

Dear Members,

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Over the last several years, I have always tried to use these letters as an opportunity to keep you informed about the positive things we have happening in the campground. There are so many things that have been improving each year. However, as your leader and President, it is my responsibility to also perform as a sentinel; someone to be the gate keeper and to sound the alarm of coming danger. There is no easy way to put this but the campground is in danger of being compromised by a small faction of members that want to increase the number of members living in and taking up sites all year round in the campground.

Cuttys was established as a recreational use campground. Unfortunately during a time of great financial crisis the Board of Directors allowed people to live in the campground year round. When this practice continued to grow and jeopardize the campground the Board put a moratorium on the people living year round in the campground, The Board did not kick these members out but instead grandfathered them in but stopped this practice from growing. The Board still has no intention of kicking these members out.

Cuttys has only approximately 170 full hook up sites and of these only about 150 would be considered high quality sites. These 150 sites are also being taken up by people living here year round, members living here for the summer, and work campers thus limiting this number to approximately 100 sites. Cuttys has over 800 members who use the campground for short term stays. These members pay their dues with the expectation of coming out and having equal rights to these sites. They account for over \$500,000.00 in dues alone and also use the store, snack bar, and RV repair. Those staying here and moving every 14 days always get these sites early in the week leaving our largest base of members with whatever sites are left over when they get off work and show up on Friday nights. If the year round residents were allowed to continue to grow there would be no sites left.

Year round camping also affects seasonal sites. Seasonal sites that a person lives on becomes their home and they do not turn over as quickly as traditional seasonal sites. We have over 300 members on the seasonal waiting list. We have never had this many members on the waiting list. It is not fair to all members to have these sites tied up for extended years. This has caused Cuttys members and potential members to go elsewhere. Members who are planning on retiring as snowbirds won't be able to use these sites.

This past year two members of the Board made a motion to rescind the moratorium on winter camping. Winter campers do not leave for the summer, this is their home. They are year round residents. The Board Members stated that the 25 sites in the S & O section could easily be used for year round living reducing the number of quality sites again. Fortunately this was defeated with a vote of 3-2. If this had passed and we keep taking sites away from the majority of our members they will look

elsewhere for their camping needs and without their income we would need to quadruple all rates making Cuttys unaffordable to all and no one would have a place to camp or live.

The coming election will be a turning point for the campground. We can continue to move forward each year making improvements or let the small group put the campground in danger by alienating the majority of our dues paying members. Please look closely at the candidates and choose wisely as the future depends on you!

Sincerely,

Ron Haynes  
President