

SCOA BOD meeting
1/25/2016

The Spearfish Canyon Home Owners Association Board of Directors met January 25, 2017 by conference call at 6 pm MST. President Dave Johnson called the meeting to order with those present being Carol Reausaw, Pam Haugland, Tom Gallagher, Steve Fox, Doug Hendriks and Dave Palmer and, by phone, Cindi Knapp. Absent was Bob Morcom.

The minutes from the last board meeting September 12, 2016 were approved unanimously with a motion by Pam and seconded by Tom.

Secretary Pam Haugland presented the financial report. It was approved unanimously with a motion by Tom and seconded by Dave P. She did note that our balance is approaching \$100K. With that, there may have to be amending of our liability insurance limits, our treasurer's bonding limit and maybe some IRS considerations. All dues have been paid. The balance of total funds is \$94,415.22.

ARC Report

Still unresolved is the re-write of the wording in the Architectural Guidelines concerning square footage limits. Dave Palmer reported that there is one building permit application pending. Pam moved to accept this report and Tom seconded the motion. It passed.

Newsletter

Carol reported that a winter newsletter will be published in February.

Nominating Committee

Terms expiring are those held by Steve Fox, Bob Morcom, and Dave Johnson. Steve and Dave have expressed a willingness to continue with second terms. Doug Hendriks will seek another nominee for a three year term.

Old Business

Steve has contacted the Sherriff's office regarding loud jake brakes and motorcycle noise in the canyon. He was told that enforcement is not possible currently. Johnson will transmit a letter to board members received from John Orem, who has reportedly quantified noise levels for the last several years and has written a letter to the board regarding this matter.

Dave updated the group on the governor's plan to create Spearfish Canyon State Park. He met with US Representative Kristi Noem in the fall. She was surprised about the suddenness of the proposal. Since she has received much negative response from mostly west river voters, she has pulled back her support of the legislation to enable a land swap with the US Forest Service and the State of South Dakota necessary to create the park.

An advisory group has been formed to receive input to make the park successful. Not necessarily agreeing with this mission, but representing our 200 member stakeholders, Dave and Jim Nelson (ex-president of SCOA) have been appointed to serve on this committee.

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Dave will provide information to SCOA, via emails and the newsletter, to inform membership about public meetings, cracker-barrel legislative meetings and all pertinent information regarding the state park progress. The SCOA BOD will soon devise a position statement and disseminate it to the membership and the public. Hendriks suggested placing ads in South Dakota news publications, stating the SCOA position and concerns. This idea was well-received by the board members.

New Business

Dave Palmer suggested creating a "Charity, or Benevolence Fund" to support the volunteer fire fighters of the Spearfish Canyon Fire Department. These monies would be available to donate to these deserving people when they have needs such as the birth of a child, a medical emergency, a death in the family etc. The board saw merit in this idea and will explore it further.

There being no more further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Reausaw