

CABIN OWNERS MEETING, Sept. 4, 2016 at Aspenhof

Trustees attending: Matt Doell, Vicki Adrian, Maureen Donlin, Kurt Andrew, Mark Bremehr, Ray Jordan, Garry Stockmann, Kim Dolson. Absent: Susan Seymour Westcott.

Doell opens meeting at 11:07 a.m.

March owners meeting minutes are approved.

New owners are recognized: Cabin 27, (didn't get name?); cabin 83, Jason and Lori Schneider and Michael and Jannette Nolan; cabin 61, Christine and Shane Schultz.

Trustee reports

Treasurer, Adrian: Vicki explained the new format for her reports. She pointed out that it shows a five-year history of categorized expenses, including the current year, the proposed expenditures for next year and the variance with 2016. An added feature includes account balances of money on deposit at our banks. A question from the floor sought clarification for an expenditure labeled "road cutting." Vicki said it was for clearing trees and branches to improve vision along our roads. The work also included spraying herbicides to control undesirable weeds.

Security, Bremehr: Mark reported that law and order prevails at Aspenhof: No security incidents. He noted that the gate locks were changed this year and new hangtags distributed. A question from the floor: Have any tags not been picked up yet? Mark responded that cabin 96 had not picked up tags and cabin 91, which recently sold, was in the process of claiming tags.

Common grounds, Doell (subbing for Susan): Our newly planted trees are looking healthy.

Lakes, Andrew: Kurt noted that Aspenhof has changed vendors for our lake weed control chemicals, and the move seems to be paying off. He recalled that owners had many issues with algae obstructing the swimming and fishing areas last year. This year much improvement has been noted, so we will continue with the same company. Kurt also addressed a concern about the lakes filling in over time with sediment. Should we dredge? Kurt said a study this year revealed that the lakes are deeper than we thought. The study, he said, would be used as a base line for determining if and when we should dredge. He also noted that there are two schools of thought on deepening the lakes. Rather than dredge, some experts believe a better method is to cut the dam and drain the lake. All that information will be under review. On another matter, Kurt said we will stay with the Reddy recommendations for maintaining fish habitat. That involves limited stocking to allow fish to grow faster. Kurt said some grass carp were stocked as a part of weed control. "When needed, we will add more (game) fish." A questioner asked what dredging the big lake might cost. Kurt said it could cost as much as \$40,000 to \$50,000 an acre. A related issue would be where to pile the dredging. Another questioner asked about placing hiking trails around the other lakes. Bob Eade, former Trustee for common grounds, responded that it would require volunteer workers. He said a plan to add another trail off the big lake was still under advisement.

Permits, Donlin: Maureen said three permits for construction have been issued so far. She reminded owners that Warren County also required permits for certain projects. Inspections are in progress on about one-third of the cabins, she said. All cabins are to be inspected on a rotating basis. The inspections seek to point out safety hazards.

Roads, Stockmann: Garry asked owners to email him if they have specific concerns about the roads.

Newsletter, Jordan: Ray noted that the Aspenhof Announcer is now distributed mainly via email, a cost-saving measure over the print-and-mail version. Some owners who do not belong to the Google Group or do not have computers still receive a “hard copy.”

Regatta, Dolson: Kim praised the good weather for this year’s Regatta. She thanked former Regatta chair Adrian for her mentoring and Kathy Stockmann for her assistance. About 60 volunteers helped stage the event. Kim provided sign-up sheets for 2017 volunteers.

Old business:

Matt said an **extra dumpster** will be available on other special occasions this coming year. ... The Board will continue the practice of hiring someone to **patrol Aspenhof** during the winter and act as gatekeeper during Regatta weekend. ... Matt noted a complaint about **loud music** at the beach. He said an outright prohibition is difficult to enforce and asked everyone to be respectful of his/her fellow beachgoers. ... Matt saluted organizers of the **July 4th fireworks** display and reminded owners that contributions are welcome for next year’s show. ... **One-way traffic** will continue to be the rule on Regatta Saturday, and owners should remind guests to cooperate. ...

An owner inquired about changing the indentures to allow for the use of **golf carts** at Aspenhof. Matt said carts are prohibited for safety reasons and, in a brief discussion, others noted that carts probably wouldn’t have enough power to climb some of our hills. Matt said a change in the indentures would require a two-thirds favorable vote and most in the audience indicated by a show of hands that they were opposed to such a measure. ... Kim reported that cabins 14 (Krogers) and 55 (Kohrings) tied for **most ribbons** won (18 each) at the Regatta. Cabins 98 (Reddys) and Lufts) tied for second with 16 each. Cabin 132 (Haddoxes) had 14. ...

The 2017 election: Budget proposal (no fee increase) passed by a count of 32-1. Newcomer Danny Hommes and incumbents Vicki Adrian and Kurt Andrew were voted terms on the Board. ... Doell thanked outgoing Trustee Bremehr for his service on the Board. ... Doell also had a tip of the hat for Katelyn Stockmann for her work in presenting the Regatta slide show. ... Doell noted in closing that longtime Aspenhofer Harry Smith, who recently had sold his cabin, has entered hospice care.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Submitted by Ray Jordan, secretary