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Dear WAPPOA Members and Friends,

We had a very long and extensive General meeting on April 15th. Thank you to those who attended and special appreciation to all the Presenters who attended and gave updates with Q&A from the WAPPOA members. We were pleased to meet some of the new members of our community:

Jill Connors – Wawona Interpreter YNP

Jeremy Herber – Recology – Mariposa County

Kyle Pina – who has been in Wawona for years and is now the assistant fire Captain Wawona Fire Station.

The minutes of the April 15th meeting are included in this mailing.

Update on Progress with Strategic Priorities and WAPPOA outreach on Club Express

1. MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Mariposa County/NPS to provide potable water in the event of lack of potable water in Wawona. The NPS would make potable water available to residents in Wawona, section 35. We are strongly advocating and fighting to keep the original agreement without any changes. We are reaching out to Our Congressman for support on our position.
2. Mariposa County STR (short term rental) moratorium. We continue to communicate and work with supervisor Rosemarie Smallcomb on updates. The proposal has not yet gone to the Board of Supervisors for a vote and is under study.
3. Firewise designation. Work together as a community to achieve Firewise designation. We had our kickoff meeting on April 15 with a presentation from Adar Emken who worked with her community of Yosemite West to receive Firewise designation. A Firewise committee has been formed and will soon submit our application for Wawona.
4. Wawona Golf Course. WAPPOA continue to advocate for the Golf Course to be restored to playable condition. We have contacted a Golf Course General Manager/Superintendent who is GCSAA certified to come to Wawona to walk the golf and give us an assessment on what it would take to restore it to playable condition and use this document to present to the YNP.
5. Barn Dances – A proposal has been sent to YNP for WAPPOA to plan, book the Yosemite Philharmonic Band, advertise, host, monitor, and clean up after the dances in the Grey Barn. We plan on having 4 barn dances and are in the process of obtaining special insurance required by the National Park along with submitting and getting approval for the Special Use Permit.
6. Club Express www.wappoa.com has been successfully launched after years of development by Trish and Marty Cerles. Trish Peterson, our director of communications emailed information to all dues paid members with directions to access the site.
7. Election Process to run for Board of Directors. Any active member or designee of WAPPOA may run for the Board of Directors. Candidate statements should be 200 words or less and summarize why you would like to serve on WAPPOA's Board of Directors. Email your candidate statement to wappoatt1@gmail.com

The next WAPPOA meetings are on June 3rd, and October 7th.

The WAPPOA Board looks forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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