

SCOA Board Meeting JULY 30, 2013

To: Gene Shaw, Jim Benson, Tom Adam, Harry Matti, Roberta Noel, Steve Paula, Dave Palmer, Pam Haugland, Bob Morcom and Ralph Reausaw

The July 30, 2013 SCOA Board Meeting was called to order by President Gene Shaw at 4:00PM at the Spearfish Canyon Fire Hall.

Members present were Gene Shaw, Jim Benson, Harry Matti, Roberta Noel, Dave Palmer, Pam Haugland.

Absent were Tom Adam, Steve Paula and Bob Morcom.

Officers were selected for the 2013/2014 Board;

Gene Shaw was nominated President by Jim Benson, Second by Roberta Noel. All in favor.

Committee Appointments are as follows:

Jim Benson - Treasurer, Pam Haugland - Secretary, Steve Paula - Vice President, Tom Adam – Executive Member, Dave Palmer – Environmental/ Weed, Harry Matti – Fire Wise, Ralph Reausaw – ARC, Bob Morcom - ARC, Roberta Noel – Deadwood Standard Mine, Roberta Noel – Nominating, Bob Geis – Adopt –A-Hiway.

Jim Benson issued the financial report. Jim stated the finances for SCOA is the best it has ever been. Currently total is \$43,000 in checking and CD's. There are 17 SCOA members that have not paid dues for 2013/14. Late payments are assessed a penalty of \$25.00 after August 1st. After September 1st, a lien will be filed.

At annual meeting only one person had a complaint about the increase in dues.

Discussion about the Annual meeting was very favorable. It was well attended and comments were very positive about the setting at the Lead Country Club. Dave Brueckner did an outstanding job in providing a delightful menu. The cost was 40% less than the previous annual event. One guest asked if an agenda be issued before the next annual meeting so they could be prepared to discuss items of interest.

Harry Matti stated the annual Fire Wise day will be August 17th. At the present time there are no requests from SCOA members for assistance to help remove or haul debris to the dump. Members can pick up a free "pass" to the Lead/Deadwood or Spearfish City dump, at the SC Fire Hall on morning of August 17th. Fire Wise will check into a downed tree along Hanna Road.

We could use some help in preparation of the SCOA Newsletter.

Considerable time was spent discussing the MPB project. Gene Shaw will contact Dave Hecht to see where we are with the beetle project in Spearfish Canyon. It was stated that owners can remove debris within 100 feet of your property on USFS property, but you need to ASK for permission.

Roberta Noel talked to Mike Cepak regarding Deadwood Standard Mine. DSM is still preparing test information for the state. Do not see any activity until early 2014. Roberta will continue to follow up.

Jim Nelson is continuing to pursue efforts to prevent mining in Spearfish Canyon. Gene Shaw will issue a letter from SCOA to support Jims and his efforts to prevent mining in the canyon.

The SCOA cook book has had exceptional success. They have sold out the original order and are placing an addition order for 300 more books. The ladies have raised over \$8000. Pam Palmer has set up a table at the Lead Methodist church during the Biker Breakfast to sell additional books.

Next SCOA Board meeting will be Thursday August 29th at 4:00PM.

Agenda will include time for a report from Mick McManman, representing Velocitel. He is investigating sites for stealth cell towers in Spearfish Canyon for AT&T.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

H Matti
SCOA Board Secretary

August 6, 2013