

## **ASPENHOF OWNERS MEETING**

### **11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 at Aspenhof**

Trustees attending: Jim Reddy, Mark Bremehr, Ray Jordan, Kurt Andrew, Carol Neuwirth, Karel Smith, Garry Stockmann, Vicki Adrian and Bob Eade.

#### **Opening remarks**

Reddy opens meeting with welcome. Thanks Adrian, chair of 2015 Regatta, for a successful event. Recognizes new owners of cabins 117 (Dennis and Ruth Calcaterra), 18 (Sondra Scheller) and 157 (Matthew and Angela Ricketts).

#### **Committee reports**

**Roads, Stockmann:** He requests that owners notify him via email if they have issues with roads, "We'll get to it right away," he said, adding that it usually takes a couple of weeks for Jim Marschel to schedule repairs and order materials.

**Security, Bremehr:** Few issues. Reminds owners not to use any lubrication on the front gate lock because that could damage it. Notes that gate now sports a new coat of paint. Urges everyone to display hangtags on their vehicles when driving at Aspenhof. Comment from audience: Please remind visitors to use their own boating equipment. Respect other owners' boats. Bremehr reminds those using the dumpster to fill from the back. If it's full, please take trash home.

**Common grounds, Eade:** Washouts have been replaced on trail around big lake. Thanks walkers for keeping trail clean, free of debris. Thanks Paul and Dolly Schroeder (cabin 148) for their work in planning and cultivating a butterfly garden on common ground near the big lake. Thanks Benjamin Hulsey (cabin 79) for his work in helping Aspenhof keep abreast of federal regulations on controlling the goose nuisance. Martin houses will be coming down the last weekend of Sept. Notice to come for those who would like to participate. Urges drivers not to cut through the grass pasture in front of the dumpster. Parking near the road, however, is OK. Reminds that boats need cabin number on them. Reports that the Aspenhof fleet now numbers about 100 craft.

**Lakes, Andrew:** Acknowledges this has not been a great year for the lakes because of aquatic vegetation and a dam blowout at Grenoble this spring. Had an engineer do a walking inspection of the Grenoble dam and expects a report from him with recommendations. Cost of improves is unknown at this point. Lakes have a lot of weeds, but they have been treated more than a dozen times this year. Some of the chemicals have been washed away by heavy rains. Big lake water is scheduled to be tested. "Hopefully, next year we'll have a clear lake," Andrew said. Pulling the vegetation out of the lake causes it to spread, he noted. Also: We may need to order and restock grass carp fish. Muck tablets don't work. Microbe technology may be a possible solution. Will meet with the Mo. Dept. of Conservation to develop a long-term plan.

**Inspections, permits, Neuwirth.:** Reminds that any construction work at your cabin needs a permit from the Board of Trustees. If footprint of your cabin changes, you need a permit from Warren Co.

**Treasurer's report, Smith:** Reports that we have enough money to get through fiscal year, which ends Nov. 1. Some accounting changes have been made in response to questions at last owners meeting in March. CDs info now lists interest. Emergency fund is now identified as the reserve fund. Gate expenses have exceeded MoDot reimbursement. This year's late fee total is larger than previous years because one cabin owing fees was sold and paid up. Another cabin is two years late in assessments. More money is being budgeted for cutting overgrowth along the roads and planting trees near the gate, accounting for new categories. All bills through Oct. 31 will be paid in 2015 budget. Audience Question: Any thought to mailing one issue of the Announcer? Jordan responding, says that limiting direct mail of the Announcer only to those who don't belong to the Google Group saves Aspenhof money on printing and postage, and allows the Announcer to be more timely due to the lead time required to print and mail.

**Awards, Adrian:** Recognizes volunteers who helped with the myriad tasks involved in staging the Regatta.. Next year's co-chairs of Regatta will be Kathy Stockmann (cabin 92) and Kim Dolson (cabin 99). Passes out unclaimed ribbons.

**Road project, Eade:** Good news is that it is finished. Road ownership transferred to us from MoDot. Some issues remain concerning fiber optic lines and where they are located. The lines could interfere with tree planting. New trees will be purchased with a \$2,000 grant from Cuivre River Co-Op. Work will be done over three years. Signage: Our old sign, now repainted, has been re-installed at the gate. A new 7-foot sign, vertical and two-sided, is in the works. It will be placed near the lamppost close to the highway.

**Election, Reddy:** Eade is leaving board and "we will miss him," Reddy said. Thirty-five owners voted in the annual election for trustees and budget approval. All three candidates – Matt Doell (cabin 32), Susan Seymour Westcott (cabin 44) and incumbent Karel Smith (cabin 83) – were unanimous choices. The budget also was approved unanimously. Reddy, the outgoing trustee chair, was recognized by the audience for his work with the Board.

**Other topics:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary wine glasses are available for purchase. Paul Fleming and Benton Durham, long-time owners who recently sold cabin 117, were recognized for their contributions to Aspenhof over the years.

Adjourned 11:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Jordan, secretary Board of Trustees