

## **BVRI Board Meeting November 17, 2012**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Board Members in attendance:**

Tom Fraser  
Dave Morley  
Jack Wedgwood  
Katherine Aitken-Young  
Barbara Goodrich  
Jeff Gouveia  
Eric Jung  
Randy Mancini  
Ron Murphy  
Jesse Markham  
Paul Petersen  
Ann Porteus  
Jill Wegenstein

#### **Board Members absent:**

Gordon Ritter  
Ron Rossi

#### **Guests:**

Terry Woodrow, Board of Supervisors  
Mike Denicola, Alpine Snowmobile  
Rick Stephens, Sheriff  
Jim Gentling, GM Bear Valley Resorts

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by BVRI Board President Tom Fraser at the Bear Valley Library, and via telephone conference bridge for those members unable to attend in person.

#### **Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting held on September 2, 2012**

These minutes were approved today via online motion and will be posted to the BVRI Website in the next week.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jack Wedgwood**

Jack Wedgwood distributed the financial reports via email.

Discussion of fireworks show for New Year's eve supported by the business association. Cost has gone up. BVRI has been contributing the same amount (\$1,000) for many years. Discussion of increasing our contribution.

MOTION: Jack Wedgwood moved to allocate \$1,500 to support the New Year's eve fireworks.

SECONDED: Dave Morley seconded the motion

All members in favor.

None opposed.

MOTION: Dave Morley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

SECONDED: Jesse Markham seconded the motion

All members in favor.

None opposed.

### **Board Nominations – Jack Wedgwood**

Tom appointed a nominating committee including: Jesse Markham, Jill Wegenstein and Dave Morley.

Board members whose terms expire in 2013: Barbara Goodrich, Jack Wedgwood, Ron Murphy, Randy Mancini, and Tom Fraser

Ballots must be in the mail in January with a response due first week of March.

### **BVWD Report – Jeff Gouveia**

The pond was emptied mid-September so good capacity available.

Things are looking good. Considering refinancing a loan to save some money. Payroll and operation expenses are down. Working with Forest Service on renewing expired permit, for which BVWD may eventually request letters of community support.

Barbara Goodrich gave kudos to Jeff for doing a good job in his role at BVWD.

### **Mountain and Development Update – Jim Gentling**

Meeting Monday on the EA and will discuss a possible solution to the appeal.

Per Terry Woodrow: Regarding the amended EIR – There will be a planning commission meeting on 11/29 (only for information and comments—no decision being made because it was already approved and moved to Board of Supervisors in 2009); Then Board of Supervisors meeting 12/18 in Markleeville. Agenda has yet to be defined. Terry may be asking for letters in support of the amended EIR around that time. Terry will look at the report and then advise if support letters are required.  
Discussion of BVRI writing a letter to the Planning commission and Board of Supervisors

MOTION: Dave Morley moved that BVRI Board President send a letter in support of the amended EIR to both the planning commission and the board of supervisors.

SECONDED: Ron Murphy seconded the motion

All members in favor.

None opposed.

### **Mountain Operations – Jim Gentling**

All inspections are coming through. Snow-making pond is full. Pending temperature drop to start snow-making operation. Unlikely the mountain will open for Thanksgiving.

Staffing: Have plenty of ski instructors and lift operators. Not quite fully staffed throughout. Looking for F&B manager/director for the Lodge and Mountain and some other positions are open as well.

Discussion: Sky High Pizza will be open as last year. Creekside may be open as a higher end restaurant. Looking for a replacement for Headwaters coffee shop. Also planning to open Grizzly bar and Grill.

Discussion of how to get this information out to people. Business association will post on the Website. We can also do an email blast early December.

<http://www.Bearvalley.com> is the Website for the mountain AND the village and this is where all the information should be maintained up to date.

Next eblast—push to the Website and encourage people to subscribe to Bearvalley.com website.

### **Lake Alpine Water Company Report—Tom Fraser**

Just renewed contract with ski area to sell raw water for snow making.

Disinfectants are back down to extremely low levels.

Bill to swim in the lake was held up at the last minute by the CA board of health for minor rewording. The reworded bill will be back through the assembly in December or January.

### **Website Update – Jill Wegenstein**

Jill and Ann have been working on updating the BVRI Website. Work is ongoing.

Have put together a list of possible vendors to tackle our Website redesign. Will be sending out the request for quote for both platform and design.

### **Neighborhood Contact List – Jill**

[https://bearvalley.nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/](https://bearvalley.nextdoor.com/news_feed/)

As of today, the list includes 98 members representing 76 households (according to the site itself).

Katherine to send out another reminder about the site. If address not verified, then email Nextdoor or email Jill.

Randy, Jill and Ann are all approvers.

### **ARC Report – Ron Murphy**

Discussion: Roof completion that has been in progress for more than four years.

Ron Murphy to send a certified letter to the homeowner to complete the roof by one month after the snow has cleared next spring or respond at a hearing of the CCC&R committee.

Discussion: Landscaping project around large house. Ron Murphy to send reminder to the homeowner.

### **Beach Operations Report**

A few boats have been left on the beach that will soon be covered with snow.

We will be looking for a new beach manager for next summer. The timeframe is: July 4 – Labor Day weekend. The pay is \$10 - \$17/hour depending on experience.

### **Forest Management – Dave Morley**

Sheriff Stoner – if he finds a large log on a lot but no other limbs on a lot. He doesn't see that as a fire hazard so he won't pursue.

This is a CC&R issue—large logs have to be removed.

There is a 100' clearance—but the first 30 feet has to be super clean. The next 70 feet have to be less clean.

Dave turned over 14 lots to the Sheriff last summer. Two lots have been passed onto the DA from the Sheriff.

### **Report from the Board of Supervisors — Terry Woodrow**

Measure did pass (by 92% in our area) regarding the appointment of a Director of Finance. What this means is there will be a discussion as to whether to fill the position of Director of Finance with the incumbent, or wait until the term expires in January 2015 and then fill it. More to come on that. (Background: The Auditor/Controller resigned. Treasurer/Tax Collector is in office now as incumbent.)

Chipper program is already funded in 2013 and possibly funded in 2014.

Fire assessment bill can still be protested. You can also send in comments about the fire assessment charge to the following email address:

[board.public.comments@fire.ca.gov](mailto:board.public.comments@fire.ca.gov)

Discussion of BVRI Board position: If they are going to have this charge it should apply to everyone (Northern CA and Southern CA) and it should be accurately charged (i.e. part of property taxes) across everyone.

Lawsuits that are going up against this surcharge are saying the charge is illegal because it hasn't gone through proper channels.

Include this information and a sample of a protest email in the next eBlast.

MOTION: Eric Jung made a motion that we draft some Web copy to educate the BVRI community about the charge as follows:

- If you think you shouldn't pay this charge at all -- arguments pro and con.

- If you think the charge is OK but should be shared across everyone -- arguments pro and con that position.

SECONDED: Ann Porteus seconded the motion.

All members in favor.

None opposed.

**Mike Denicola addressed the Board regarding Snow Mobile Parking**

Public snow mobile parking will be monitored by Mike and he had a large banner made to make the parking area clear so people won't park in the storage parking area.

Mike's storage, sales and service operation will host an open house one week from today. Mike will be sending an email to his customers before the open house.

**Next Meeting**

Next Board Meeting will be held Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**\* Adjournment:**

Tom Fraser adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm