

BVRI General Meeting September 02, 2012

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by BVRI Board President Tom Fraser at the Bear Valley Lodge – Cathedral Lounge.

Welcoming remarks and introductions – Tom Fraser

President's report – Tom Fraser

Denise Carter is the new owner of the General Store.

Printed and mailed newsletter is being discontinued in favor of completely electronic communications. If we don't have your email address please provide it so we can send the newsletter to you!

BVRI Survey was very well received and the Bear Valley merchants took great interest in the results. Thank you for taking time to participate.

General Store report – Denise Carter

Denise Carter gave an enthusiastic thanks to the community for helping her realize her dream with the General Store. She also gave a summary of new things planned for the store.

Fresh coat of paint including some fun paint effects on the posts.

Outer aisle with organic produce is going to start getting replenished weekly. Plan for a Barista machine.

Hours 9 – 7 every day. 365 days a year!

Putting a rotisserie in so fresh chickens can be available and a deep fat fryer and blender.

Starting kids' nights with movies, popcorn, and games. Also planning a poker night for the guys.

Open to other ideas of how to use the store in the evenings.

Would like to have a concierge service so people can email their requests and they can be bagged and ready when you arrive.

Want to do a 10% refund with a twist. Take 10% of every sale (parents group, library, Cub Reporter, Search and Rescue, etc.)

Ski Shop Report – Lance Machovsky

The Sport Shop survives on the ski business. Lance is holding up on ordering his winter merchandise until a decision is made about the mountain.

He's doing everything he can by shaving inventory and staff to the minimum. He's very appreciative of community support.

Treasurer's report/membership update - Jack Wedgwood

Much of the money collected goes into the beach operations.

Our biggest single cost is insurance (\$8,600 this year). The cost went up this year about \$600 but the last two years it was flat.

Picnic expenses continue to out-pace ticket sales so we lose about \$2,000 every year on that.

Lake Alpine Water Company Report—Kimi Johnson

The assembly bill passed allowing for legal swimming in Bear Lake. It passed both the senate and the assembly so it will now pass onto the Governor for approval. The sunset date for this agreement is 2015.

The fire crews took almost an acre of water from Bear Lake to fight the recent fires. They will be billed for this water because it was taken from the hydrants, not directly from the raw lake.

LAWC will submit annual reports—same reports we send to dept of public health anyway plus some additional reports. Before the end of 2015 we can submit for an identical bill that has a longer sunset date or no sunset date.

There will be specific ongoing tests monitoring for Giardia and cryptosporidium. Current lake water is negative for both of these.

This bill results in about \$3,000 in additional testing that must be done every year. LAWC has approached BVRI for two scenarios

1. Split cost: LAWC monitor filtrate and BVRI monitor raw lake
2. Or LAWC submits all to reimbursable expenses

LAWC contract last signed with BVRI was signed in 1991. Kimi has reviewed. Jack will follow up with the "additional insured" certificate for LAWC.

Disinfection byproducts: Iron and Manganese content in the soil of the lake bed is very high and as a result, the level in the water is also high. It's hard

to manage getting these minerals out of the water along with all the materials used to get the minerals out of the water. Once treated it goes through a series of tanks before it goes into the system. Solution: Testing a coagulant that can be added to the water that should be compatible with the precipitant we add to get rid of the minerals. The coagulant will clump the minerals so they can be filtered out before they get to the filters. If LAWC reduces this mineral load, they can also reduce the chemical required to remove the minerals and therefore reduce residual chemicals in the final product.

Another solution: change from chlorine to chloramine. This is primarily used in systems that have high levels of trihalomethanes—which we do not.

There is some residual chemical. If average is high, LAWC is in violation. Unless we can get the mineral levels down then the level of disinfection byproducts may still be high and residual levels measured may put LAWC in violation in which case they must send out a message to the customer base.

Activated carbon filters will help to take some of the disinfection byproducts out of the water so if you are using activated carbon filtration in a Britta or Pur or other filter then that will help reduce the levels in your water.

BVWD Report – Jeff Gouveia

Current board is working hard to improve the fiscal climate for the district. Jeff thanked the board for their hard work.

Jeff has been in his new role there for 3 months and is focused on bringing costs down as much as possible. Labor and rental costs are down. Emptying storage ponds earlier than ever this year. Moving to an off-peak staffing model to save costs. Refinancing an existing loan for more competitive market rates. Working hard to collect back fees that were still on the books. Reviewing commercial billing structure.

