

**Aspenhof Spring Owners Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting held at De Smet High School Theater**

**Trustees Present:** Danny Hommes, Mark Bremehr, Matt Hashley, Kurt Andrew, Garry Stockmann, Kim Dolson, Km Moore, Jacob Kleekamp

**Trustees Absent:** Pam Graeler

**Introduction:** Danny welcomed cabin owners. Minutes from the September 1, 2019 meeting were approved. New owners were recognized.

**Trustee Reports**

**Treasurer, Kim Moore:**

Kim mentioned that a report was provided at the beginning of the meeting. She indicated that we're through Q1 so far and the budget is favorable.

**Security, Mark Bremehr:**

Mark reported that no news is good news. He reminded cabin owners that every car should have a hangtag – guests and owners. He also mentioned to never spray the lock with lubricant.

A cabin owner asked about an automatic gate. Matt responded that if anyone has any suggestions to let the trustees know.

**Common Grounds, Pam Graeler:**

In Pam's absence Danny reported that Jacob and Pam have been working on reorganizing the boat yard – new racks are installed. Boats will get shuffled over work day. In the fall some work was done to remove invasive plants. There creek has shifted in the back of the lake by the bridge. Some work needs to be done to route it back to its original path. Spring workday is March 21. There will be a spring cleanout dumpster this weekend and the following weekend. April 25 is beach clean up day – fresh sand will be delivered.

**Lakes, Jacob Kleekamp:**

Jacob reported that the spillway needs to be repaired. He mentioned that we need to do some mud jacking and caulking. The swimming area will be expanded 25' in each direction. Jacob mentioned that the board is looking into putting in a beach on sun valley lake.

Jacob reported that the growth inside the lake was heavy last year. There was a large rain that washed the treatment away. He mentioned that the vendor indicated that they will be keeping a better eye on it this year.

Jacob mentioned that grass carp and catfish will be added.

A cabin owner asked why we were adding more catfish. Jacob mentioned that he was taking a class through MDC later this month and would get more details.

A cabin owner mentioned that 20 yrs ago the MDC came in and did a fish sample and would then suggest what to populate it with. He suggested to ask if this was still available.

A cabin owner asked when we were planning on redoing the beach in sun valley. Jacob mentioned that he would like to do it this year.

A cabin owner asked where specifically the beach in Sun Valley would go.

### **Permits, Matt Hashley:**

Matt requested that if you are planning on selling please reach out to him so that we can precheck the property for an occupancy permit.

Matt indicated that both the board and Warren County need to know if you are going to do any improvements to you property that change the footprint. Both will require a permit.

Matt reported that 40 of 51 inspections have been completed. Almost all that have been completed had the owners contacted. There were a couple where the weather has taken their tool and these cabin owners have been contacted.

### **Roads, Garry Stockmann:**

Gary reported that we were hit hard with a 4" and 3" rain within 10 days last winter. He indicated that Jim was on grading immediately for both rounds. Gary mentioned that Sun Valley was hit hard and that culverts were added on Sun Valley and Alta. He also indicated that rock has been added over the last 4 weeks - every road has been bladed.

Gary mentioned that there are two reasons for the rain diverters. First to slow people down and second to divert rain. If you feel these are two high please contact Garry so he can address.

Gary reported that the best thing to do on loose rock is to slow down and drive in your lowest gear when you are going uphill if the gravel is loose.

Gary reported that the tractor is due for maintenance and will be completed this spring. He indicated that there isn't a maintenance schedule for the tractor and that Jim keeps up on the normal maintenance such as fluids.

A cabin owner asked about adding another pass lane on Aspenhof prior to Dan Landis. Garry said he would look into it.

A cabin owner mentioned the signs are leaning over. Garry mentioned that this would be addressed in a little bit.

### **Newsletter, Patrick Kohring:**

Patrick reported that he hoped that everyone was getting the newsletter. If you are not please let him know so that he can add you to the list.

**Events, Kim Dolson:** Kim reported that May 24 will be the fishing derby. If you are interested in running this event or volunteering to help please let Kim know. If you have any goodies that can be put in bad for kids that participate please contact Kim.

Kim reported that on May 23 Sat there will be a movie night. She indicated that we did a test on the noise level to make sure it didn't impact near by cabins and it did not produce a lot of noise.

Kim mentioned that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks will take place on Sat July 5 with a rain out date of July 6. Fireworks will be ordered soon and a delay due to is not expected.

Kim reminded everyone that Regatta needs lots and lots of volunteers. She will be sending out a Signup Genius so people can sign up to volunteer. All volunteers will be entered into a raffle for gift cards.

Kim reported that cabin tours were canceled last year. She would like to bring it back again this year. If you are interested, please contact Kim.

### **Old Business**

**Emergency Services:** Danny reported that he has had conversations with Marthasville fire and EMT and 911 emergency calling system in Warren County. Each cabin was assigned a 5 digit emergency number that should be known if we call 911. Danny indicated this is your address – not your cabin number. Danny mentioned that Warren County didn't have a 5 digit number assigned to 20 cabins and that he requested numbers for these. Danny is working on doing a survey to see who hasn't added a 5 digit sign by their cabin. Danny mentioned that if you don't have one Aspenhof will supply you with one for your cabin.

Danny also mentioned that he's been working on turn by turn directions for first responders. The first responders will use this to get to any cabin.

Danny reported that a new street was created right before the main lake. It has two cabin owners on it and will be called Alpbach.

**Street Signs:** Danny reported that new brown street signs with high visibility white lettering. They will be attached with a 4x4 poll. These will be installed by the end of summer.

### **New Business**

**Aspenhof Guide:** Danny reported that a new copy of the Aspenhof guide will be created and distributed to cabin owners. Thank you to Jacob (cabin 109) created the guide.

## **Open Discussion**

A cabin owner requested an updated owners list.

A cabin owner asked about trees that fall over the road and if something can be done vs just clearing the tree and leaving the debris. Danny recommended that any cabin owner could take the firewood from a tree that falls over the road.

A cabin asked about Emergency services. Danny mentioned that the old metal with black signs are obsolete and that none of the first responders use them. He mentioned that they now have documentation with written instructions that they use to follow.

John Tavis (Cabin #15) mentioned that during the fireworks do not cross the setup zone unless you are being guided - this is for your safety. He mentioned that if you were to trip over the wires it could lead to unwanted outcomes.