

**BEAR VALLEY RESIDENTS, INC.**  
**General Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2018**  
*Tom Fraser presiding*

**Board Members Attending**

Tom Fraser, Randy Mancini, Curt Wozniak, Larry Johnson, Colin McKee, Steven Schwabauer, Jill Wegenstein, Ray Marmash, Rajka Colic, Eric Jung

**Guests:** ACUSD Superintendent Patrick Traynor, Lake Alpine Water Company General Manager Kimi Johnson, Alpine County Supervisor Terry Woodrow, Alpine County Sheriff Rick Stephens, Skyline Bear Valley Director of Operations Adrian Lund, Bear Valley Music Festival President Jerry Shefren, Alpine County Deputy Denver Stoner, Stanislaus Forest Supervisor Jason Kuiken

**Introductions:** The Board members introduced themselves to the audience and explained their particular duties.

**What BVRI Does:** Pres. Fraser listed the past year's accomplishments, including saving the post office with Kimi Johnson and the Business Association; planting trout in Bear Lake; negotiating the continued use of the Lodge pool for members; and working on inspections and forest management.

Fraser discussed the results of a survey on how members get community electronic information, with the BVRI Eblasts and NextDoor topping the list at 87% and 86% respectively.

**BV Music Festival:** President Gerry Shefren thanked all for their support. The Festival sold 1,000 more tickets than last year, and attendance was up 25%.

**Donnell Fire:** USFS Jason Kuiken said the Donnell Fire started August 1. Their suppression strategy has been mostly containment. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed now. The fire did not go over the crest of the Sierra. The cause is under investigation. It was NOT a prescribed burn.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wozniak said BVRI is a nonprofit organization whose membership is voluntary. BVRI is in good shape financially, with a small surplus which will mostly be spent by the end of the year. BVRI has a contract with the U.S. Postal Service to operate the BV post office, with contributions from the BV Business Association.

**Membership Report:** Wegenstein encouraged all to join online to make things easier for us. She said the latest Eblast included information on the oversnow trail review process which should have been omitted. She encouraged all to use NextDoor for information exchange. We have about 340 members now.

**Nominating Committee:** Larry Johnson said 44% of the members voted in the last Board election. 5 Board members were elected, including two new ones. 5 Board members' positions are up for election this year.

**Architectural Review:** Mancini said 22 projects were reviewed this year, mostly remodel, new deck, repaint.

**Beach:** Marmash said picnic attendance was down. Next year it will return to the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Boats have to be off the beach by October 8. We have been avoiding buying new sand by pulling sand back up out of the water.

**Forestry:** We sent 66 notices out for mostly minor violations. Owners are doing a good job with the 30/100 foot clearance rules. Now it's time to think about thinning.

**Lake Alpine Water Company:** Kimi Johnson thanked BVRI for help with the post office. LAWC is leading a workday to control damage to the minibeach at the end of Lake Road and keep boats away from the dam. They are getting control of disinfection byproducts. They are working on the distribution system including two tanks and various valves.

The proposed rate increase will help cover increased state dam fees (\$16,000) and more sampling requirements.

She explained why dogs are not allowed at the lake – they carry vectors and pollutants which humans don't carry, and which present extra problems for treatment. The state waiver which allows us to swim in the lake could be revoked if we don't keep dogs away from the lake.

LAWC will host a tour of the treatment plant in late September or October.

**School Bond:** School Superintendent Patrick Traynor said there will be a school bond on the November 6 ballot. It would cost \$28 for \$100,000 of assessed value. It is needed to make Alpine County's two schools modern and safe, and it would be matched by other government funds.

The Bear Valley School reopened on August 23. The School Board meeting will happen in Bear Valley on September 11.

**Skyline Report:** Adrian Lund, Director of Operations for Skyline Bear Valley, said they are toning down summer operations for now and focusing on the coming winter. They view the ski area as the key to their business here. He is aiming for more consistency in their village operations. The Lodge pool will close September 16. The Creekside Dining Room will close September 28 for the offseason. They are improving the rolling stock at the mountain. They are shifting their marketing focus to more digital things.

Asked about running chairlifts for mountain bike service, he said the numbers don't work yet. The liability and insurance costs outweigh the benefits. If they have a few solid years, they will revisit that.

He invited all to submit comments to their website, [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com).

**Sheriff's Report:** Sheriff Stephens said things are going well for his department. The dumpsters will be locked from 5pm to 8am to prevent the bear raids. It seems to be working so far. He anticipates removing the locks as we move into winter.

**Supervisor's Report:** Terry Woodrow secured a \$153,000 grant to complete the common area fuel reduction program. The work will start next year. She hopes to see the chipper contractor up here in the next couple weeks.

Her Board will consider the annual adjustments to our three assessments. The transfer station assessment would stay at \$95. The solid waste assessment would go up \$2 to \$35. The fire assessment would go up 4% to \$557.

County road crews will be in town working on ditches, culverts, and asphalt patching.

HermitFest is next Saturday, September 8, in Hermit Valley.

**Next Board Meeting:** November 10, 4pm, County Services Building