

reminded that tree trunks are not acceptable for disposal at the burn pile due to their large size.

Mailbox Shed and New Information Sign: The new informational sign should be in place by the end of September, 2004. Special thanks are due to Larry Anstead, Todd Yates and Ken Wall for creating and installing the new sign.

New Business:

Bear Awareness: "Moose" Mutlow from Yosemite National Park Bear Council made a presentation. There is a large black bear population in and around Yosemite West. Bears are attracted by smells, with trash being the major attractor. Bird feeders and fruit trees also attract bears. Bears are curious, and have been known to break into cars just to examine the contents. Never leave any food items in your car while parked in Yosemite West or the National Park. Bears are skittish, and can often be chased away by loud noises. Problem bears are trapped and disposed of by the NPS or (in Yosemite West) by the Department of Fish and Game. Experience has shown that merely relocating bears does not work well. Bears have entered unlocked homes in Yosemite West.

Priorities for This Year: The highest priority issues for the coming year include fire safety, and support for infrastructure improvements.

Holiday Home Tour: YWPHI is considering sponsoring a holiday home tour. Current thinking is that it could include 6-7 homes with a progressive dinner. Contact Helen Yates for information.

Thank You to Board Members and Committee Chairs: The contributions of all Board members and Committee Chairs are greatly appreciated and are necessary to help Yosemite West maintain the character that brought us here. Thanks to last year's Board members (Linda Andrews, Larry Anstead, Grace Bartel, Debby Hagan, Sharon Haley, Carol Ruiz, and Helen Yates), and Committee Chairs (Harry Hagan, John Mock, Kim O'Neil and Joan Ulyatt) for all their help.

YWPHI Board of Directors Elections: We began last year with seven Board members. Sharon Haley and Linda Andrews will be leaving the Board due to personal reasons. Terms for Debby Hagan and Carol Ruiz expired, and they were re-elected. Kim O'Neil was also nominated and elected. A motion was passed directing the Board to fill the remaining vacancy without a vote of the entire YWPHI membership. Grace Bartel, Larry Anstead and Helen Yates remain on the Board.

Next Annual Meeting Date: Next year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 4, 2005. We will continue to hold these meetings on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

The meeting was **adjourned** by President Debby Hagan at 2:05 p.m. A lottery was held to distribute door prizes to those present, and the new YWPHI Board held its first meeting immediately afterward.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah O. Hagan and
Sharon Haley
Acting Secretary