

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, August 29, 2013

The SCOA board of directors met on August 29, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the fire hall. Present were President, Gene Shaw; Secretary, Pam Haugland; Executive Committee Member, Tom Adam; Bob Morcom, and Harold Matti. Absent were Treasurer, Jim Benson; Vice President, Steve Paula, and directors, Dave Palmer and Roberta Noel.

Minutes from the July 13th meeting were unavailable. Shaw presented the written treasurer's report for Jim Benson. He reported that at this time, the association has \$39,641 in the bank. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

ARCITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: (Ralph Reausaw, chair; Jim Benson, Harold Matti, Dave Palmer, Bob Morcom.)

The ARC committee reported that two building permits are pending.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE: (Harold Matti, chair; Gerry Bennett, Ray Rossi, Paul Thompson, Jack Billington)

Matti reported that he intends to issue a notice by postcard or letter to home owners to inform them that the Firewise Committee will be inspecting the exterior of each property to do a Firewise assessment and report. If the home owners object to this, they should respond in writing to Matti. The committee intends to do about 40 inspections each year. Properties have been divided into five groups, based on Spearfish Canyon location, with one group to be inspected each year. This will establish a five-year rotation plan for compliance with Firewise regulations. Firewise inspections will help owners know how to provide defensible space around their structures in case of wildfire.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: (Dave Palmer)

Shaw reported that the DOT has removed almost all the mounds of highway grinding material from the side of the road at Cheyenne Crossing. He also mentioned to Dave Heck of Lawrence County that the thistle infestation is becoming quite bad on properties and roadsides on the Hanna Road and Highway 14A through Elmore..

NEWSLETTER: (Pam Palmer, chair; Barb Wanstedt)

Bev Shaw has agreed to publish the newsletter until a permanent volunteer is found.

DEADWOOD STANDARD MINE ISSUE: (Roberta Noel)

Shaw reported that approval of the mining operation has been slowed by many factors which have inhibited the Deadwood Standard Mine application process. At the present time the DENR report and recommendation are not expected to be available until next year. SCOA will continue to monitor activity.

NEW BUSINESS

COOKBOOK SALES:

550 cookbooks sold in four weeks. An additional 330 more are on order. On September 3, 2013, Bev Shaw will present a check for the current \$6,000 profit to the Lawrence County Commissioners for Mountain Pine Beetle mitigation in Spearfish Canyon.

OTHER:

The board reviewed the Architectural Design Guidelines on restrictions of personal signs posted in the Canyon. AT&T is still contemplating construction of a cell tower in the canyon, but must obtain a piece of property large enough upon which to place it.

The schedule for the next meeting will be announced.

Submitted by Recorder, Carol Reausaw
Pam Haugland, Secretary
