

**DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday, August 23, 2008  
Clair Tappaan Lodge

**Next meetings:**

- **Wednesday, September 3, 5:30pm at Tamara's house: Board Retreat**
- **First Wednesday of the month, ongoing: Board Working Meetings**
- **Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9-12:30pm at Judah Lodge, Sugarbowl: Free Educational Seminar on Climate Change in the Sierra Nevada**
- **Saturday, November 8: Summit Summit 3, the Community Charrette on Economic Revitalization: 9-12:30pm at Judah Lodge, Sugarbowl**

**Attending:**

**Board:**

Pat Malberg, President	John Kirrene
Mickey Gray, Vice-President	Ron Kolbe
Alisha Lee, Treasurer	Tam Lieberman
Sara Taillon, Secretary	Dan Wexler

**Members and Guests:** See Appendix A

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05am PDT

**1) Fire Prevention Seminar with TFPD Bob Belden**

- **Book: Fire in Sierra Nevada Forests: A Photographic Interpretation of Ecological Change Since 1849 by George E. Gruell**
- **Simple Fire Prevention Tips:**
  - Clear trees and shrubs from around structures
  - Remove some of the small trees and undergrowth so that trees are spaced at least 2-3 feet apart
  - Remove any "ladder fuels" that may help fire move into trees, structures, etc
  - Metal roofs are much safer than shake roofs
  - Beware of spot fires (small fires that are started from burning ash and debris from a nearby fire):
    - Remove deck cushions, umbrellas and other flammable materials from decks
    - Cover woodpiles with heavy tarps

**2) Membership Meeting** (See also Powerpoint Presentation at

<http://www.DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org/membership-meeting-8-08.ppt> )

- a) Introduction and Welcome: "One voice from Cisco Grove to Rainbow Bridge"
  - i) Long-term, broad-based vision
    - (1) Representing all Donner Summit communities
    - (2) Forum for all sides of development issues
  - ii) Monthly Board Meetings: Board meetings are open to the public. See our website at [www.DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org](http://www.DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org) for times and locations.
  - iii) Educational Seminars: Water, Fire, Planning, Climate Change, etc
  - iv) Community Building: Annual Community Picnic and Summit Cleanup among others
- b) Year-End Recap:
  - i) Fiscal and Strategic Planning

- (1) Committee Structure: (see below)
- (2) Insurance: DSAA now has liability insurance.
- (3) By-law changes (see Appendix C) and Democratic Principles (see Appendix D)
- ii) Membership Growth and Community Building
  - (1) DSAA has 92 current members and continues to grow
  - (2) Annual Community Picnic
  - (3) Donner Summit Community Person of the Year: Jennifer Montgomery
- iii) Summit Summit 2 and Summit Survey: We surveyed virtually all property owners in the area last fall. A full report is available on our website
- iv) Strategic Partnerships:
  - (1) We communicate regularly with Sierra Watch, MAPF, Sierra Club.
  - (2) We have relationships with Sierra Business Council (SBC), PARC, Sierra Nevada Alliance (SNA), and Serene Lakes Property Owners Association (SLPOA\_
  - (3) We have meet several times with County Supervisors and Planning Departments
  - (4) Groups we work with include: County supervisors, SLCWD, LAFCO, DSPUD, USFS, Royal Gorge, Sugar Bowl, Soda Springs Ski Area, Boreal, Sierra Watch, Sierra Club, Sierra Business Council, Mountain Area Preservation Foundation (MAPF), North Fork American River Alliance, South Yuba River Citizens Leage (SYRCL), Truckee-Donner Land Trust, Donner Ski Ranch and other regional homeowner groups
- c) Treasurer's Report: 2008 Balance Sheet, 2008 Profit & Loss and 2008-2009 Budget
- d) Democratic Principles (See Appendix D): DSAA Adopted the Democratic Deliberation Principles to guide our decision making processes.
- e) DSAA Committee Structure:
  - i) Fundraising & Communications
  - ii) Community Issues & Programs
  - iii) Executive Committee (Current Board Officers and Past President)
  - iv) Ad-hoc committees are created as needed (ex: Trails Committee)
- f) 2007 - 2008 Projects
  - i) 2008 Community Person of the Year: Jennifer Montgomery
  - ii) Economic Revitalization Report
  - iii) Seminars on Fire and Water
- g) Future Plans
  - i) Community Charrette on Economic Revitalization of Donner Summit: Saturday, November 8, 2008, Location TBD. This event will be facilitated by Steve Frisch of Sierra Business Council.
  - ii) Free Seminar on Climate Change in the Sierra Nevada: Saturday, October 25 from 9-12:30 at Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl.
- h) Fundraising
  - i) 2007-2008 Accomplishments
    - (1) First Annual Community Picnic on July 5<sup>th</sup> This was a great community building event, bringing together people from all the Summit communities. The event netted \$2500.
    - (2) Donner Summit Community Person of the Year: Jennifer Montgomery
    - (3) Extended the TTCF grant for the Charrette on Economic Revitalization of Donner Summit
  - ii) 2008-2009 Plans
    - (1) Increase membership by 50%
    - (2) Hold first annual fundraising campaign in November
    - (3) Develop a fundraising database
    - (4) Quarterly renewal notices to lapses members
    - (5) Raise \$4000 from the Annual Community Picnic
- i) Volunteer Opportunities: Contact [info@DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org](mailto:info@DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org) for more details

