

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2012

The SCOA board of directors met on December, 2012 at 4 p.m. via telephone conference call. Present were President, Gene Shaw, Steve Paula, Roberta Noel, Tom Adam, Ralph Reausaw, Harry Matti, Bob Geis, Dave Palmer, and Jim Benson. This was the second SCOA BOD meeting held by telephone conference call.

Matti presented the minutes of the September 1, 2012 meeting. Adam moved they be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Benson presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the total amount donated to Lawrence County by SCOA members for pine beetle abatement was \$12,950 thus far. He also reported that only two owners are arrears in their dues, and that he is expecting them to be paid shortly. He reported that at this time, the association has \$26,521.61 in the bank. Adam moved to approve the treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Reausaw reported that he received a signed letter by Bob Arnold stating that he removed the toilet from his secondary building. Permits approved since the annual meeting were:

Bob Arnold, new roof (up highway 85)

Sheldon and Loretta Murphy, addition to garage for lawn mower and tool storage.
At 21536 Highway 85

Michael Moran, re-roof buildings, 21420 US Hwy 14A

Maury Haugland, new garage on Hanna Road

He also provided covenant information to Harry Matti, who had inquiries from potential canyon property buyers. They were possibly looking to create a vacation rental. The committee will do some final inspections come springtime.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Matti reported low activity by the Firewise Committee. He did mention that board members installed new 911 signs to replace damaged or worn-out ones this last summer.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Dave Palmer noted that a new mine in Keystone had a bentonite leak into the stream, and that there is a uranium mine being dug in Edgemont. Mining will be at the forefront of the SCOA's attention in the coming year.

OLD BUSINESS

Shaw reported that the "cut and chunk" project undertaken by Lawrence County is finished for this winter. No work in Spearfish Canyon was done. He stated that there was not enough county money left and that maybe the upcoming federal farm bill would include some funding for this effort. There was no state or federal money spent in Lawrence County this winter on pine beetle remediation. He stated that the State of SD is pumping all its money into the pine beetle remediation effort on its own property in Custer State Park. A major portion of Lawrence County is owned by the federal government, and the state is not spend its own money on beetle efforts in Lawrence County.

The Spearfish Canyon Owner's Association is one of the largest contributors to the Lawrence County's cutting efforts, and the only homeowners association to do so.

Costs increases for workman's compensation insurance and new restrictions imposed by the state forester of SD have also slowed the cutting efforts. Shaw did point out that the USFS has permitted a lot of timber sales that ring Spearfish Canyon, which will help protect it from bug infestation.

Regarding mining, Shaw stated that the Department of Energy and Natural Resources has given approval to the Deadwood Standard mine for additional exploration

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on property near the canyon rim which would include blasting. This exploration could increase the footprint of the currently proposed mine.

The board's position is to oppose the Deadwood Standard Mine for reasons of potential risk to the Spearfish Creek watershed environment. Discussions took place regarding other organizations in the state and their opposition to the mine. For now, the board is deferring any decision to formally align with other organizations in this effort.

NEW BUSINESS

It was proposed that the annual meeting be held July 13th at the Golden Hills resort with Benson coming up with a budget for the event. When he does, the food can be planned.

Discussion was held regarding raising dues. As time goes on, there are more complex issues for the association to address, and increased costs associated with them. Tom Adam moved to raise the dues to \$100.00 per year. This increase would raise revenues by about \$20,000 per year. It was seconded by Ralph Reausaw. It passed with a seven (yes) to two (no) vote.

The meeting adjourned after approximately one hour.

Carol Reausaw, recorder

Harry Matti, secretary