

## **Aspenhof cabin owners spring meeting March 28, 2017, 7 p.m. at DeSmet High School**

Trustees attending: Vicki Adrian, Matt Doell, Kim Dolson, Ray Jordan, Susan Westcott. Absent: Kurt Andrew, Maureen Donlin, Danny Hommes.

Welcome at 7:02 p.m. by Doell. Minutes from September 2016 owners meeting were approved.

### **Trustee reports**

**Treasurer, Adrian:** Vicki reported that all assessments for 2016-17 have been received and Aspenhof taxes have been paid (we owed nothing to IRS). A budget handout indicated so far this year that income totaled \$77,047 and expenses \$16,751.

**Security, Hommes (Doell subbing):** No security issues have been reported. Matt noted that Danny had performed a winter inspection of all cabins and reported his observations to the respective cabin owners. Matt pointed out that in previous years we have paid an off-duty Warren County deputy to perform this service. ... The lock at the main gate broke and has been replaced. Matt said we have additional backup locks in case future problems occur. The private property sign at the front gate also has been replaced. Danny asked that anyone with security concerns to contact him.

**Common grounds, Westcott:** Volunteers raised the purple martin houses in mid-March, Susan reported. The birds were impatiently awaiting as the poles went up. ... The annual beach cleanup day will be May 6. (Rainout day is May 20). Colleen Howell is organizing. Also, on May 6, volunteers headed by Michele DiMarcellis will do flower pot planting along the beach. ... Susan said ash trees along the beach have been treated for bore infestation and a study is underway to determine whether the oak trees there can be saved. ... The butterfly garden, under the supervision of Paul and Darlene Schroeder, has been trimmed to 4 inches as recommended by conservation experts. ... Susan said she will be checking boats at the dock area for cabin number decals and permit payments. Crafts that are not in compliance will be removed from the racks. ... Owners were urged to dump stagnant water from their crafts this summer to prevent breeding areas for mosquitoes.

**Lakes, Andrew (Doell subbing):** Our contract with the lake treatment company has been renewed. Kurt said he and others were pleased with last year's results. ... Topographical map of our lakes indicated they are not filling as fast as we had feared. We plan to have another mapping done in three or four years to monitor the situation. ... Anyone spotting goose nests at our lakes should contact trustees, who have a federal permit to oil the eggs. This will prevent eggs from hatching and cause the geese to move on.

**Permits, Donlin (Doell subbing):** Maureen reminds all that permits from both the board of trustees and Warren County are needed for cabin construction work. ... A Fourth of July fireworks display, funded by donations and coordinated by Maureen and John Tavis, has been approved for this year.

**Roads, Stockmann:** Garry reports that roads are in good shape. No culvert replacements are planned over the next few months. We will be concentrating on potholes. Report road problems.

Old culverts, which were replaced last winter, are in the process of being removed from the roadside.

**Regatta, Dolson:** Last year's end-of-summer bash went well, coming in under budget. Kim says she plans to work with new vendors this year to further whittle our expenses for this event. Volunteers, as always, are needed and were urged to sign up at the meeting. Also, cabins are needed for the annual cabin tour.

**Newsletter, Jordan:** Owners not on the Google group can notify Ray to receive an email of the Announcer. Those without computers can request a printed copy to be mailed to their address.

## **Old Business**

**Spillway repair:** Cracks have been spotted in the big lake spillway and repair work is planned for this spring.

**New hangtags:** Distribution of 2017 tags began prior to the meeting. Other opportunities to pick up tags will be announced later. Three cabins are currently for sale – Nos. 8, 97 and 124. Other owners are encouraged to spread the word.

**Golf carts:** Doell explained the process for changing the indentures to allow owners to use golf carts and other similarly motorized vehicles at Aspenhof. He said a petition of at least 25 owners would be needed to bring up the matter for a vote at the next owners meeting. A favorable vote of two-thirds of the owners (101) would be required to change the rules. The Board went on record as opposing such a change, citing safety factors.

## **New Business**

**New owners:** Matt recognized new Aspenhofers John Darnell (cabin 78) and the Schultzes, Shane and Christine (cabin 61).

**CREC tree trimming:** Matt noted that Cuivre River's power line corridor clearing has gone smoother than the last time, 15 years ago. Then, CREC sprayed and then cut around Regatta time. This time, he said, there was greater coordination with owners. Even so, CREC's modern tree-trimming equipment has left some areas looking scalped. He said there's not much we can do about that because CREC has an easement allowing it to clear-cut. Matt said he will check a clear-cut area along Sugarbush that might tempt trespassers from Highway 47.

**Questions from owners:** Will there be a large, extra dumpster for special events this year? Doell: Yes. Dates will be announced later. ... What kind of chemicals are used to treat the lakes? Are they safe? Stockmann: Same as Mo. Dept. of Conservation uses. ... Who maintains trail around the big lake? Doell: The Board does. There are no easements around the other lakes.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Jordan, secretary