

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 29, 2010

Board President Jim Nelson called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Present were Dan Schroedermeier, Ralph Reausaw, Gene Shaw and Jim Benson. Absent were Dick Pluimer, Bob Geis, Ray Rossi and Fred Welker. Jim Benson moved the minutes of the September board minutes be approved. It was seconded by Gene Shaw and the motion passed. Jim Benson gave the treasurer's report and it also was approved unanimously.

The treasurer's report reflected a balance of total funds on July 11, 2009 of \$20,502.68. Revenues were \$2,830.98; expenditures were \$2,875.24. The January 25, 2010 balance of funds is \$20,458.42.

ARC:

Ralph had the Rath addendum for changes to approved original building permit ready for approval and signing. Jim Nelson plans to re-write guidelines to reflect a requirement of applicants to include their plans in writing on location drawings for wells, water supply and septic systems.

FIREWISE:

Ray Rossi is ready to begin conversations with USFS regarding Firewise compliance

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Bob Ewing, Lawrence County Commissioner is now the point-man on invasive species. They realize some action is needed in controlling invasive species. Lawrence County has gained some action from the USFS on pine beetle control.

Jim Nelson reported little additional movement on the FERC approval process. The DENR and USFS are giving input as to water releases of Spearfish Creek.

The OHV plan is delayed pending some work the State of SD is doing along the same lines.

Jim Nelson has been in contact with Rhonda O'Byrne and Rusty Wilder of the USFS and has provided them with informational packets regarding mining in and around Spearfish Canyon. This issue has been bouncing around with different USFS personnel for quite some time.

Sanford/DUSEL water usage status.

NOMINATING:

Jim Benson has received interest from Steve Paula and Harry Matti to run for board positions. Gene Shaw is in contact with another candidate. Their bios will run in the February newsletter. Feb. 15 is the deadline for newsletter submissions. The terms of Ralph Reausaw, Bob Geis and Dick Pluimer are ending.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Nelson handed out two informational packets to members. One summarizes Jim's research on stat and local regulations and studies on septic systems. The other handout was USGS information on geological structures in

Spearfish Canyon which are not conducive to supporting extensive septic systems in the locale. It was noted that pre-1975 septic systems are grandfathered in as approved.

Nelson is also making a few corrections to the By-law amendments and completing the Rental Policy amendment, as well as updating the SCOA lot legal descriptions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nelson reported that Tom Adams has been doing a good job of condensing the covenants and should be finished by summer. Nelson will e-mail all board members polling them for an acceptable date for the May meeting. Ralph Reausaw moved that a new file cabinet be purchased to house ARC records at the Fire Hall. Benson seconded the motion and it carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. after which Jim gave an informative slide presentation.

Submitted by:

Carol Reausaw, recorder