

**Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
Annual all-member meeting July 26, 2014**

The annual meeting of all members of the SCOA was convened on July 26, 2014 at 7 pm at Lead Country Club. A supper catered by David Brueckner preceded the meeting. The registrars determined that a quorum existed. About 75 people were in attendance. Prior to the meeting, board members hauled 10 tables and 80 chairs to the venue from the Spearfish Canyon Fire Department.

Gerry Bennet moved and Barb Wanstedt seconded a motion to accept the agenda with an addition of rental policy clarification under new business. The motion carried.

Dave Heck, Lawrence County Invasive Species specialist was slated to speak about the efforts by his department to mitigate beetle infestation in canyon pine stands, but he was absent from the event.

Gerry Bennet moved and Dave Palmer seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the 2013 meeting. The motion passed.

Pam Haugland, treasurer presented her report stating that total funds held by the association at this time are \$67,982.91. Judy Rossi moved and Lisa Fox seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. The motion carried.

Linda Christensen gave a report on the Spearfish Canyon Cuisine cookbook project. She stated that sales have been so good that 400 more have been ordered in addition to the 1,200 that have already been sold. A total profit of \$16,312 has been raised to date. Anticipated revenue from the third reprint is to be \$5,000.

The proceeds from this successful endeavor are intended to be donated to Lawrence County for pine beetle mitigation in Spearfish Canyon. A check for \$6,000 has already been given to Lawrence County. Also, an anonymous donor gave \$2,000 to this effort.

Cheyenne Crossing Store has sold 717 cookbooks. Other businesses gracious enough to sell the cookbooks are Spearfish Canyon Lodge and Latchstring, Lead Country Club, Homestake Mining Museum, Someone's in the Kitchen and Mitzi's Books.

Linda Christensen and Pam Haugland helped Beverly Shaw enter all the recipes. There were 69 past and present SCOA residents who submitted recipes. Submitting canyon photographs for the project were Karen Marchiando, Pam Palmer, Alan Varland, Pam Cranfill, John Hudson, and Beverly Shaw. The written report for this project is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Firewise- Fire chief Gerry Bennet announced that the monthly fire department meeting is Monday, July 28, 2014 at the fire hall. It is a potluck beginning at 6 pm. These meetings are the last Monday night of each of the summer months. The Firewise Committee is prepared to haul small loads of yard debris to the dump for canyon residents on Firewise Day August 16th. Chairman Harry Matti was called away for a family emergency, so Ray Rossi volunteered to help spearhead the activity. Volunteers are welcome to assist. Dump passes are available at the Fire Hall for any resident to take their own debris to the Spearfish Dump. Bennet also stated that the wood chipper owned by the Fire Department is no longer available. The liability for owning and operating it was too great. Don Harvey has purchased the chipper.

Architectural Review-Ralph Reausaw reported that about 10 building permits have been issued. There are no items currently in grievance. He stressed the need for owners to get a permit for any exterior work to be done on their property. The written report is attached to these minutes. Approved permits are kept in a file at the Fire Hall.

Environmental-Dave Palmer reported that there are lots of trees downed as a result of the October 4, 2013 snow storm. He stated it is up to the owners to clean up these trees. Owners also have a responsibility and vested interest in treating the pine trees before they become infested with the beetle. He also stressed the responsibility of owners to keep their septic systems in working order and to keep litter contained. When asked what was being done about downed trees adjacent to US Hwy 14 A, Bennet stated that the DOT marked trees but it is unknown what is being done after that.

Nominating-Board members whose terms are ending are Tom Adam, Jim Benson and Bob Geis. Retiring members of the board Gene Shaw, Roberta Noel, Tom Adam and Jim Benson were presented with plaques and thanked for their service to the association. The last year of Benson's and Geis' three-year-terms were filled by Steve Fox and Bob Morcom. Gerry Bennet moved and John Billington seconded the motion to elect the slate of three officers. Elected by unanimous consent to new three-year-terms were Steve Fox, Bob Morcom, and Dave Johnson. Doug Hendricks volunteered to fill the third year of Roberta Noel's three-year term and was so appointed. Carol Reausaw had been appointed to fill the last year of Gene Shaw's three-year term. See chart attached to these minutes.

Newsletter-Carol Reausaw reported that Dee Sleep of Chicken Creek Communications published the June newsletter. It will continue to be published three times a year.

Old Business

President Steve Paula read a letter from Don Valentine, a partner in the Deadwood Standard (mine) Project outlining a new proposal for their mining operation above the rim of Spearfish Canyon. In this new scenario, they would not mill, process, or dispose of the ore onsite. They are looking for SCOA approval of this new concept before they put the proposal before the State Department of Energy and Natural Resources and Lawrence County Commission for a revised permit. Much discussion ensued with Jim Nelson coaching the membership about the procedures of this permitting process. He recommended that SCOA wait for the DENR to act. It was the consensus of the membership that the SCOA position (opposition to the mine) has not changed until the new plan has been submitted by DSP to DENR and Lawrence County. President Paula will report the wishes of the membership to Mr. Valentine.

New Business

A cell tower is going to be constructed at the site of Spearfish Canyon Lodge by a company called Velocitel. The SCOA board of directors gave its blessing to this proposal. The tower will be a dark green stealth tower and should greatly increase cell phone service in the area.

Discussion took place regarding the SCOA rental policy. Nelson reiterated that the amendment to the covenants states that owners can rent their property for 14 days per year. The IRS and State of South Dakota Department of Revenue will not concern themselves with tax and regulatory issues for this amount of time. As always, guests of owners are acceptable occupants any time. Nelson explained that there are some properties in the Canyon which do not have SCOA covenants and don't have to follow this rule. Properties that were a part of the Homestake Land Exchange in 1990 had these covenants imposed upon them in perpetuity.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Carol Reausaw

