

Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2012

The board met at the fire hall. Board President Gene Shaw called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Present were, Steve Paula, vice-president; Jim Benson, treasurer; Harold Matti, secretary; Tom Adam, executive committee member; and Dave Palmer, Bob Geis, Roberta Noel, directors. Absent was Ralph Reausaw, director. Adam moved that the minutes of August 30th be approved. It was seconded and approved.

The treasurer's report given by Benson reflected a balance of total funds on September 1, 2012 of \$5,963.19 in checking and \$20,060.47. Revenues since the last meeting were \$4,296.74; expenditures were \$8,494.82. There are 27 members still owing their 2012-13 dues which become delinquent on November 1, 2012, and no members in arrears. After November 25th, the past due accounts are charged a \$25.00 fine. Benson also provided a report of a total \$12,800 in membership individual donations to the Lawrence County Mountain Pine Beetle remediation effort. The treasurer's report will be attached as a part of these minutes. The treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:

Ralph Reausaw is still heading up this committee. Also appointed on the committee are Dave Palmer, Jim Benson and Harry Matti. Benson stressed that he is making sure the documentation is in order. Carol Head has done a good job in keeping the documents filed at the fire hall. He answered questions about septic systems and what kind of control the ARC is able to exercise over them. Benson stated that any new construction or additional bedrooms built need to have septic inspection and/or design by an engineer.

FIREWISE:

Harry Matti, committee chairman, reported that his plan is to do about 40 inspections per year so that all 200 cabins in the association will have an inspection once every 5 years. He stated that inspections are voluntary, and are only on the exterior of a property. Owners will receive recommendations of the committee after the inspection. This is free. His helpers on the committee are proposed to be Gerry Bennet, Ray Rossi, Paul Thompson and Jack Billington.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Steve Paula will head this committee.

WEED:

Dave Palmer has volunteered to chair this committee. He will look into companies who will do weed spraying.

NEWSLETTER:

Pam Palmer has volunteered to try publishing the newsletter since Carol Reausaw has resigned after 7 years of doing it. Carol will help her get started and Barb Wanstedt will continue to be asked to help with the mailings.

NOMINATING:

Roberta Noel volunteered to chair this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Gene Shaw mentioned that Lawrence County will start cutting and chunking infested pine trees in the early fall. Much discussion and brain-storming took place

regarding funding and mechanics of the fight against the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation.

The group reviewed the Deadwood Standard Gold Mine issue. The Lawrence County Commissioners have delayed their decision to give the mine a Conditional Use Permit. In previous action, SCOA members have attended hearings, written letters, and placed full-page ads in numerous publications, opposing the approval of the CUP.

Roberta Noel is planning to meet with two scientists from the SD School of Mines and Technology for further research on the problems with the mine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Shaw stressed the importance of more electronic communications by the SCOA. He would like to establish this as another committee. These communications would include updating e-mail addresses, a Facebook presence, etc. He has approached Deanna Hoyer, our webmaster, about helping with this task. Roberta Noel and Jim Benson would be interested in knowing more, and in meeting with her.

Tom Adam did bring up the topic of vacation cabin rentals among SCOA members. Covenants do prohibit doing this for more than 14 days per year.

Dave Palmer mentioned that the Canyon Coffee Klatch are putting together a cookbook as a fund-raiser for the association's causes. Also mentioned was another fundraiser involving a dinner with music, silent auction etc. to be held next year.

The next meeting is proposed to be a teleconference sometime in November, with the date yet to be determined.

There being no additional business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

Harry Matti
H.M./cjr