

Aspenhof Spring Owners Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2019, 11:00 AM
Meeting held at Aspenhof Assembly Area

Trustees Present: Danny Hommes, Mark Bremehr, Pam Graeler, Matt Hashley, Kurt Andrew, Garry Stockmann, Vicki Adrian, Kim Dolson

Trustees Absent: Patrick Kohring

Introduction: Danny welcomed cabin owners. Minutes from the March 6, 2019 meeting were approved. New owners were recognized.

Trustee Reports

Treasurer, Vicki Adrian: Vicki notified cabin owners that assessment letters would be sent soon via snail mail and requested cabin owners to pay quickly.

A cabin owner asked if the Regatta and Events would have two separate lines in the budget. Vicki suggested that the Regatta would always have its own line item and mentioned that funds are already allocated separately into the Events line.

Danny thanked Vicki for her years of service on the board.

Security, Mark Bremehr: Mark stated that he is thankful to report that there have been no incidents regarding security. He reminded cabin owners to display current hang tags for both owners and guests. He continued by reminding cabin owners not to spray the lock at the gate and to instead let Mark know if there's an issue. Spraying the lock can damage it. Finally Mark requested that cabin owners make a guests aware of rules of the community.

A cabin owner asked if there would be a camera placed at the gate. Mark responded that the board is still looking into the suggestion of placing a camera at the gate.

Common Grounds, Pam Graeler: Pam reported that ongoing lake maintenance has continued. She stated that new rock was added to the lake trail, weeds were sprayed, and branches have been trimmed.

She reported that the dead trees were removed from the beach area and that there have been discussions regarding what type tree would grow better with the sand/soil mix by the beach.

Pam stated that a boat yard inventory was completed in July and thanked owners for labeling their watercrafts. She continued by reminding owners that the fee to store boats is \$25 per boat for the first year and \$10 per boat every year after. This fee is paid with the annual assessment fee in the fall.

Finally, Pam stated that she is working on placing an additional handrail for the lower steps to match the upper railing at the beach.

Lakes, Kurt Andrew: Kurt reported that with the heavy spring rains, it was difficult to spray for vegetation in the big lake. He continued by stating that the vendor is now working with reactive treatment for the vegetation which has been sprayed with good results.

Kurt mentioned that there is a problem with muskrats in the big lake which could damage the dam. He stated that trapping season begins in November and there's a plan in place to trap the muskrats. He requested cabin owners to stay away from the traps.

A cabin owner asked about stocking the lake. Kurt responded that the stocking is not necessary yet and mentioned the six year restocking plan. He finished by stating that the new board can add new cat fish in the lake.

Danny thanked Kurt for his years of service on the board.

Permits, Matt Hashley: Matt encouraged homeowners to contact himself before selling their cabin so that he can help cabin owners identify issues that may prevent a new owner from obtaining an occupancy permit.

Roads, Garry Stockmann: Gary reported that with all the rain this season Dry Fork has been out to Aspenhof daily the past 10 days to repair roads. He encouraged cabin owners to email if there's an issues with the roads.

Gary mentioned even with the new speed bumps added at the beach area that there continues to be a problem of speeding. He requested cabin owners to please slow down and stressed the safety issue with all the children present.

Garry reported that he is addressing the problem areas throughout the community. He identified six areas on the roads which require continuous work. He mentioned that he contacted a flat work company to possibly install concrete.

A cabin owner commented that Matterhorn has high, large water diverters and cars bottom out on these. Gary responded that there is a plan in place to have them altered.

Newsletter, Patrick Kohring: In Patrick's absence Danny reminded cabin owners that communication via the Aspenhof Announcer is only in email format. He stated that if you are not receiving the Announcer to please contact Patrick. Danny mentioned that the Google group is Community driven. Finally, Danny stated that there are approximately six cabins who do not have email.

Regatta, Kim Dolson: Kim started her report by thanking both the long time and new volunteers for their help during Regatta. A suggestion basket was placed at the meeting for ideas for the future.

Kim mentioned that the Regatta trustee position is now an Events position. She stated that on September 28 - there will be a movie night at the shed showing G rated, "Chicken Run." She mentioned that free popcorn will be served and that the movie starts at 7 PM.

Kim mentioned the she is looking into the possibility of an October event for pumpkin carving and chili cook off.

Old Business

Installation of electronic gate: Danny mentioned that there are shortcomings to installing an electronic gate. For example, there are no full-time paid security staff or maintenance people in the community. He mentioned that our current security system is not broken and that the trustees are not looking at a new gate at this time. He finished by stating that if any owner wants to research and present an option for an electronic gate to the board, he/she may do so.

Golf Carts: Danny mentioned that recently the board sent out a revision of existing rules and policies regarding golf carts and stated that no new rules were added to this list - rules and policies were clarified. He mentioned that Aspenhof has legal and binding indentured and policies. It was stated that the decision to clarify the rules was not a unanimous decision, but the board voted to uphold the policy that no golf carts will be allowed at Aspenhof.

New Business

Budget: The budgets was voted on and passed.

Trustee Elections: Danny Hommes was elected to his second term. Kim Moore and Jacob Kleekamp were both elected to their first term.

Open Discussion

A cabin owner asked what the five-digit numbers are used for to identify cabins? The board responded that the five-digit number is specifically assigned for the emergency medical system for Warren County. It was stated that EMS only recognizes the five-digit number for cabins. Owners were encouraged to post the five-digit number at their driveway. It was stated that if a cabin owner applies for a Warren County permit, the owner needs to supply his or her five-digit number. A suggestion was made to post the five-digit numbers on a signage map for EMS. Danny mentioned that this will be an agenda item for the board to discuss at their next meeting.

A cabin owner asked a question regarding the spillway needing major repairs. The board responded that Dry Fork is going to look at the spillway for repairs this fall.

A cabin owner made an announcement to please have proper dumping in dumpsters. Another cabin owner stated that "On The Go" was not sure if they would bring the roll off dumpster she requested and assumed that the company was frustrated with Aspenhof dumping issues. The board mentioned that we have limited service options for dumpsters in this community and discussed the idea of the \$500 fine for dumping illegal items and would prefer not to have to put a camera at the dumpster.

A cabin owner asked if it was okay that people were driving across the common ground field near the dumpsters. The board responded that no this was not permitted except when parking for big community events.

A cabin owner asked if the lake would be dredged in the near future. The board responded that the lake depth was checked in 2016 and the information is on the Aspenhof website. The survey found

the lakes are very deep. The next lake depth recheck will be 2021. It cost \$30-\$40,000 an acre to have someone dredge the lake. Dredging would cause other issues such as where to haul off the dredge. It would also smell very bad. Likely a hole would have to be punched into the dam. The lake would have to refill on its own which could take up to 1 to 2 years if we have low rainfall.

A cabin owner requested more boat storage. They stated that they are paying for boat storage and their paddleboat has been sitting on the ground for an entire year as there is no room for her paddleboat on the rack. Danny commented that a Fall workday would be a great time to re-organize the boat area to maximize storage space.

A cabin owner asked if the volleyball net could be moved to the old horseshoe pit. The board responded that this has been discussed by the board recently although a decision has not been made yet. Next summer it is planned that the swim ropes will be moved to make the swim area 25 feet larger.

A cabin owner requested that a rule should be added that tents on beach be put up in the morning and take them down at night. Danny commented that this is an assumed "common courtesy issue," and did not want to have to rewrite all the rules to include this.