

Beaver River Property Owners Association, Inc.
Beaver River Station, NY

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Sunday, May 29, 2011 – Darrell Slater Camp

Board members present: Dennis Slater, President; Don Phelps, Gayle Seamon, Jackie Slater, Steve Edic, Doug Seamon. Absent: Bill Brod

Members present: Ben Edic, Steve Hegge, Al Larmann, Andrew Maidment, Ron Nearing, Carol Schoch, Larry Schoch, Darrell Slater. Guest: Dave Urtz

President Dennis Slater called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. declaring that this meeting was an informational meeting only. There were no votes taken as a quorum was not present.

Jackie Slater presented a Treasurer's Report that included monies donated to the dock fund (copy attached).

RAILROAD:

Dennis Slater and Ron Nearing attended a meeting on May 27th in Utica with the DOT and ARPS. It was announced that the dispatcher for the Adirondack Railroad System has resigned. It was very apparent that the DOT controls this situation. The DOT voiced their concerns. The overall consensus was that they have not been happy over the years. They made it very clear that they want us to "police" the rails to Beaver River. However, they still want to help us. There is a possibility they will be able to provide a dispatcher on a limited time basis (ie. Fridays for 3 hours, Sundays for 3 hours and holidays). The DOT feels we should share the \$8,000 - \$9,000 per year expense of a dispatcher. They are still in the process of determining the amount – it could be as low as \$500 or as high as \$4,000. The other possibility is that we may have to use the dispatcher out of Scranton, PA at a cost of \$72 per hour. However, ARPS may not accept that option.

It was noted that our permit expires on June 25, 2011 as the insurance policy expires on that date. It was suggested that the fee for a partial installment payment plan be paid by the hi-railers, rather than having them pay the full amount of the premium on 6/25, in case the permit does not go forward. Carol Schoch noted that the total expense, which includes the cost for a dispatcher, inspection fees, insurance, etc. for 4 hi-railers could be as high as \$3,000 per hi-railer per year.

In conclusion, the hi-railers must decide before June 25, 2011, if they want to absorb all the expenses to keep the permit.

DOCKS:

Don Phelps stated that this year's phase to expand the main corridor from 4' to 6' wide and refit the slips from 18' to 20' between each slip, as well as stabilize the docks to accommodate the changing water levels will cost \$14,000. He also noted that improving the bulk head has not been factored into this cost. Discussion followed stating that if we used a cement foundation for the bulk head and borrowed members' mixers we could keep the cost down to approximately \$500. Don mentioned that if we put upfront \$10,000 worth of expenses, we would get a 15% discount on the materials. However, it was also noted that due to increased gas prices, the cost of the materials has also increased, possibly as much as the 15% discount.

Dennis stated the docks will be built as safely and affordable as is feasibly possible.

Steve Edic asked if we would consider creating a memorial fund that monies could be donated to the dock fund. He will draw up a plan and present it to the membership at the July meeting. Dennis mentioned that several people have already expressed an interest in purchasing the old docks that are currently lying in the gravel bed. It was suggested that a sealed bid auction could be held July 4th weekend.

SUNSHINE PERSON:

Jackie Slater has been covering the position of Sunshine Person for this year to date. She is asking for someone to take this position over.

WEBSITE:

Kathy Partridge is resigning as BRPOA website master as of June 24, 2011. Andrew Maidment has volunteered to take over this position. Andrew stated that there is a possibility that this could be done for free. He will check into this and get back to Dennis.

Discussion followed regarding the offensive and inappropriate emails that have been sent via the Yahoo link to the BRPOA website. It was decided that the Board of Directors would hold a short meeting to discuss a solution to this problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

A brief meeting for the Board of Directors was held immediately following the membership meeting. It was unanimously voted in favor of abolishing the Yahoo link on the BRPOA website.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Seamon
BRPOA Secretary

The ~~past summer~~ ^{Annual} Membership Meeting will be held
Saturday, July 2, 2011 - 9:30 a.m. at Brod's camp.

Please bring a chair.

Items to be discussed: docks, hi-rail permit, new business, election of officers.

A 50/50 raffle will be held.