


MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
Beaver River Property Owners Association 
Beaver River Hotel, Beaver River Station, New York
March 28, 2009

Board members present: Carol Schoch, Kathy Partridge, Tom Calhoun, Gerry Fuerch. Absent: Steve Edic, Bob Dickie, Don Phelps.

Also attending: Nadine Bell, Nate Bell, Judi Calhoun, Sharon Fuerch, Diane Jordan, George Jordan, Carl Krombach, Phyllis Krombach, Bob Partridge, Larry Schoch, Rita Seamon. Guests: Edith Partridge, Pete Hutchinski, Eleanor Hutchinski.

President Carol Schoch called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM

1. Carol reported on the hospitalization and condition of Cindy Crowley.
2. Access Committee: Tom Calhoun reported information on the upcoming NORAC (hi-rail) classes, needed for anyone who wishes to be named on the BRPOA's hi-rail access permit this year. More information to be posted on the website as it becomes available.
3. President's letter discussion. It was suggested that since some members have difficulty accessing the website (WebTV, etc.), the President's letter should be included in the email rather than just sent as a link.
4. Bti Program: Carol gave a history and read a 2/13/09 letter she wrote to the Town of Webb regarding our apparent exclusion from the program for this year, despite our request to participate last year. Individual letters to the town from the membership are welcome. Letters should be sent to:
Mr. Jason Villiere, Director
Town of Webb Bti Program
PO Box 157
Old Forge, NY 13420
5. Docks & Insurance:
 - Carol reported on the Thompson's mooring of their riverboat and barge/ferry without permission at our docks for the fall and winter of 2008-2009. The problem with that is the BRPOA's liability insurance on the dock does not allow for the mooring of commercial vessels. A letter explaining this was sent to the Thompsons on 11/26/09.
 - Dock Permit: History of our dock permit, issued 10/14/69 was given, and the following was noted:
 - The permit is issued to the Beaver River Property Owners Association *only*.
 - No other organization (i.e., Beaver River Fish & Game, etc.) is named on the permit.
 - The permit is not transferable if issued by the State.
 - The DEC no longer issues permits, so a "new" permit held by, or jointly with, another organization is not possible.
 - Permit regulations require that we notify the State any time repairs are made.
 - If we choose to give up our permit and turn the dock over to the State, we would still have to maintain the dock but to the State's specs and no overnight parking would be allowed.

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- Discussion: distribution of multiple copies of the permit, marked “original” to Board members and Secretary for inclusion on in the official archives of the BRPOA.
 - 2009 Insurance Options: In 2008 the BRPOA paid \$2625 for liability insurance covering the hi-railers and the docks. Four options for this year were proposed, discussed and an informal vote taken to narrow the choices for motions.
 - Option 1. High railers would get their own insurance as an add-on to the Adirondack Scenic Railroad’s insurance. This would be much less expensive than the current situation and the BRPOA would be able to keep their railroad permit. However, we would lose our liability insurance on the dock as the current insurer is a railroad insurance company and, after a lengthy search in 2008, no other company would offer coverage on the dock. Show of hands vote: 0 in favor, 9 against, 3 hi-railers abstained. Option 1 off the table.
 - Option 2. Combined hi-railer/dock insurance is considered in total as “access” insurance. The number of hi-railers plus the number of dock slips would be divided into the insurance premium. Hi-railers would individually pay their access portion, BRPOA would cover dock slips portion. BRPOA members would have priority at dock, then non-members. Four slips to be kept as “public” slips. Show of hands vote: 10 in favor, 0 against. Option 2 kept “open” for motion.
 - Option 3: Cost of insurance divided evenly as follows: 1/3 to be paid by hi-railers, 1/3 by BRPOA, 1/3 by Fish & Game (assuming a written agreement could be reached). Show of hands vote: 12 in favor, 0 against. Option 3 kept “open” for motion.
 - Option 4: Raise BRPOA dues and pay for insurance totally out of the treasury. Show of hands vote: 0 in favor, all against. Option 4 off the table.
 - Motion was made by George Jordan to notify, by letter, all property owners of record in Beaver River, explaining the hi-railer, dock, and liability insurance situation. Letter to clearly state that the BRPOA does not own or provide any hi-rail vehicles to members; all vehicles are privately owned by those named on the permit. Carl Krombach seconded; motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion was made by Nadine Bell that the 2009 insurance premium be divided in three portions to be determined, to be paid by the hi-railers, the BRPOA and Fish & Game (Option 3 above). In the alternative, if Fish & Game refuses to contribute, the 2009 insurance premium will be covered by hi-rail and boat use on a per-unit basis (Option 2 above). Tom Calhoun seconded; motion passed with 13 in favor, 2 against.
 - Motion was made by Rita Seamon that the cost of the insurance be split into equal thirds for the purposes of Nadine Bell’s motion. Seconded by Judi Calhoun; motion passed unanimously.
6. BRPOA Corporate Status: 501c3. Nadine Bell will investigate.

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7. BRPOA Fundraisers for 2009:
 - Tom Calhoun will accept donated cans and bottles in Beaver River and turn the proceeds over to the BRPOA. He also plans to sell frozen jugs of ice to campers on the Flow, proceeds to go to BRPOA.
 - Spaghetti dinner discussed. Beaver River Hotel to provide food for \$5 per plate, BRPOA to sell for \$10 per plate. Every member to get tickets to buy or sell.
 - Coupon books for metropolitan areas also discussed.
8. On a motion by Carl Krombach, seconded by Larry Schoch, the minutes of the August 30, 2008 meeting were unanimously accepted as read.
9. On a motion by Diane Jordan, seconded by George Jordan, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Partridge, BRPOA Secretary

Note: the Treasurer's Report was inadvertently left out of the meeting agenda. A hard copy of the report was provided to the Secretary after the meeting, showing a total current balance of \$6,435.64 for all accounts. Copy is available from Treasurer Gerry Fuerch, or the Secretary.