

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 27, 2012

The SCOA board of directors met on March 27, 2012 at 4 p.m. via telephone conference call. Present were President, Gene Shaw, Tom Adam, Ray Rossi, Fred Welker, Ralph Reausaw, Harry Matti, Bob Geis, and Jim Benson. This was the first SCOA BOD meeting held by telephone conference call.

Welker presented the minutes of the September 17, 2011 meeting. Rossi 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 was \$11,600 thus far. He also reported that only two owners are arrears in their dues, and that a lien has been placed on one of these property for outstanding dues. He reported that at this time, the association has \$31,429.97 in the bank.

Reausaw reported low activity during the winter for the Architectural Review Committee. Only one building permit is pending. He asked the board of directors if they could see any problems granting a building permit for Chuck Knapp to construct a pond on his lot. Assuming that it will not infringe on the road right-of-way, and that he has his own water supply, the group approved of the project.

Benson reported that Welker, Rossi and Shaw have terms that are finishing up this year. Shaw agreed to run again, so there will be two more nominations to be sought.

Since Mountain Pine Beetle eradication has taken up so much of the board's attention, the discussion on revision of the covenants and by-laws by Tom Adam will be postponed until the June board meeting.

Shaw reported that a comprehensive report on the county's progress on the fight against the beetle infestation will be presented to the Lawrence County Commission on April 10<sup>th</sup> by Dave Heck, the invasive species manager. Shaw also stated that preventative spraying should be done in May. Several local companies do this work including Lonnie Koster, Black Hills Pest Control, and Luke Donovan. He will be sending a letter to SCOA members about the beetle battle, spraying options, donation requests, and urging them to contact their congressmen to bring attention to the problem.

The board reviewed two projects proposed by the US Forest Service. One is construction of a viewing deck on the side of the road at Bridal Veil Falls. The other is an expansion and modification of the grounds at the Long Valley Picnic Area. It was the board's view that these projects only serve to increase traffic and development in the Canyon. Adam moved that the board go on record as opposing both projects. Reausaw seconded the motion and it passed. Shaw will officially comment on this to the USFS.

In other matters, Jim Nelson has been keeping apprised of a mining issue on the rim of the canyon and will report on it at a later time. The annual meeting will be held July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Hall with Dave Brueckner catering the food. The board of directors will hold their next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. They will utilize a conference speaker phone for any board members not able to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned after approximately one hour.