

Next BRPOA meeting is...

Date: Saturday, June 30th

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: The Beaver River Hotel

Beaver River Property Association Minutes for May 26, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Carol Schoch at 3:07 pm

Role call was performed by Jerry Feurch and an attendance sheet was signed by all who were present.

Jerry Feurch noted that dues are to be paid for a calendar year running from July to July.

Note: Four officers and two board of directors were present at the meeting. Steve Edich was not present.

Issue: Road Access to Beaver River

The town of Webb has declared that the current town board and any future town boards will not pursue overland access to Beaver River through resolution 56. The vote revealed that one board member was in favor while the remaining four members were opposed to overland access to Beaver River.

Carol thanked everyone for their support on this issue.

Dock Committee-Don Phelps

We currently have \$1,550.41 in our budget for dock repair and maintenance. Summer plans include setting more pipes during July or August when the water is low. Don would like a raft to add support while planting the pipes. Additional plans include buying planks for the center walkway and for the wings on the new dock. New lumber will be in Beaver River prior to the July meeting. We need to consider a reasonable way to disposed of the old pressure treated wood-we can't burn pressure treated wood. Please hammer in any nails you see popping out of the docks when walking to your boats. Nails will eventually be replaced with stainless steel screws.

Sunshine Committee-Jerry Feurch

One recipient \$25.00.

Fire Committee-Ron Nearing

We have fresh gas in the gas cans that are ready to go and 3,000 feet of hose.

Ron has ensured the walkie talkies are in working order. Ron will check the pumps.

A fire drill will take place over the 4th of July weekend. The test will include a scheduled blowing of the sirens.

Fire Map-Bob Dickie

Bob thinks it would be best to divide Beaver River into five zones for fire response noting the water supply most easily accessed for each of the five zones. Bob is also noting the distance of the water supply to each cabin. Each zone will have a personalized response plan. Carol suggested we create mini-maps with zones to be handed out to each

cabin. Bob Dickie and Ron Nearing will meet prior to the July meeting to discuss water access and zones.

Nominating Committee

It was requested that members of the Beaver River Property Owners Association consider running for an office. We would like to see a minimum of two members run for each position. New officers will be elected at the July meeting.

Audit Committee-Jerry Feurch, Ron Nearing, and Don Phelps

Jerry, Ron and Don will conduct a complete audit of our accounting records to make sure all of our numbers balance out as expected. This audit will include all property owner accounts including the dock committee.

Treasurer's Report-Jerry Feurch

Report is dated May 25, 2007. Current balance: \$9,522.56

Please contact Jenny Lundberg at 585-802-5222 for a complete copy of the treasurer's report.

Website-www.beaverriverpoa.com

A big thank you to Kathy Partridge who set-up and monitors the BRPOA website.

The website is a great place for us to communicate with the rest of the property owners. Please direct any noteworthy news to either Carol or Kathy.

Overland Access-Carol Schoch

Carol informed property owners about the "Bud Car" that will begin running in September to Beaver River. The Bud Car has the capacity to seat from 62-82 people. A 1 million dollar grant was secured to restore the tracks allowing for every third railroad tie to be replaced. The Bud Car will run on a yet to be determined schedule to Beaver River. The Bud Car will link from Utica Station to Lake Placid. It was suggested that BR property owners will receive a discounted price for riding the car and will be allowed to bring along their pets. The Bud Car will not derail our HiRail use.

HiRail-Carol

Anyone can take the HiRail Class. Anyone can own a HiRailer. Space is limited for the next class, so they will only allow current HiRail owners to enroll at this time. Non-HiRailer owners will be allowed to enroll in future classes.

Grants-Carol

Carol introduced members to the Hamburger Helper Grant that donates between \$500-\$15,000 to communities in need and all you have to do is write 250 words on what your town needs and why they need it in order to be considered for the grant. Some potential BR wants and needs included:

- Cell Tower
- Something to keep the road dust down

We are too late to apply for the grant, but it is a good idea to have a wish list handy for future opportunities.

Cell Tower/Phones in BR

There was a lot of discussion regarding property owners and phone use in Beaver River. Don Phelps has discovered that all of the phone lines going into BR are spoken for and that the phone company has no way of offering more lines into BR. The only way you will ever have a phone in your cabin is if you are on a waiting list and somebody gives up their phone. The idea was raised that BR could benefit from a cell tower, but there are many cost and logistical concerns surrounding such an endeavor. Nadine Bell offered some past legal knowledge surrounding cell towers and suggested that it would be difficult for a tower to meet our needs due to cost, limited service, and the need for cell towers to “hand off” information to surrounding towers in order to transmit. Power is another issue surrounding the construction of a cell tower in BR. Bob Dickie volunteered to speak with Terry Perkins in Stillwater surrounding his cell tower knowledge.

Town of Webb

Beaver River property owners are able to vote in school elections for the town of Webb, but you must vote in person. You can go to the Town of Webb website to see your BR property assessment.

Town of Webb Highway department was in town repairing the 6 Mile Road as well as Grassy Point Road. It was noted by all that the condition of the roads have improved. The issue of Partridge Island Road was addressed and it seems that the road is not considered a town road and therefore the town will not work on the road. In order to make the road a legal road, Partridge needs to speak to the town committee and initiate a transfer.

BRPOA Bylaws

It has been noted that our current bylaws are not effective for our current membership and it is extremely difficult to have a quorum present at our meetings. Our membership numbers are high and our attendance is low. We hope to vote for a revision of the bylaws at the June 30th meeting. Al Larmen suggested we may want to incorporate a non-voting member or associate member to the BRPOA that will allow people the benefits of being a BRPOA member, but they will not be able to vote. Mail ballots were also discussed in an effort to reach property owners to make decisions for changes in the organization. Some suggestions for our bylaws include changing the definition of what BRPOA defines as a quorum. Please send any of your ideas to Carol and the Board of Directors. Please contact Jerry Fuerch at 585-494-1660 for a copy of the bylaws.

Miscellaneous

Many BRPOA members attended the benefit for property owner Jim Campbell. The benefit was a success raising \$17,000.00! Jim and his wife Patty will be enjoying the majority of their summer in Beaver River.

Adjourn

Nadine made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Don Phelps seconding her motion. Carol adjourned the meeting at 4:38 pm.