

January 24, 1993

This letter will serve as my notice of resignation from the Board of Directors of the Art Beal Foundation.

My decision to resign was dictated by two factors. The fact that the Foundation has not acquired liability insurance to protect directors and the public and volunteers is the primary reason for my withdrawal. Liability insurance seems outside the financial grasp of the Foundation. However, I believe that the absence of liability insurance places the Board in a position of possible personal liability, a risk I am unwilling to endure.

The second reason for my withdrawal is the lack of solidarity, support and cohesiveness within the Board of Directors. The task of restoring Nitt Witt Ridge is an enormous one, requiring a group dedicated to common goals and a working relationship. My experience of the Board of Directors of the Art Beal Foundation was one of divisiveness, lack of common vision and methods, personality conflicts and the absence of the vice president and the secretary treasurer from meetings and other important functions necessary to further the stated goals of the Foundation. This was confirmed at the recent Board meeting by this statement from the secretary-treasurer, "I thought I'd sit back and see what you folks would do this year".

I feel the current Board accomplished some important gains: a fund raiser in August 1992 netted approximately \$800. A project to put a new roof on the main house was accomplished, along with new framework for half the roof and new framing for the bathroom, including a new floor. The new roof has prevented further deterioration during this particularly wet winter.

Many important contacts were made during the past year, including Jeff Falaro, a senior civil engineering student at Cal Poly, who completed plans for a new roof for the portion of the house that is the living room, roofless for over a decade. Many community members contributed time to the construction of the new roof. Cambria Hardware and Hayward Lumber were valuable contacts made by Joseph Bechtold. Donations from these businesses made the roofing project possible.

The time invested by a few members of the Board have made a difference in prolonging the life of Nitt Witt Ridge. The efforts of those who contributed so much should be acknowledged

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and I would like to thank Joseph Bechtold and Michael Rice for their accomplishments, JoAnne Orr for her contributions of time, money and historical information and Seymour Rosen for being a mentor and consultant to all.

In light of the current slide on the front of the property, and the ongoing outstanding tax problems spanning five years, and other problems I sincerely wish the remaining Board members all good luck!

I am happy I could serve for this time. My resignation commences on January 24, 1993.

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Joseph Bechtold  
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