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BVRI GENERAL Meeting Minutes • November 09, 2013

BVRI Board Members in attendance:

Tom Fraser
Katherine Aitken-Young
Jack Wedgwood
Ann Porteus
Eric Jung
Jill Wegenstein
Kim LeMieux
Paul Petersen
Randy Mancini

Additional attendees:

Approximately 50 community members in attendance

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by BVRI Board President Tom Fraser at the Perry Walther Center.

President's Report

Update on BVRI Board accomplishments over the past year:

- New Website
- Engagement with BVWD
- Politicians about swimming in Bear Lake and maintaining post office
- Adopt-a-highway 2 miles of highway 4
- Summer picnic
- Music festival donation
- Swimming at the lodge pool for members
- Enforcement of the CC&Rs
- Annual New Year's eve fireworks show

Treasurer's report—Jack Wedgwood

Raffle proceeds donated to BVPG and we “topped it off” to make \$1K because our proceeds were a bit below expectations.

Beach operations: not as much spent on help because we didn’t have a beach monitor this year. We bought new sand this year which added to our overall beach cost.

Insurance costs (\$8,700) covers all of our insurance and represents about 23% of our total dues.

Website costs are startup design for the new site as well as ongoing costs.

Pool costs lower because pool wasn’t ready as soon this year.

Jack to reconfirm the BVMF donation classification in the report.

BVWD Report – Jim Bissell

Jim announced there will be one opening on the BVWD Board.

Jim Bissell provided a handout on the 2013 Rate Study.

BVWD has been operating in the red – they looked at a use-based rate and were not able to come up with a feasible model so they are proposing a flat rate structure that will represent a maximum rate increase of about \$14/month.

Bear Valley Music Festival Report – John Ennals

BVMF is in good shape financially now and Jim extended thanks to the community for all the support.

Currently in search for new Exec Director and have excellent candidates they are considering.

July 25 – 27 is the first weekend and then the following two weeks.

BV Mountain Resort – Jim Gentling

Lodge Update

Small fire and flood in the BV Lodge resulted in some good remodels.

Chef Henry Chaperont is now in charge of the hotel as well as food. The Lodge is operating 7 days/week with food and beverage.

Mountain Update

The Mountain is back on the market. The EIR and EA are approved so it’s a great opportunity for new investors.

Job fair two weeks ago in Arnold. 130 well-qualified applicants.

Promotions:

Chris Aguirre (former Ski Patrol Director) to Mountain Manager.
Mattly Trent was promoted to Ski Patrol Director.

Snow making operation: will start making snow after 11/15.
Opening day is planned to be Thanksgiving Day this year.

New Race Director: George Thomas.
Focusing on children and learning this year.
Adding an Enchanted Forest in the trees between Cub and Super Cub.
Base area will have a children's play area as well.
Doubling size of children's center.

\$75K was spent this summer on parking lot paving.
Chef Henry will be in charge of all F&B at the mountain.

Ski School—changing teaching strategy for upcoming season to “station based teaching” with stations set up according to what you need to learn. Every 15 minutes the stations will restart their lesson. The program lasts all day long.

Adult Ski Team program—doubled in size since last year.

New focus on Marketing and Sales this year. Rosie will be solely focused on sales/marketing in 2014. Redesigned the Website. New sales person focused on Valley and Bear Valley. Hired SoMe management company to help BV leverage this channel more effectively.

BVRI Website – Ann Porteus

We have restructured and re-launched the BVRI Website.
Our goal is to keep it community focused and keep it up to date.
It includes a section called “Get Involved” where community members can learn about certain activities that community can participate in (such as the Adopt a highway clean up days).
We are actively seeking information about community events to post on our site. Please forward information to Ann Porteus aporteus@stanford.edu and Jill Wegenstein jillweg@aol.com

ARC Report – Ron Murphy

Ron introduced the committee members in attendance.

Ron outlined what the ARC charter is: enforce the CC&Rs in the New subdivision only. Nothing within the old subdivision or condos.

Ron presented an annual report covering the past 18 months:

FY12 ARC income: \$1,600 from review fees and expenditures of \$404.

Valance reserve fund is just over \$10,000. These reserve funds are used for legal fees in the event of unresolved CC&R violations.

During the past 18 months, the ARC reviewed:

1 new home

2 window replacements

1 buried propane structure

6 roof replacements

3 remodel/room additions

1 replace foundation

12 deck replacement/deck enlargements

9 repaint/restains

Discussion: Foundations built without further progress over the course of several years. Ron will follow up with current foundation owners.

Beach Report – Paul Petersen

Most of the boats have been moved.

There are a few boats at the end of Lake Road that need to be moved before they get crushed by winter snow. Boats left on the beach must include your name and phone number so we can help get them cleaned up sooner.

Discussion of new beach projects:

Minor tree removal to thin out trees between beach and BBQs and building a small shed that could house BBQ and picnic event equipment used at the beach that we are now paying \$500+/year to store.

BVBA Report – Paul Petersen

Paul outlined some of the BVBA-sponsored events in Bear Valley:

Thanksgiving weekend event: Bear Valley Winterfest

Wine tasting in the meadow. Businesses open. Fashion show and bon fire in the evening. Live band.

Mountain will be running a lift and hosting the Polar Dash.

BVBA puts on the New Year's eve fireworks display (BVRI helps fund this event) at 12:15 AM at the Lodge

Adopt a highway

Sections adopted by BVRI and BVBA.

Live music at Creekside park six Saturdays in a row.

More planned in the Lodge this winter.

Fish plants and community BBQ – all free.

Forest Management Report – Tom Fraser

All lots inspected and conditions continue to improve.

Six lots were turned over to the Sheriff. This can result in a fine if action isn't taken to clean up the lot. BVRI is following up on these lots to help ensure our community remains fire safe.

Adopt a Highway First BVRI Trash Pick Up between 10 and 12 11/10

Meet outside doors of the XC center doors at 10:00 .

We will provide more notice for the next trash pick up day.

Supervisor's Report – Terry Woodrow

Chipper program very successful and about 90% of it is complete. Last 10% will be gone in next two weeks.

Grant dollars we've been getting since 2004 are drying up. Next year the county will fund some but we may have to go back to charging for chipping services.

New Snow Park at BV Mountain Resort turn off from highway 4 including parking area and bathroom to support snow play activities.

Forest service just started a 220-acre salvage of the burned area that resulted from the Ramsey fire.

Alpine county will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of becoming a county. There will be some fun activities related to that celebration.

Fire truck – Rick Stephens

Two new fire trucks are in full use in Bear Valley. Sent one to RIM fire for a week.

Burn permits are available from the fire station if you need one.

Election Committee Update – Tom Fraser

We will be holding an election for 5 openings on the BVRI Board in 2014.

- Interested community members should contact the BVRI Board by middle of December if interested in serving on the BVRI Board. If you're interested in running, please contact Jack Wedgwood John_Wedgwood@comcast.net and Katherine Aitken-Young kaitken@brynmorgan.com before the middle of December.
- Ballots will go out by the end of January with votes due back by March 3rd.

Steve Troyer Community Mountain Ownership Proposal

Steve presented some information about organizations similar to Bear Valley. Discussion of Vermont's Mad River Group-style co-op structure. Steve will lead the committee and he's looking for members with expertise in: Finance, real estate, ski industry, legal, startup/VC, as well as representation from Arnold and Murphys.

*** Adjournment:**

Tom Fraser adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm