

August 13, 1982

Board of Governors and Members
W. S. P. O. A.

Dear Fellow Members:

Due to personal and business obligations, Adrienne and I cannot attend the General Membership meeting. However we do wish to comment on some of the issues at hand, so I respectfully request that this letter be read as correspondence to those present at the meeting.

As a former two term past president of W. S. P. O. A. I object to the tearing down of the Clubhouse, the fencing in of Pebble Beach and the amendment to the by-laws.

The Clubhouse was built by volunteer members of our community; some are still here today. I don't see why we can't revitalize the structure the same way. That is unless NO One in the Association wants the Clubhouse. Rather than send out the word that the Board has decided to demolish this valuable asset, word should instead go out that a problem exists which must be resolved. Remember once it's torn down that's it..it's gone! A structure of this size, even if it's under utilized, is a valuable asset, repairs needed or not. If it's an eyesore fix it up; if it's under utilized get it used. I know a few community organizations that would love to have a building that size; perhaps we should try to rent it out, and if that doesn't work and no one wants it maybe we should sell it. Tearing it down is not the answer.

If every member in good standing of W. S. P. O. A. is given a key to the security fence at Pebble Beach, then I have no objections to the fence; otherwise I strenuously object. We should not be denied access to our property for a midnight swim, or boat ride, or just the opportunity to spend time near the water. The security fence will not accomplish what it is intended to, it will not keep out vandals and trespassers. The fence will present a challenge rather than a deterrent to those we wish to keep out. Rather it will prevent our members from using their own dock, beach and boats whenever they want. The security and disturbance problem is one which has existed for years and we are all concerned about it, but asking members to give up their rights to their own property is wrong. The police should be called for each incident of disturbance or vandalism and those who live near our beach are well within their rights to do that when their peace is disturbed.

Lastly, the matter of amending our By-Laws to provide payment to the Secretary/Treasurer. Having been a member of the Board of Governors for nine years and Past President for two, I know how much work and responsibility go with the job of Sec./Treas. Every individual who has ever held this position should be commended for the great amount of time and labor they have given to our community. However, providing compensation is a bad precedent to set, because sooner or later, even years from now, other members of the Board will justifiably feel their dedication and hard work are deserving of payment too. This Association can simply not afford to start paying our Board Members. We must reiterate our well thought out and established policy that members of the Board of Governors are not to be compensated for their positions.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Ruprecht Past President
Peter Ruprecht
W. S. P. O. A.

Dear Yellow Members:

Due to personal and business obligations, I cannot attend the General Membership Meeting. However, we do wish to comment on some of the issues at hand, so I respectfully request that this letter be read as correspondence to those present at the meeting.

As a former two term past president of W. S. P. L. A., I object to the tearing down of the clubhouse, the tearing in of people's beach and the amendment to the by-laws.

The clubhouse was built by volunteer members of our community; some are still here today. I don't see why we can't renovate the structure the same way. What is wrong in the association wants the clubhouse. Rather than send out a word that the Board has decided to demolish this valuable asset, word should instead go out that a problem exists which must be resolved. Remember once it's torn down that's it. It's gone! A structure of this size, even if it's underutilized, is a valuable asset to the beach or not. If it's an eye sore, fix it up; if it's underutilized, get it used. I know a few community organizations that would love to have a building that size; perhaps we should try to rent it out, and if that doesn't work and we want it, maybe we should sell it. Renting it down is not the answer.

If every member in good standing of W. S. P. L. A. is given a key to the security fence at Leslie Beach, then I have no objections to the fence; otherwise I strenuously object. We should not be denied access to our property for a night's time, on beach side, on just the opportunity to spend time with the water. The security fence will not accomplish what it is intended to, it will not keep out vandals and trespassers. The fence will present a challenge rather than a deterrent to those we wish to keep out. Rather it will prevent our members from using their own beach and boats whenever they want. The security and distance problem is one which has existed for years and we are all concerned about it, but asking members to give up their rights to their own property is wrong. The police should be called for each incident of disturbance on vandalism and those who live near our beach are well within their rights to do that when their peace is disturbed.

Lastly, the matter of sending our by-laws to provide payment to the Secretary/Treasurer. Having been a member of the Board of Governors for nine years and past president for two, I know how much work and responsibility go with the job of Secretary/Treasurer. Every individual who has ever held this position should be commended for the great amount of time and labor they have given to our community. However, providing compensation is a not essential to get, because sooner or later, even years from now, other members of the Board will justifiably feel their dedication and hard work are deserving of payment too. This Association can simply not afford to start paying our Board members. We must recognize our well thought out and established policy that members of the Board of Governors are not to be compensated for their positions.