Development Update – Gordon Ritter

Report provided by Gordon personally—not an official report from the partners. There's a log jam in the process. Gordon can confidently say they are getting through the log jam. There is a route to get to a conclusion and proceed with development. Agreement must be reached in the next 30

days in order to open the mountain for the winter. All three of the partnership groups, have been very focused on getting the mountain open for the winter and moving forward on development in the village. They are actively trying to reach an agreement and when they do and an official report is available, BVRI will ensure the community is informed. From the community side we need to keep talking about this being an issue that affects the town.

Website Update – Tom Fraser/Jill Wegenstein

Jill and Ann have been working on updating the BVRI Website. Work is ongoing. Exploring content and format to make it more useful for the membership.

Neighborhood Contact List – Jill Wegenstein

Two ideas proposed. 1. Informal spreadsheet 2. Nextdoor.com – a closed social media platform that would enable information sharing among the participants. Either option will be 100% opt in and individuals who participate would share only the information they feel comfortable sharing.

Show of hands vote: about half the people in attendance DO want a community list. Most of those want a social networking site for the community such as Nextdoor.com.

ARC Report – Ron Murphy (ARC Chair)

Currently we have three members and the committee can have up to five. Looking for two more people for the committee who have architectural and/or design experience.

Over the past year, the ARC has reviewed and approved the following projects for homeowners in the “new” subdivisions of Bear Valley.

8 restrain/repaint of homes

5 reroofs

4 repair of decks or entries of homes from snow damage

2 deck replacement

2 window replacement

6 remodels

In addition, we have two new homes in preliminary design review.

Most of the repair and replacement activity has been due to the heavy winter of two years ago. This is more activity than usual. The restain/repaint, reroof and window replacement activity is about normal. The remodel activity goes from minor to two major projects adding rooms and entry modifications. There were no variance requests during the period.

Beach Operations Report

Paul Petersen is not present.

Tom Ward continues to do a great job and the beach is very clean and well-maintained.

Reminder: there are 40 or 50 boats around the lake that will need to be removed before the snow falls.

Forest Safety Lot Inspections – Dave Morley

The big windstorm last year caused the fewest number of issues with fallen trees. This is due, in large part, to the work this community has done to keep lots clean and thin out the forest on our property.

All of the inspections have been sent. Eighty-seven letters were written to encourage clean up and 23 were written to encourage clean up and establish expectations for re-inspection later in the year and possible citation if clean up isn't done. Lots that are left in violation can be cleaned by the county and the cost to clean charged to the home/ lot owner.

Ramsey Fire Report – Eric Jung

The recent 1100 acre fire could have reached Bear Valley if conditions had been different. The most difficult situation to fight is thick duff and low branches. This is a great example of why our lot clearance is so important. When our lots are cleared we need to be sure the duff and low branches are fully cleared. Forest thinning is also very important. We now have 4 times the number of trees we had 100 years ago. Benchmark: 1/3 of an acre should have only about 40 trees and they should be large trees not small trees. If you want to help the forest and restore views, please contact the forester and thin the trees on your lot.

Forester, Ross Richards (information is the BVRI Website)

Chipper Program – Terry Woodrow

Program will be available just through September on a first come-first serve basis. Terry Woodrow has chipper request forms. Forms will also be available at the Sheriff's office, library and general store. Chipper request forms are DUE by end of September. Return by fax, email or in person at the Sheriff's office. Sean's Tree Service will be fulfilling all the chipping requests.

Report from the Board of Supervisors – Terry Woodrow

Fire protection fee bill for \$115 has been received by all our residents. These dollars are supposed to go for fire prevention by Cal Fire. They don't do much in our area so it's not a useful fee for us to be charged. If you want to protest the fee on those grounds, Terry Woodrow has information on how to do that.

There is a plan to combine the Auditor - Controller / Treasurer – Tax Collector positions into one and make it an appointed position for the next election.

Eric Jung added his support to this. We can't really leave it to the electorate to find and elect a qualified person. If you look at Alpine County as a business, you wouldn't put your CFO position up for vote. You would do a search and qualification and background check.

School Board Election

County-wide position is up for re-election. Jill is running for re-election and she's the only candidate from Bear Valley on the ballot. She reminded us that she would like our support in order to maintain representations for Bear Valley on the country school board.

Sheriff's Report – Rick Stevens

Department is fully staffed. Budget is intact. No deputies are going away. Two new fire trucks are coming our way in December (\$600,000 value). Over the snow is still going to be the same.

*** Adjournment:**

Tom Fraser adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm