

Aspenhof fall owners meeting Sept. 3, 2017, at picnic grounds

Trustees Attending: Matt Doell, Vicki Adrian, Kurt Andrew, Kim Dolson, Danny Hommes, Ray Jordan, Garry Stockmann.

Absent: Maureen Donlin, Susan Westcott.

Introduction: Chairperson Doell welcomed owners, mentioned some lost or found items from the previous day's Regatta and praised the success of the annual event. Minutes from the spring owners meeting were approved. New owners: were recognized: Paul Fleming and Benton Durham (cabin 97), Lisa and Matt Clark (#124), Philip and Dianne Stang (#16), Dan and Mike van Well (#8), John and Louise Darnell (#78).

Trustee reports

Security, Hommes: "Things are going great" with no major issues, Hommes reported. He mentioned a couple of minor issues: Loud music at the beach and key /lock problems at the entrance gate due to a recent chain failure. He asked that owners having trouble with the lock to notify a trustee; don't attempt to lubricate the lock. He noted new security personnel on duty for regatta weekend. Attempts to hire off-duty officers from Warren County were unsuccessful. The car count for Saturday's competition day was 57 cars in and 14 out. Eight visitors tags were left at gate. Hommes reminded owners to report any suspicious activity and call attention to untagged cars. He said he would continue the winter cabin patrol himself rather than hire someone from the county sheriff's department. The patrol will include an outside look at each cabin, noting any fallen limbs or trees, broken windows or doors. Volunteers are welcome to help.

Lakes, Andrew: Kurt said algae and bug problems at the lakes seem to be under control now in the second year of service from a new chemical vendor. He said Aspenhof will continue its fish program as recommended by the Reddy family. Currently, annual restocking has been suspended to allow fish to grow by reducing the competition for food.

Roads, Stockmann: Garry asked that owners report problems with the roads to him via email. He said a turnout will be added on Aspenhof Road between cabins 72-82. A culvert will be added near entrance. Backfill is planned on Matterhorn between cabins 6-12.

Newsletter, Jordan: Copies or email transmissions of the current Announcer were made available.

Regatta, Dolson: Kim reported that the 2017 Regatta went well. She said she would consider adding more spacing between events next year. Suggestions are welcome. Volunteers are always needed. The cabin ribbon count competition was still too close to call.

Old Business

Doell asked owners to show courtesy for others when playing music at the beach. He said the board had decided to enforce one-way traffic only on Regatta Saturday. He said it was unfair to inconvenience some owners with a long drive to their cabin on both and Sunday. Doell reviewed the procedure for changing the indentures through the board, by petition or referendum. A two-thirds majority (101 cabins) would be necessary for the latter two options. For an issue to be placed on the ballot, 25 cabin signatures are necessary.

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- Doell noted the **new concrete floor** at the equipment shed. He said the improvement might require the construction of another shed to store tractor equipment and swimming docks. The Board is getting proposals and estimates. Also under consideration are **bridge replacements** around the main lake.
- Doell polled the audience about **dropping land-line telephone service at the beach** now that most people carry cell phones. A show of hands for and against produced divided opinions. Doell said the Board will leave the phone in service.
- **Fireworks:** The Board has agreed to fund the Fourth of July display, which has been funded on an individual donation basis in previous years. Stipulations will include a cap on the amount, which would be included in the annual budget proposal, and supervision by licensed fireworks handlers. Cabin owners Maureen Donlin and John Tavis (cabin 15) have produced the show in recent years and plan to continue to do so.
- In a show of hands, cabin owners were divided about accepting an invitation from Innsbrook developer Ed Boyce to join a fall **Jeep Safari** that would include a stop for lunch at Aspenhof. Doell said the Board would consider the proposal next year.
- In response to a question from the audience, Stockmann said the Board will consider **addition mowing** along the roads next year. He said some owners had opposed more mowing because of wildflowers that grow along roadsides.
- Another questioner asked about **lake dredging**. Doell said a survey of the main lake two years ago found that the depth (17 feet at one location) was well above the minimum recommendation (8 feet) for ponds and small lakes. Doell said the Board will check the depth again in a few years.
- Former Board member Bob Eade informed the Board that Aspenhof is eligible for a third **tree grant** from electricity co-op Cuivre River. Doell said the Board had no objections and encouraged Eade to apply.
- Another owner asked that the Board to check into renting **better (larger?) port-a-potties** for next year's Regatta. Doell said the Board will explore the options.
- **Ballot results:** Dolson, Stockmann and newcomer Patrick Kohring were elected to three-year terms on the Board and the budget proposal passed. Twenty-six ballots were cast, all in favor of the budget. The three trustee candidates were unopposed.

Cabin tour brochures were made available.

The meeting ended at 12:01 p.m.

**Submitted by Ray Jordan,
Secretary**