## **2021 BVRI Board of Directors Election Candidate Statements (In Alpha Order)**

**Ken Dauber:** I'm excited at the opportunity to join the BVRI board. My family has been coming to Bear Valley for over 15 years, introduced by the telemark festival and a Sierra Club snowcamping trip to Duck Lake. We had a cabin in Camp Connell for 7 years, and moved up to Bear Valley 3 years ago. We enjoy skiing (downhill and XC), paddle boarding at the lake, hiking, and all the other benefits of being here. I'm currently serving on the BVRI task force about lake improvements. As a board member, I would focus on continuing to improve amenities for residents, and also what we can to reduce the risk of fire to our mountain community (for example, tree thinning, education on defensible space, etc.). When I'm (sadly) not in Bear Valley, I'm an engineering manager at Google, and an elected member for the past 6 years of the Palo Alto school board.

## **Tom Fraser:**

## Background:

- Property owner in BV since 2000
- BVRI Board member from 2011-2019; president 2012-2019
- Worked with PaulP to create the BVSummerAdventureMap
- Worked with JoelB to encourage Skyline to revamp the former GeneralStore
- Worked with Eric Jung to complete the CalFire application for the 2016 CommonArea cleanup
- Worked with KimiJ to apply for BVRI to hold the local CPU contract to ensure that BV USPS mail delivery continues

## Platform:

- BVRI needs a Communication Committee to keep the community informed on local issues; e.g., AlpineCounty is moving forward with a WRMP that will affect the landscape of the western half of BV in 2022. Our membership should know more about this through a summation of the 539-page CEQA document.
- Community involvement. I want to encourage more community involvement for discrete tasks. Many people don't have time/interest to be a Board member, but would like to help for a day or weekend, or work to develop a new program that benefits the community.
- Board size. The BVRI Board (15 people) is too large and is not required to be so under our bylaws/CC&Rs. The ideal size could be 11 or some other number that makes sense.

**Colin McKee:** I am seeking a second term on the BVRI board of directors. My wife Danielle and I have been homeowners on Schimke for four years. Three years ago, I

joined the BVRI board to give back to this community that our family had quickly come to love. I have served as President of the board for the last two years.

During my term, I have enjoyed working with the broader Bear Valley community. Especially during the more normal years, I enjoyed helping with the standard board business like managing the beach, organizing the July 4 picnic, and pushing for a more fire-safe forest. Beyond the run-of-the-mill, I have been deeply involved in liaising with Skyline on transportation issues, including their operation of the village-mountain ski bus and the pursuit of a village lift. With the ongoing pandemic, I have been involved in efforts to establish BVRI policies for the lake / beaches, including with a task force that is currently working on this issue. Although I will not be seeking another term as President during officer elections this year, I would like to have another term on the board to continue all of the above efforts as an engaged board member.

**Ron Murphy:** Ron and Anne Murphy constructed their Bear Valley home in 1986 and have enjoyed the Alpine area in both summer and winter ever since. Shortly after that, Ron was appointed to the Architectural Review Committee where he served for 30 years. A firm supporter of our CC&Rs, he has also served as a member of the BVRI Board. He is asking for re-election to the Board so that he may be able to continue supporting the vision of Bear Valley's founders into the future.

**Ann Porteus:** Our family has had a house at Bear Valley for the past 55+ years. I am currently on the faculty of the Graduate School of Education at Stanford. I have been on, and an active member of, the BVRI Board since 2010.

My main focus has been on building community through enhanced communication, when I first joined the Board there was very little in the way of regular communication a lot done simply by postings on the bulletin board in the village. Since coming on to the Board I have been actively in getting the community more digitally connected. I codeveloped, and continue management of, the BVRI website; I developed and manage the online BVRI membership system; I have been active in the annual BVRI Picnic including instituting name tags. In addition, I am one of the "Leads" on Nextdoor. Bear Valley is a unique community without a town government, so BVRI plays an important role in the stewardship of Bear Valley. I have been honored to serve on the BVRI Board and would be honored to continue on the Board as the future of Bear Valley continues to unfold.

**Steve Schwabauer:** Hi neighbors. My name is Steve Schwabauer. My family has been enjoying Bear Valley as renters since 1994. We bought a family cabin in 2015 and have loved every minute of our home away from home. As prior renters ourselves it remains important to me that our community embrace and engage renters, not exclude them. Bear Valley always warmly welcomed us and maintaining that openness is important to our community's vibrancy. At the same time it will be important to adjust

operations to ensure our community remains open and safe for all of our residents and visitors.

I am a downhill and cross-country skier, a road and mountain biker, hiker and lover of trees rock and water. Maintaining "walkable" access to those experiences is key to my service on BVRI. I love helping maintain the health of our forest through inspections and forestry training. And have helped mountain bike and ski trails through my service on the Adventure Company Board and with shovels rakes and clippers!

I would welcome another term keeping our community accessible.

**Sally Swanson:** I would like to apply for a position on your BVRI Board. My husband, Andy and I have been enjoying Bear Valley for the past twenty years and we have a great deal of love and concern for this area. Our favorite activities are hiking, swimming, and skiing, all enjoyed in Bear Valley.

My commitment to Bear Valley's beauty and natural environment is a focus I can offer as well as maintaining the integrity of this development. My commitment, energy, and architectural expertise will enable my participation to help support the intrinsic basics of this incredible setting. I look forward to sharing my participation with all the board members.