

**BEAR VALLEY RESIDENTS, INC.
Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2019
Community Services Building, 4pm**

Colin McKee presiding

Board Members Attending

On the phone: Ken Schultz, Ron Murphy, Colin McKee, David Sanderson, Steve Schwabauer, Jill Wegenstein, Larry Johnson, Kim Lemieux, Curt Wozniak, J.P. Derouin

In Bear Valley: Eric Jung

Guests: Peter Wolcott, Steve Troyer, Joel Barnett, Supervisor Terry Woodrow (all in Bear Valley)

Bear Valley Transportation Discussion

The Bear Valley Mountain Co-op and BVRI have formed a working group to address Bear Valley transportation issues, including the village shuttle bus and a village chairlift. Members are Pete Wolcott, Steve Troyer, Joel Barnett, Colin McKee, and Steve Schwabauer. They submitted a written report to the BVRI Board before the meeting.

Troyer said the Co-op has been working on the village lift. Having to step in to salvage the bus situation was a surprise to them. They believe in a community-wide approach, with a transition from bus solution to village lift solution.

Wolcott said the biggest challenge is managing the relationship with Skyline. Skyline wants our help. Solutions must be win-win; i.e., there must be a quid pro quo. The bus costs around \$130,000 to \$140,000 per year to operate, although the numbers need refining to see what exactly is included in those figures (parking lot shuttle, employee bus?). Skyline recognizes the importance of the bus but doesn't assign it a high budget priority. If we help with the bus, Skyline should agree to operate the village lift.

A lift could move the equivalent of 10 busloads of people an hour. Dundee company (which owns the land for the bottom terminal) is not interested in a fixed grip chairlift to Koala Top.

The working group would like to survey the community to get a sense of what kind of financial support there would be. They would like to start with funding for the bus plus a study on the chairlift. Funding mechanisms could include a Community Services District or the existing County Service Area. Voting on an assessment may be by registered voters or property owners. More research on this is needed.

The survey would ask "Should we fund transportation services, starting with the bus and transitioning to the village chairlift?"

The Board discussed who should be included in a survey, what kind of groundwork should precede, whether to tie the bus and the lift together as an option or to leave an option to support either one, and how to mount and pay for a survey.

Schwabauer moved that BVRI support a survey of all immediately affected property owners, with the cost of the survey to be borne in equal thirds by BVRI, BV Business Association, and BV Mountain Co-op. J.P. Derouin seconded. Unanimous in favor.

The particulars of the survey will be worked out.

Adjournment 5:30