

Aspenhof Spring Owners Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019, 7:00 PM

Meeting held at De Smet Auditorium

Trustees Present: Danny Hommes, Mark Bremehr, Pam Graeler, Patrick Kohring, Matt Hashley, Kurt Andrew, Garry Stockmann

Trustees Absent: Vicki Adrian, Kim Dolson

Introduction: Danny welcomed cabin owners. Minutes from the September 2, 2018 meeting were approved. New owners were recognized: #91 Patrick & Merribeth Connelly, #109 Jacob Houvenagle

Trustee Reports

Treasurer, Vicki Adrian: Danny presented in Vicki's absence. Current financials were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Danny reported that assessments have been paid by all cabin owners. Danny continued to explain that in the next year or two there may be a need to increase the assessments. He mentioned that the budget gets tighter each year and referenced that the assessments have been the same for at least 10 yrs.

Security, Mark Bremehr: Mark reported that this year new keys will be distributed and notified cabin owners that the lock at the gate will be replaced on June 1 at noon. Mark mentioned that a new vendor will be providing the locks and keys this year and that they are quite a bit cheaper than the previous vendor. Mark continued by reminding cabin owners that all vehicles in Aspenhof should have a hangtag and stressing that the gate needs to remain closed once a vehicle has passed through the gate. Mark mentioned that if any cabin owner has issues with the quantity of keys to let Mark know. Mark concluded by reminding cabin owners not to put anything in the locks like WD40 and that if you have an issue please let Mark know.

A cabin owner asked about the gate at the top of Alta and asked if there a better way to secure this? The trustees responded by indicating that the trustees are currently looking into addressing this and to resolve the issue.

A cabin owner asked if in the past when the gate was left open if keys were left behind? Mark responded by that no keys were left behind and thus the gate was intentionally left open.

A cabin owner asked why there was a new box on the gate and what it is for. Mark responded that one is for Warrenton Co Sheriff and one is for Marthasville Fire/EMS.

A cabin owner asked about winter patrols? Mark responded that we used to hire an individual to do a patrol but the individual no longer works for the Sheriff's Department. Both Danny and Mark indicated that they drive around Aspenhof in the winter but indicated that there are no specific patrols.

A cabin owner asked if there have been any recent reports of vandalism? - Mark indicated that there have not been any recent reports of vandalism.

A cabin owner mentioned that the gate seemed a bit bent and that it was tight to close? Mark reported that Hubbie cut the lock hole a big bigger that hopefully takes care of this.

Common Grounds, Pam Graeler: Pam reported that in November the purple martin houses were removed. She continued by notifying cabin owners that in December some repairs were made in the bridge by the lake. Pam thanked Jacob & Heidi (Cabin 86) and her husband Don for making the repairs. Pam mentioned several future events where volunteers are needed: March 16 is a workday and April 27 is beach cleanup. Pam reported that more details will be sent out later for each of these and requested that cabin owners bring work gloves, shovels, rake, and a good sense of humor. Pam concluded by mentioning that the beach will receive a new batch of sand in the spring.

Lakes, Kurt Andrew: Kurt reported that the lake is full again and that the water quality looks good. He mentioned that the same vendor will be used this year to control nuisance vegetation. Kurt asked cabin owners to notify him if heavy vegetation is noticed. Kurt continued by reporting that an extra porta potty will be available between April and sept. He mentioned that the bugs at the beaches have been good the last couple of years and indicated that the beach will be sprayed in April and before major holidays. He finished by reporting that the docks were removed by Doell's and mentioned that one will be repaired before the spring.

A cabin owner asked if a 3rd porta potty is needed on the July 4th weekend. Kurt responded that he will look into this.

A cabin owner asked if there have been discussions regarding dredging the lake? Kurt responded that in 2016 the lakes were mapped out. He continued and said that at that time the lakes were deeper than anticipated. He mentioned that the big lake was 19 ft deep and indicated that dredging is expensive and the community would have to decide what to do with the dredged material. He finished by responding that the trustees decided at that time to wait 4 yrs as the cost was estimated at 40-60k per acre.

