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John,

Received your letter dated June 7, 2006, and surmised, that by your way of thinking, your letter is understandable.

You basically stated in your letter, the people on the Board that have cabins represent all the cabin and condo owners of Huntington Lake. *No comment!*

I did not send you a reply to your letter expeditiously because I wanted to find out some more facts:

- The members of this Board were all picked by Mr. Leach, a relatively new member to the fire department. No democratic process or anything. I believe a donation of \$10,000.00 helped to be considered in the selection.
- A web site is being developed for the HLVFD. A 5 year purchase, with the name being HLVFD.ORG. A question for Mr. Leach is, since he is the one organizing/developing this, "How is a web site going to benefit the cabin and condo owners?" Most cabin and condo owners don't bring their computers up on vacation nor do they care who's on the fire department. (*Note: the HLA meeting only had about 43 cabin/condo owners present out of 570*) So, is this just an ego thing for the personnel of the fire department? Obviously, donations from the cabin owners/condo is funding this. (Start-up fees, monthly fees, yearly fees, program fees, designer fees, computer?, etc.)
- Your financial overview is obviously highly overstated.
  - e.g.: line item 5020.1 plus line item 5500.4 equals \$5,450.00. What about all the used turnouts sitting upstairs at the firehouse. Turnouts are a \$1,000.00+ each. Do all new fighters (weekend only) get new uniforms. (other than a golf shirt and T-shirts) I don't believe that there are any year around weekday firefighters except for Mr. Leach (when he's on the mountain and not skiing).
  - e.g.: I believe that all items you have under "depreciation" were paid for through previous donations or acquisitions. Why request moneys for items the fire department already owns? (*Depreciation is for tax purposes only*)

- Your "Note:" "No provision..." at the bottom of the page has absolutely no meaning what so ever, if you actually read what it says.
- Summation : A lot of the items were inflated and most, if not all, of the \$45,091.67 in the depreciation line has already been paid for and therefore should not have been included in your report. Your justification is not valid for the moneys you want. You should have consulted a C.P.A. prior to releasing the "Financial Overview" and save the possibility of embarrassment.

I could go on and on but I think you get the idea.

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I do have a great concern for the fire department. For those of you that don't know who I am. He are my stats.

- I was a volunteer firefighter and EMT with HLVFD for about 4 years.
- I re-wrote the entire map and address book that is used on both engines and other vehicles today.
- I acquired the fire departments 2<sup>nd</sup> A.E.D. and its 1<sup>st</sup> training A.E.D. with a savings of over \$2,600.00.
- I acquired, at no cost, substantial supplies including backboards directly from American Ambulance Company, through a personal friend at American.
- I suggested training for non fire department personnel, over a month ago, in the operation of the Engines. I was told, in so many words, that this would not happen!! I now understand that there is a training session this week concerning that very topic. Interesting, to say the least.

I still support the fire department, although you and I do not see eye to eye on certain matters. My ideas/comment are based on logic not emotions.

- What I don't like to see is the possibility of waste.
- Tactics, for donations, that have been used.
- Inconsistencies in stating facts(?) at meetings.

I will be giving donations to the HLVFD in the years to come, but I will limit it, until I know that HLVFD has a real need for any additional funds. There is an old adage the states: the more money you get, the more you'll spend. Why not try to conserve?

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Facts about Huntington Lake:

- Fire protection is only 6 months of the year for most of the cabin owners.
- Medical services is scarce or non existent for most of the winter. This is contrary to what is being told to the cabin/condo owners. (I've been there, I know)

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I still stand on my convictions concerning the By-laws.

I was asked by Brother Jack, if I thought Brother Chris should be on the Board of Directors? And I answered no. He did not ask my reasoning for my response. I give you 2 reasons of which I'm sure you won't agree with, based on your letter.

1. He is now the Fire Chief.
2. He is not a cabin/land/condo owner.

This is not in any way a reflection on Bro. Chris's integrity. *Don't read something into this, like you did in my last letter, that's not there.* I believe that both Brother Chris and Brother Jack are highly qualified to handle any situation at Huntington Lake. They are well liked and are dedicated to providing the best service and training possible in their limited time during the summer at Huntington Lake and during multiple vacation times throughout the year. I have the greatest respect for both of them.

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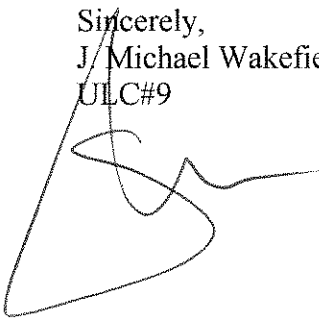
It was interesting that at the HLA meeting you wanted to take over the collecting of donations from HLA members. It was also interesting that you wanted to contact the cabin owners individually for donations and not the tracts. Is "2 in the bush instead of 1 in the hand" the right way of going? I sincerely hope your plans for donations works out as expected.

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So John, in conclusion, I found your letter to be extremely biased (based on friendship ties) and therefore disappointing. "Ego" is not the name of this game, or is it?

I hope the new Board of HLVFD plans wisely on spending our monies and providing better service.

Sincerely,  
J/ Michael Wakefield  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J/ Michael Wakefield', written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large loop at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.