



## **2019 BVRI Board Elections: Why Run for the BVRI Board**

We hope you will get involved in our vibrant community by running for a BVRI Board position in 2019. To submit your candidacy email the following information to Jill Wegenstein ([jwegenstein@gmail.com](mailto:jwegenstein@gmail.com)), the BVRI Board Vice President by Monday, January 15, 2019:

Name

Email

BV Lot/Condo and Street Address

A statement (no more than 200 words) about why you wish to be on the BVRI board (including your history/interest in Bear Valley, and any relevant experience that you think would be useful for people to know about you).

To be eligible, you must be a BVRI member in 2018. Board positions are for 3-year terms.

### **Why Run for the BVRI Board?**

Do you ever stop and think why you live, work, or purchased property in Bear Valley? Most of us would talk about Bear Valley's uniqueness ("not Tahoe"); its raw beauty, its base for hiking/walking, downhill and cross-country skiing, mountaineering, biking, swimming (in alpine lakes), snow-mobiling, kayaking, stargazing, fresh mountain air, and relaxing, among other things.

Have you ever stopped to realize that Bear Valley is not a typical town with a town council or government? While we do have a county Supervisor, she has to worry about the whole of Alpine County, not just Bear Valley.

What we do have in Bear Valley are different organizations responsible for what goes on in the town. One vital organization is Bear Valley Resident's Incorporated, Inc. (aka BVRI) that at the present time has 340 members. The BVRI Board (15 members) was originally incorporated to worry about the CC&Rs, which are the governing rules for homeowners in Bear Valley. In fact, the Board does way more than worrying about the CC&Rs, and is key in building the kind of community we all want to be a part of.

Joining the BVRI Board is a great way to get involved! Here is a list of the many community activities the BVRI Board is actively involved in, in addition to enforcement of the CC&Rs and By-laws:

- Maintains the BVRI website (bvri.org) with up-to-date information about the town and what's happening.
- Maintains and sets policies regarding the beaches and uses of Bear Lake (including swimming, boating and fishing)
- Approves home building in Bear Valley through the Architectural Review Board
- Manages the annual lot inspection system to help prevent forest fires and maintain a healthy forest
- Liaisons with the County Supervisor to keep the community updated on state and county issues that impact Bear Valley
- Liaisons with, and coordinate efforts with, the various Bear Valley organizations (the CSA, BVBA, BVMC, Skyline Mt. Resort, the Parent's Group, BVMF, LAWD, BVWD, BVRE and other real estate agencies working in the area.
- Organizes the July 4<sup>th</sup> annual picnic.
- Prepares and distributes the regular BVRI Email Newsletter
- Runs Board elections
- Manages BVRI membership dues that go toward liability insurance, upkeep of the Bear Lake beaches, the annual picnic, the BVRI website, the BVRI membership database, the on-line financial system, the newsletter . In addition, when funds allow, the Board gives financial support to other Bear Valley community activities such as the Music Festival, fish in the lake, the parents group, etc.