

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 7, 2014

The SCOA board of directors met on June 7, 2014 at 9 a.m. at the Spearfish Canyon Fire Hall. Present were President Steve Paula, Vice President Harry Matti, Secretary Carol Reusaw, Treasurer Pam Haugland, Bob Morcom, and Dave Palmer. Absent was Steve Fox. Roberta Noel has resigned her position due to health issues.

Morcom moved and Haugland seconded the motion to approve the agenda. It passed. Haugland presented a financial report prepared by former treasurer, Jim Benson. As of June 1st, total funds held by SCOA are in the amount of \$57,236.91. Collection of yearly dues is in progress. No liens on delinquent dues are currently levied. Reusaw moved and Morcom seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. It passed.

Reusaw presented the minutes of the March 10th conference call meeting. Haugland moved they be accepted. The motion was seconded by Palmer and approved.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Reusaw reported that there is one pending building permit for Ray Rossi on Hanna Road. One building permit for a new home for Ray Jilek on Hanna Road has been approved over the winter. Members of the board of directors directed the ARC to pursue a fine for pillars constructed by a SCOA member at the entrance to a new bridge on Highway 85. This project was undertaken without a SCOA building permit.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Matti reported that Firewise day is August 16th. People who wish to clean up their properties to prevent wildfire are encouraged to participate. There are free dump passes available for people who need to take brush to the Spearfish dump. He also reminded members of the SCOA rules for "open fires." Fire pits must be state-approved and all fire burners must have a screen over the top.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paula stated that he had contacted Dave Johnson about serving on the board of directors. Johnson agreed, and his name will be submitted for election at the annual meeting. A member will be sought for appointment to fill Roberta Noel's remaining year.

OLD BUSINESS

Paula reported that the cookbook fundraiser was quite successful in raising money to contribute to Lawrence County's pine beetle mitigation in the Elmore area. This effort was initiated by the ladies coffee group and led by Bev and Gene Shaw. 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.

The June newsletter is being published this coming week by Dee Sleep of Chicken Creek Communications in Spearfish. It contains the annual meeting notice as well as other timely items of importance.

Paula stated that a letter has gone out to all home owners and realtors to remind them of the 14 day limit on renting of their properties as per SCOA covenants.

The annual meeting will take place on July 28th at the Lead Country Club with Dave Brueckner catering the event. The social hour will begin at 5 pm with dinner and meeting following at 6 pm. There will be a cash bar.

Mick McManman was in attendance to give the SCOA board an update on Velocitel's efforts to place a cell tower at the site of Spearfish Canyon Lodge. He discussed at length the appearance, location, construction timeline, and coverage projections of the tower. Spearfish Canyon Resorts is signing a lease on the location. Velocitel is building the tower, and their contract for service is with AT&T for cellular

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service. Velocitel is seeking SCOA approval of the concept before it is able to complete application with Lawrence County Planning and Zoning.

Matti moved that SCOA sign a letter of approval for the construction at Savoy on the Spearfish Canyon Lodge property of a stealth tower in a color to be approved by the landlord and SCOA. The motion was seconded by Palmer and received unanimous approval.

Paula reported that Don Valentine, representing Deadwood Standard Mine was unable to attend this meeting. He was not able to present a written explanation of current plans of operation but did relate to him that:

- Ore-bearing material will be transported off-site for processing.
- DSM will overfill their digging site with non-tailing fill, and reclaim as they go, per state regulations.

Paula is under the impression that DSM already has a permit from the State of South Dakota and is waiting for Lawrence County approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

Questions that the board posed were these:

- What kind of material is restoring the void where mining will take place and where does it come from?
- If spent material is returning back to the mine site, at what nitrate levels will there be? The main concern of SCOA is still water quality in the Spearfish Canyon watershed. It **should be noted that if the fill IS old tailings from wherever, is that fill neutralized to a PH between 6 and 9 as previously committed by DStd. and, additionally, what will the nitrate level be for any fill proposed?**

Steve encouraged board members to contact Valentine at (970) 846-6040 or (970) 879-2383 for answers to these and other questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Reausaw stated that she was contacted by Henry Lichstein of Dryad Communications to gauge interest in high speed internet services among SCOA members. Reausaw will suggest that they prepare a hand-out to be given out at the annual all-member meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m..

Carol Reausaw, secretary