

BVRI BOARD Meeting Minutes • January 18, 2013

Board Members in attendance:

Tom Fraser
Dave Morley
Katherine Aitken-Young
Jack Wedgwood
Ann Porteus
Curt Wozniak
Eric Jung
Jeff Gouveia
Jesse Markham
Jill Wegenstein
Kim LeMieux
Paul Petersen
Ron Rossi

Board Members absent:

Gordon Ritter
Randy Mancini

Guests:

Karrie Baker
Joel Barnett
John Boyle
Larry Johnson
Mark Phillips (BV Snowsport Education Fdn)
Mike Wallenfels
Noni Ellis
Sheriff Rick Stephens
Steve Troyer
Terry Woodrow (Board of Supervisors)
Todd Ellis

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by BVRI Board President Tom Fraser at the Perry Walther Center Library meeting room and via phone conference bridge.

County Office Candidates Presentations for June 3rd Election

Nani Ellis – County Clerk

Karrie Baker—County Assessor/Recorder

Rick Stephens – Running for county sheriff

Terry Woodrow – Running for County Supervisor

- A PDF of the Alpine County Notice of Election can be found [here](#).
- The BVBA is planning to host a Bear Valley candidates night in Bear Valley that will most likely be near Easter weekend.

Treasurer's report—Jack Wedgwood

Tom Fraser accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Election Committee Update – Katherine Aitken/Jack Wedgwood

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

- Eric Jung, Dave Morley, Ron Rossi, Jill Wegenstein, and Larry Johnson are on the ballot
- Ballots will go out by January 24th with votes due back by March 3rd.
- Counting should take place the weekend of 3/8 – 3/9 or 3/15 – 3/16; Jack Wedgwood will lead the counting process.

BVWD Report – Jeff Gouveia

The BVRI Board thanked Jeff Gouveia for his years of service to the BVRI Board.

The BVWD Board welcomed John Boyle and Steffi Becking to the Board.

Thanks to John Dralla and Phil Coffman for their 4 years of services.

Working on a rate restructuring proposal. Public notice will go out 7 – 10 days after the proposal is approved. It's both an increase and a decrease for different residential customers. Watch for this in the mail in next two weeks. Comments can be sent back via mail. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 3:00 pm on March 29th.

BVWD will be moving forward on the master plan after the residential and commercial rate proposal comment period is over.

See the [BVWD Water District Website](#) for more details.

LAWC Report – Tom Fraser (Kimi Johnson absent from Board meeting)

LAWC is constructing an aeration system for the Clearwell tank to reduce disinfection byproducts and they have an engineer working on changes to the distribution system.

The lake is quite low so they have stopped pumping water for snowmaking. LAWC will be doing more tank aeration to reduce the need for flushing later this year in order to conserve water.

Conservation measures are expected considering the drought status. BVRI encourages LAWC to enforce blatant water waste (i.e., no lawn watering).

___ Katherine Aitken-Young to send an eBlast with water conservation reminders referencing the Governor’s statement that all Californians need to conserve water—especially lawn watering, car washing, and other blatant water waste.

___ Ann Porteus to put a similar notice on the BVRI Website.

ARC Report – Kim LeMieux

No activity for the ARC.

Bear Valley Community Ownership – Steve Troyer/Mike Wallenfels

The community ownership initiative was shared in Bear Valley at a Town Hall about a month ago—which received an enthusiastic response.

In order to get into negotiation with the partnership, need to form an entity. The coalition is focusing on that now.

A successful Bear Valley and surrounding corridor requires a successful **mountain** and a successful **village** linked together by a **lift**.

A Google Group has been established for providing regular updates on the BV Community Ownership initiative. You may join this group [here](#).

Ask to BVRI: Help investigate public financing for the Village Lift

Form a study group to look at high level numbers to support construction of the village lift. Build a bond measure and vet with the community before it goes on the ballot.

Ultimately the voters will determine if it’s a go—but it’s important the community is informed before it goes on the ballot.

Discussion of BVRI involvement in the Bear Valley Community Ownership initiative.

MOTION: Ann Porteus moved that the BVRI board form a sub-committee to explore the viability and options for a village lift and interface with the developer and anybody else who's involved with the mountain and the village in this effort.

SECOND: Ron Rossi seconded the motion.

All members in favor.

None opposed.

Ron Rossi, Randy Mancini and Gordon Ritter were proposed as the members of the BVRI sub-committee. Larry Johnson also expressed interest.

Steve Troyer plans to schedule a Town Hall in February to discuss:

1. The group has formed an entity and is raising funds
2. In conjunction with that, the group has joined with BVRI to form a sub-committee

Beach Report – Paul Petersen

Boats left on beach may be smashed by snow. BVRI will remind boat owners (again) to remove their boats.

Paul is working to move forward on the storage building project and tree removal at the beach—as long as the beach is dry and the weather is clear.

BVBA Report – Local Merchants Update

Plan to stay open as much as possible. Cross country operation is open and snow is being moved onto the trails every day.

Big groups are still planning to come up to Bear Valley.

Store will be open 6 days/week (closed on Weds).

Post Office hours same as store hours.

Sport Shop is open Friday – Monday.

BVBA has set the following event dates:

February 16 **crab feed** in the Perry Walther Center

March 29 for **Monte Carlo night** at the Bear Valley Lodge

Report from the Board of Supervisors

The primary election is in June.

Alpine county is celebrating its 150th anniversary on March 16. Many events are planned to celebrate that anniversary this summer.

An ad hoc committee is working on a logo and event details.

More news to come on this.

Village roads are still open. The next storm is expected at the end of the month. Roads won't close until we get 8 – 12 inches of snow.

Snow removal budget isn't being used so small road repairs and building maintenance and repairs are being done.

New maps were made to outline the snowmobile parking areas. All the businesses will have tear off pads with the maps.

Mark Phillips will send a digital copy to Ann for the Website.

Adjournment:

Tom Fraser adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Bear Valley Library