

# CATHEDRAL PEAK RANCH LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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## 2020 SUMMER MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Friday, July 17, 2020  
**Location:** Maher School House

**Prior to the call to order:** Grant Knowles, Board President, addressed the meeting attendees prior to the call to order. He thanked the members for giving him the opportunity to serve the ranch as board president, but went on to say that the demands of his businesses had been so great as to negatively affect his performance as board president. He then resigned effective immediately.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Minter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A conference call recording is available at [924459920200717185634.wav](https://www.dropbox.com/s/924459920200717185634.wav?dl=1).

### ROLL CALL:

**Board members present:** Mark Minter, Bob Holden, Carol Inman, Scott Polson, John Barnes, Nik Brewer, Rick Gallagher, Terry LeBlanc, and John Smith

**Board members attending by teleconferencing:** Dean DiDario and Mike Smith

**Board members absent:** John Morrison, and alternate Mike Ricke

**READING OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** The previous minutes were not read.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### - Water projects:

In addition to burying about 1,300 yards of pipe (see below), board members and their families repaired the ditch above Doc's Pond that was leaking and damaging the road, repaired the head gate at Brushy Reservoir, raised and cleared the 20' culvert in the irrigation ditch where Eagle Feather meets Elder Trail, and repaired the pipe in the ditch below Strawberry every day for quite some time (also see below).

The ditch from Strawberry Reservoir to the slide was so rocky, and leaked so badly, that only a small fraction of the water from Strawberry ever made it to the ranch. Pipe was laid in the ditch from Strawberry to the slide last year in order to capture the spring below Strawberry and prevent the leaks. The idea was to bury the pipe this year if possible. Unfortunately, due to thermal expansion and contraction the pipe on the surface pulled apart every night, so that this spring we had to go up and fix it every morning until it could be buried.

Trenching to bury the pipe began about June 13<sup>th</sup>, and we backfilled the pipe we had laid each day before we left the job to ensure that thermal expansion would not be a problem. The project ran for several weeks, and then it took us another week or so to figure out how to run the final product correctly. A summary of monetary donations, labor donations, and project costs is attached to these minutes. **Bottom line, the**

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project came in about \$5,500 under the \$18,000 budget approved by the membership at the last annual meeting!

- **Cattle grazing lease:**

The cattle grazing lease between CPRLA and the Stirrup Bar Ranch was re-written to eliminate useless "legalese" language, approved by Doug Harris (owner of Stirrup Bar), and signed by both parties. The lease terms are officially in force for another three years.

- **Forest Service:**

The CPRLA's relationship with the Forest Service has been substantially healed over the past three years, and their approval for the water project was overtly obtained prior to the start of work. When the snow flies we will use their recommended seed mix to help heal the scars of construction on the pipeline, both because it is the right thing to do and to help maintain that improved relationship.

- **Roads:**

If Association members know of places on the roads that are particularly in need of repair and/or gravel, please let Mark Minter know ASAP. Spreading gravel on the roads will commence pretty much immediately.

- **Doe hunting:**

Association members asked that we reopen the question of the doe hunting prohibition at the annual meeting. We will have a vote at that time that offers only two choices; either we strictly go with the CPW rules or we continue to prohibit doe hunting on the ranch.

- **Covenants and Bylaws revision question:**

Based upon member questions, members were told that the revisions are complete and available on the web site (CPRLA.org).

- **Election of replacement board president:**

Terry LeBlanc nominated Mark Minter to fill the remainder of Grant Knowles' term as board president. No other nominations were submitted, so the board agreed that Mark will fill the president's role until the October election.

- **Gate Combination:**

**Beginning August first, the gate combination will be 2710.**

**A FEW WORDS OF THANKS:**

- Our thanks to Doug Bryant and his cowboys over at the Stirrup Bar for an outstanding job of moving the cattle off Cathedral Peak Ranch promptly at the end of the lease period.

- Both gates were recently broken on the same day. When we got to the south gate we found that John Barnes had already brought his welder down and repaired that one. Thank you, John!

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- The board would like to thank all who participated in the work weekends and accomplished so much for the benefit of the ranch. Among other things, member volunteers did great work helping us clean up the mess we made during the pipeline project. Volunteers also restored bar ditches, sprayed thistles, and more!

- **Additional Note:**

Board member Terry LeBlanc has suggested that we offer a mentoring program of sorts –intern positions if you will—to young Association members. His thought is that it would be good for young folks on the ranch, often the children or grandchildren of landowners, to learn where things are and how they work, as well as how the board of directors works. They will, after all, be taking over for us one day! If any Association members would like to explore this, please call or write to the board secretary or bring it up at the annual meeting.

**CPRLA-RELATED CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully,  
Mark Minter, CPRLA Board President