- i) Join a Committee: Fundraising, Communication & Community Involvement, Parks & Trails, etc
- ii) One-Time Volunteer Opportunities:
  - (1) Media Contact: press releases, notices, etc
  - (2) Educational Seminars: topics, logistics, etc
  - (3) Database and Website Management (IT skills)
  - (4) Stuffing letters, posting flyers
  - (5) Community Cleanup
  - (6) July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend community picnic volunteers (organization and day of the event)
  - (7) Grant writing / research
- j) Election
  - i) Board Members: All Board nominees were elected unanimously. There were 23 ballots submitted in person (mail ballots did not include Board member election).
    - (1) John Kirrene
    - (2) Ron Kolbe
    - (3) Rebecca Meyerholz
    - (4) Dan Wexler
  - ii) By-Law Amendments (See Appendix C) All amendments were approved unanimously. There were 23 ballots submitted in person and 23 ballots submitted by mail, for a total of 46 ballots.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am PDT

**Appendix A: Attending DSAA Members and Guests (about 38 people total)**

Anne & Gene Bowles  
Louise Burns  
Herb & Anne Busboom  
Anne Chadwick  
Jim Christol  
Helen Conway  
Eric Gage  
Louise Goodman  
Gill & Margo Hayes  
Steve Lieberman  
Ulrich Luscher  
Peter Mayfield  
Tom McMahon  
Dick Mead  
Bill Oudegeest  
Norm Saylor  
Diane Thurm  
Peter Wiley  
Bill Zschaler

## **Appendix B: By-Law Amendments**

### **Article IV, Section A:**

#### Current Text:

“The annual membership meeting of this organization shall be held on the second Saturday in June each and every year except if such day be a legal holiday, then and in that event, the Board of Directors shall fix the day but it shall not be more than two weeks from the date fixed by these Bylaws.”

#### Proposed Amendment:

“The annual membership meeting of this organization shall be held once a year with no less than six months between such meetings.”

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### **Article III, Section D**

#### Current Text:

“All membership years shall correspond with the organization’s fiscal year, and all memberships shall expire at the end of that term.”

#### Proposed Amendment:

“Membership in this organization is valid for one year.”

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### **Article IX**

#### Current Text:

##### Section A.

“All temporary committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the Board of Directors.

##### Section B.

“This organization shall appoint the following permanent committees which will act at the request of the Board of Directors:

1. A Finance Committee, which shall address matters, including fundraising;
2. A Safety Committee, which shall address matters of public safety, including road, railway, fire and other such hazards;
3. Other permanent committees may be established at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

##### Section C.

“Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and the term of office for any committee chairperson shall be one year from such appointment.”

#### Proposed Amendment:

##### Section A.

“All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and chaired by a Board member.”

##### Section B.

“ The term of office for the committee members shall be for a period of one year or less, if sooner terminated by the action of the Board of Directors.”

Section C.

“Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and the term of office for any committee chairperson shall be one year from such appointment.”

## **Appendix C: Democratic Deliberation Principles**

The key elements in the concept of democratic deliberation are:

A rigorous analytic process:

- Create a solid information base
- Prioritize the key values at stake
- Identify a broad range of solutions
- Weigh solution pros, cons and tradeoffs

An egalitarian social process:

- Adequately distribute speaking opportunities
- Ensure mutual comprehension
- Consider other ideas and experiences
- Respect other participants

Adopted by the Donner Summit Area Association Board of Directors for the organization's deliberations, both internal and public:

Date: February 14, 2008