

Letters

Apache Wells secrecy traded by both sides

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The above is an apt saying that applies to the Apache Wells Homeowners Association. As a result of long-time excesses by the AWHOA Board of Directors, culminating last June in a highly suspicious purchase of a piece of property for the sum of \$723,000 without the knowledge and consent of the resident home owners of the association, a group of concerned citizens of AWHOA got together. They formed an ad hoc committee calling themselves the "Save Apache Wells" committee using the acronym SAW.

We had many complaints about the secret doings of the board and its failure to obey our ruling documents and keep us informed of its doings.

Our committee met regularly during the months of June, July and August of last year and solicited donations from members with a view to challenging the stated purchase in court as well as working toward changing the worthless bylaws of the association. We were trying to change the make-up of the board with a view of getting more control in the hands of

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the members.

Unfortunately, the very things that we were formed to prevent, namely secrecy and arrogant behavior, have now been happening with SAW. Our committee has not met since last September and a very small group of two or three seems to be doing business without the input of the members of the original committee. We had no accounting of fiscal improvements until this past week (June 21) when an incomplete statement of expenditures was made without any statement concerning how much money has been donated and what our present balance is.

A specious reason that "our attorneys didn't want us to give out this information because the board would find out and use it against us" was given for the failure to make a complete financial statement.

Attempts to protest this were very rudely shouted down, which was very similar to treatment protesters received when protesting board actions at board meetings. Meanwhile these people are requesting more donations. Yes, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

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