr., the County Administrator. The Board is not sanctioning anything, just everyone to have a chance to have their own say.

Kevin Fitzgerald asked how many owners the 50% + 1 comes to. Annemarie reported that we have 486 pieces of property and pointed out that we would need 244 signatures in order to get the petition validated. Discussion about whether if one person owned five pieces of property, would that be one signature needed or five signatures of the same person. The County will make the final determination. Ev reported that the County Commissioner said "owners" not pieces of property. Annemarie reported that we have 402 owners, meaning we would need 202 signatures on the petition before it can go to the County for the hearing.

Questions/Comments:

Cecelia Eckerson made a comment about the Clallam County Citizens Alliance for property rights. They're having their third meeting at the Sequim Bible Church. If interested she has information. The Department of Ecology is in the process of giving us rules concerning the use of our property and water rights. It may not be so much here now, but it is in trouble within the county. Our organization is a non-partisan, like-minded group who are networking to fight back and they need more members.

Ev had one more item that he wants to tell us about. Mr. Conway from the Census Bureau got a hold of him the other day and said the Census Bureau is looking for part-time workers, they are paying \$14 an hour, expect a 40-hour week, set your own hours, some in the evening, taking census data for people who don't return the questions. If interested give Ev a call.

Adjournment:

Jim Wilson made a motion to adjourn, seconded, no further discussion, motion passes. Annemarie reminded everyone to please turn in your voting cards. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha H. Tipton

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Secretary

Minutes approved as corrected

Date: _____

Secretary Initials: _____