Permits, Matt Hashley: Matt reported that 1/3 of the cabins are inspected each year. He mentioned that his goal is to have inspections done by the end of April. Cabin owners will be notified of inspections by May. He continued by reporting that if the inspections identify anything that needs to be addressed detailed notes of what needs to be corrected will be sent to the cabin owners. Matt mentioned that there has been a lot of construction lately and that if any other cabin owners plan any construction to turn in a completed permit. He mentioned that permit forms are available online and requested that once it is completed to notify him. Matt reported that if the construction adds less than 120 square feet that Warren County will not charge for a permit.

A cabin owner asked what was being inspected. Matt responded by indicating that he's looking for a pride of ownership and that the cabin is being maintained. He also mentioned that if a liability issue is noticed that this will be addressed with the cabin owners.

A cabin owner asked if carports allowed? Matt responded to refer to the indentures.

Roads, Garry Stockmann: Garry reported that the roads are nasty and sloppy. He continued by saying that they thaw during the day and freeze at night and that at this time of year potholes are what are being taken care of. He continued by saying that in April rock will be added where

necessary. Garry requested that you notify him of any issues with the roads. He mentioned that new boulders are being installed at the entrance. He continued by explaining that these are being added as someone moved one to leave a couple months ago. Garry mentioned that some cabin owners have emailed him asking if the trustees are going to remove downed trees that are close to the road. He mentioned that the trustees are not going to spend funds on removing trees that are not blocking the roads and indicated that other cabin owners should feel free to take them out they desire the lumber.

A cabin owner asked about rain diverters being too tall. Garry requested that when this happens to let him know where they are so he can address them.

A cabin owner asked about installing more passing areas? Garry requested to let him know of any suggestions.

A cabin owner thanked Garry for putting in culverts in the past as he's noticed the roads are a lot better now with a lot less washouts than before:

Newsletter, Patrick Kohring: Patrick reported that he hopes everyone is receiving the newsletters. He concluded by indicating that if anyone is not receiving the letter, please provide him their email address.

Regatta, Kim Dolson: Kim reported that she hasn't started working on Regatta yet and requested that cabin owners let her know if they want to volunteer or have any ideas for this year's Regatta.

Old Business

Rinse Station Survey Results: Danny indicated that the board opted to get a broader community feedback and a survey was sent to cabin owners. He mentioned that 96 cabins completed the survey of which 43 and 53 were for and against the rinse station respectively. He mentioned that at this time the majority of the board is not in favor of adding the rinse station.

New Business

Work Day/Purple Martin Houses Pam reported that on March 16 the second shed needs to be cleaned out. She mentioned that docks are stored in there in the winter and that older items need to be removed. She continued by mentioning that the beach is having a lot more activity in the summer and that 5 MPH speed limit signs will be installed. During the workday the purple martin houses will be reinstalled and the boat storage area will be cleaned up. Pam concluded by indicating that the most exciting part of workday is the hot dogs for lunch.

Main Gate Security Camera – Danny reported that there were a couple instances where the gate was left open. He mentioned that the trustees were looking into installing a motion activated camera. A show of hands revealed that most owners were in favor of this.

Beach considerations – Danny mentioned that a couple of cabin owners brought up beach consideration issues. He indicated that the trustees are looking into these but the in essence everyone needs to be a good neighbor. The topics were:

- Regulate EZup – Should we regulate EZ ups on holiday weekends?
- Smoking Bans – Should there be a smoking area.
- Relocate Volleyball Courts to horseshoe pit -

Open Discussion

A cabin owner asked about rotting road signs? Danny responded by saying that the signs are on the boards radar and that if a cabin owner sees one with issues to let the board know.

A cabin owner asked about solar lights for road signs. Danny reported that we will investigate it.

A cabin owner suggested striping the Aspenhof on the asphalt. Danny responded by saying that he is not opposed to adding a stripe and that it will be done on the workday.

Cabin 15 reminded cabin owners that fireworks are not allowed at Aspenhof unless approved by the board. He requested to keep clear of the setup area on July 4th weekend. Cabin 15 will set up an area with caution tape.