

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2011

President Shaw called the meeting to order. Present were:

Gene Shaw, Ray Rossi, Steve Paula, Tom Adam, Harry Matti, and Fred Welker (by phone). Bob Geis arrived after the meeting started, Jim Benson, Ralph Reausaw, and Carol Reausaw were unable to attend.

Fred presented the minutes of the July 16th all-members meeting to the board. Since all were familiar with them, they were approved as presented. Welker then read the minutes of the board meeting which followed the July 16th all-members meeting. Discussion followed and some corrections/revisions were made involving committees. These corrections consisted of:

- Remove Bob Geis' name from membership on the ARC committee.
- Remove Jim Nelson's name from the Water Quality/Quatity Committee.
- Remove Cleanup Committee as a committee.

Rossi moved and Adam seconded a motion to approve these minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Benson reported a balance of \$31,247.97. He will send board members a copy of the detailed treasurer's report when he returns from his trip out-of-town.

Old Business:

- Tom Adam was selected to become the 5th member of the executive committee.
- Firewise Day, August 27th, was successful. There were 18 participants with refuse taken to both the Lead-Deadwood & Spearfish rubble sites. Ray gave an update on the status of the application to become a firewise community. By unanimous consent, it was decided by the board to appoint a Firewise Committee with Ray the chair and elevate it to full committee status instead of it being included under the Environmental committee. Members of the FIREWISE BOARD are: Ray Rossi, Chair, Gary Bennett, Paul Thompson, and Jack Billington. Ray reported there several requirements for becoming a firewise community including: spending a minimum of \$2 per residence per year on firewise activities; Holding a firewise day annually; Assessing at least 75% of member residences; Re-assessing residences periodically; and developing a total assessment.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review:

- Harry Matti was appointed to the ARC along with Reausaw, chairman; Benson, and McGinnis.
- McGinnis, Shaw and Reausaw made a final inspection visit at the Galland residence to verify that the signed agreement had been adhered to. Gene noted a drawing of the complete septic system is still needed to complete the requirements. A discussion followed about ensuring continued compliance as the property is for sale. The agreement is on file at the county register of deeds and will be noted on any title work on the Galland residence.
- ARC application – Gene reported some changes are underway to the building permit application as a result of recent experiences. This application and a new ARC checklist will become a part of these minutes.

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- Current building in progress includes a new cabin being built by Brady's on the Hanna Road.
- A "Stop Work Order" was issued by Ralph Reausaw on a roofing job at the cabin owned by Susan Johnson until the proper building permit is applied for and issued.
- It was noted that the SCOA covenants and rental policy should be explained to Lawrence Title Company.

New Business

By general consent, Steve Paula was appointed as chair of the Environmental Committee, which takes care of oversight on water quality/quantity and weeds and any other environmental concerns.

Carol Reausaw will again publish the Fall newsletter. Deadline to her for submissions is September 30th.

General discussion took place regarding the SCOA rental policy and its enforcement.

Tom Adam distributed copies of the cleaned-up C,C,R&R's (Covenants) for review by each board member. Former president, Jim Nelson recommends that the board continue to use Don Harvey as consultant to SCOA regarding the bug tree infestation.

On September 12th, Shaw, Reausaw and Matti met with two representatives of the South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks at the Yates Pond. They were Gene Galinat, Wildlife Division Regional Fisheries Manager and John Carreiro, Fisheries Wildlife Biologist. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Ice Box Creek flow into the Yates Ponds. Canyon owners have concerns about the health of the pond and want the GF&P to explain their studies and plans for the future health of the pond. Galinat and Carreiro stated they will put together an article for the newsletter.

Bill Coburn, forester, met with the board to bring them up-to-date on the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation in Spearfish Canyon. The U.S. Forest Service has no plans to treat Spearfish Canyon. After discussion, the board devised a plan to issue a letter to individuals for support of a "Save the Spearfish Canyon Coalition." The coalition will hopefully include officials from the governor on down to state and local officials and the Spearfish Canyon Foundation. This coalition will appeal to the Black Hills director of the USFS, Craig Bobzien for timely measures to insure the health of the pine trees in Spearfish Canyon.

A date for the winter board meeting will be determined at a later date. Discussion took place regarding audio conferencing at the next meeting to include members not present in person. Geis moved to adjourn and it was voted upon unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by:

Dred M. Welker

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Fred Welker, secretary

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