

To: Saddlebag Creek Residents

Re: Letter enclosed

In March of the year our association met and elected a new board. The membership, also, by a majority vote, indicated their desire to have the board enforce our by- laws in a "strict" manner.

Our current board has inherited a few problems, one of which is somewhat described in the enclosed letter. However many residents, represented by their lawyer, I do not know. I do know, as of today, (the 13th of July) I, as Chairman, have received no complaints, verbal or written, just the threat of an immediate lawsuit. I would suggest this "problem" has been festering for quite a while. And so I must ask, why didn't all or some of these residents run for the board, come to the board in April, May, or June, or send a letter of complaint during that same period of time? Of course, I cannot answer for them, but threatening a lawsuit is not the answer either.

If any of you have been involved in or know of someone who has been involved in a divorce will know, the opposing attorney loves to get the two positions hot at each other. They write letters that call for a response and they hope the battle will go on forever. The problem with this scenario is the legal fees escalate. Each party believes they are 100% right, and it goes on and on until someone either surrenders or realizes the cost is getting out of hand. Most/ all of the board's monies is not ours, it's yours! i.e. The monies spent by this board will not be ours.

A decision to resolve this problem, which we inherited, was made in June by the current board. I'll not go into particulars here, but this might have been resolved by the past board. That was not the scenario we faced. Surely residents have the right to object to anything our board does, but if a threatened lawsuit is going to be the answer, we may as well have two boards!

As soon as our board makes a decision or a non- decision, I'll let you, the membership, know. Conflicts within our association can be avoided by following a few steps! 1. Whenever you are contemplating a change to your property, contact any of the board members. 2. Submit plans/ diagrams of changes contemplated. 3. Wait for a complete approval by the entire board signing off on your plans. (not verbal) (not one board member) 4. Read the association's by-laws.

Thank you for your understanding, Dave Cohen, Chairman