

**BEAR VALLEY RESIDENTS INC.**  
**Minutes for General Meeting 8-31-14**  
*Tom Fraser presiding*

**Board Members present:** Tom Fraser, Kim Lemieux, Randy Mancini, Jack Wedgwood, Larry Johnson, Eric Jung

**President' Report**

President Fraser summarized BVRI's activities: contribution to New Year's Eve fireworks; annual election of Board members and officers; help Lake Alpine Water Company get legislation to legalize swimming in Bear Lake; contribution to the BV Mountain Co-op legal fund; Architectural Review Committee activity, with revised fee schedule; built storage shed at beach; contribution to BV Music Festival; summer picnic; participation in Lodge pool.

**Forest Management**

BVRI sent out 150 letters re violations of fire cleanup rules. If you got a letter incorrectly attributing a dead tree to your lot, please notify us.

**Beetle Report**

Forester Ross Richards made a presentation on bark beetles. This year's infestation is mostly the fir engraver beetle which only attacks fir trees. Logger Sean Hammes will be taking many of the infested trees to a mill in Tuolumne County, to get them out of our area. Some annual tree mortality is normal. The fir engraver beetle has a 6 to 10 week life cycle.

He said that a little bit of fertilizer is often a good idea for your favorite trees. He said that giant sequoias can do well here, especially if bought in a one gallon bucket and planted in late fall. He left copies of his report. To be posted on the BVRI website.

**County Forest Management**

Supervisor Woodrow said public funds for thinning and tree removal are running out. We have gotten more use of county resources for forest management than the rest of the county.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jack Wedgwood said the picnic lost about \$1200 which is normal. Current membership is about 350. We have a new storage shed at the beach. We have \$52,000 in the bank. There is a reserve for the Architectural Review Committee, for operational and legal expenses. BVRI is in a comfortable position financially.

**Lake Alpine Water Company**

LAWC General Manager Kimi Johnson thanked everyone for their support of the Soap Box Derby which made \$15,000 for the BV Parents Group.

She said LAWAC is sending out a state-mandated notice about water conservation. She said Bear Valley is doing well with reduced water use, while urging prudent water use. Owners whose property is in the Bear Lake watershed should be cautious with the use of

chemicals. LAWC installed an aerator in the first water tank, which reduced infectants by 15%. They performed a state-required test of the lake for “swimmability”, with good results. BVRI paid half the bill for the test, per prior agreement.

She said it is crucial that owners and their guests follow proper procedure for turning water on and off. It is best to shut the water off when the house is not in use.

### **BV Music Festival**

Jeri Fraser said the Festival’s 46<sup>th</sup> year was very successful. They got good feedback from their patrons. The Festival is financially stable.

### **Architectural Review Committee**

Kim Lemieux noted the revised fee structure, and said the fees cover postage, supplies, and legal expenses.

### **Supervisor’s Report**

Supervisor Woodrow said the chipper program is on for this year. Application forms are available at the Sheriff’s Office and the library. The work will be done from mid-September through October.

### **Sheriff’s Report**

Deputy Tim Bottomley said we have 2 new fire trucks. All equipment is operational. Bear Valley sent a crew and 2 trucks for 3 weeks to fires up north. There has been marijuana grow activity in the forest, mostly on the east side of the county.

### **BV Co-operative and Mountain Purchase**

Mike Wallenfels said Skyline Investments is in escrow for purchase of the ski area, with an option on BV Partners’ village holdings (Lodge, Commercial Center, parcels approved for future development). Skyline has invited the Co-op to join them. Skyline will fund operations and maintenance and absorb any losses. The Co-op will retain its independent character, and will decide how and where its funds will be spent.

The Co-op has the option of dissolving and refunding all subscription money. The Co-op Board favors staying the course and joining with Skyline. This will give the Co-op some say in how things unfold in Bear Valley and accelerate Skyline’s capital improvement agenda. The Co-op will send out a resolution in September for the members’ vote on whether to continue or dissolve.

Skyline takes over operations on the Mountain and in the village this Tuesday. Besides getting things up and running for the ski season at the Mountain, Skyline will focus on marketing. The Co-op Board is assisting them with selection of a Bay Area marketing firm.

### **Adjournment**