

Mount Dallas Association
MDA ANNUAL MEETING
August 3, 2019
Home of Bob and Sandy Taucher

Meeting called to order 2:18pm.

Directors present: Bob Tauscher, Bill Severson, Tom Siebert, and Flo McAlary

Residents and Guests: Sandra Hawley, Laura Jo Severson, Diana Sibert, Keesha Ewers, Susie Allen, Conner Blackmer, Peter Albert, Mark Sheppard, Glenn Kaufman, Mary Guard, Eden and Matt Moss, Andrea Harrington, Craig Graham, Jill Graham, Sharon Boyd, James Fritz, Royce Meyerott & Moey Bryant

Introductions: MDA Board President Bob Tauscher welcomed everyone to the MDA Annual Meeting. Community and Board members introduced themselves with annotations of their Mt Dallas residence and personal interests.

Map of Mt Dallas Properties: Bob Tauscher noted that an enlarged map of all Mt Dallas properties as of 2019 was available for viewing at the meeting. This map will also be available as a PDF on the MDA website soon.

Noxious Weeds: Jason Ontjes from the San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board and staff member from WSU SJC Ext. Office described the extant distribution and efforts to control several noxious weeds found on the islands, focusing on Mt Dallas, including Spurge Laurel, Tansy Ragwort, and Bull or Canadian Thistle. He recommended contacting him to learn more about how to identify and when and how to remove noxious weeds, what tools to use, and/or chemicals to apply. He is also available to help in the removal or control process. Removing flower heads, bagging them and taking them to the dump for disposal is recommended. Complete plant removal is suggested for Spurge Laurel. Tools for removal are available for loan from the Ext Off. Bob Tauscher noted that a weed wrench is required to remove Spurge Laurel. Connie Blackmer has donated a tool for MDA use to remove Scotch Broom. If the seedpods on Scotch Broom are black, wait until the winter to disturb the plant to prevent seed dispersal.

Election of New Board of Directors for MDA: The following MDA members in good standing were nominated and unanimously elected for 2019-2020 (by show of hands and presentation of proxies):

Bill Severson Flo McAlary Bob Taucher

MDA Committees: The following community members volunteered for committee membership:

Road Committee: Royce Meyerott, Peter Albert; **Finance:** Bill Severson, Flo McAlary, Susie Allen, Matt Moss;

Fire Wise and Emergency Preparedness: Laura Jo Severson, Ajayan Borys and Keesha Ewers;

Administration: Susie Allen

CenturyLink update: Royce Meyerott gave an update for the fiber and Internet upgrade project on Mt Dallas Road. The final upgrade installation is scheduled for Aug. 15, 2019 with perhaps another month to get a full turn-up. We thanked Royce for all his effort to make this improvement happen.

Fire Wise: Laura Jo Severson, Chair of the MDA Fire Wise Comm., reminded everyone of the danger presented by ladder-fuels. Laura Jo stressed the importance of removing such fuels not only on individual parcels, but also along Mt Dallas Roadways, our as emergency exits. Parcel owners are encouraged to contact Laura Jo for more information on a free fire hazard assessment. Laura Jo introduced Ryan Palmateer, a representative from the Conservation District, who spoke about long-term plans for forest health in collaboration with private industry. He described the potential and process for using wood chips harvested from local forests to fuel a local biogas plant. The resulting radiant heat produced by the plant would be used commercially to heat nearby buildings. The efficiency (~85%) and long-term sustainability of such a plant in the San Juans were discussed. Interested persons are encouraged to attend a more detailed presentation on energy opportunities for woody biomass and the biogas plant project on August 20th at the Grange.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13pm in favor of eatables and socializing. M. Bob Tauscher. A grand seafood paella, courtesy of Tom Siebert, was the potluck highlight in combination with good company, conversation and the delightful sounds of Kubatana Marimba. We once again thank Bob and Sandy Tauscher for their gracious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Flo McAlary, Secretary