



Winter 2016-17

Year-end reports

Treasurer

Good news! We ended the 2015-2016 fiscal year on a positive note with a \$1,500 surplus. Given that money has been left in the checking account from previous years, the board decided to transfer \$10,727 from the checking account into our business savings account. This account is easily accessed with no penalty and will earn us a bit more interest.

Thanks to all of you who were timely with paying your assessments. As of January 2017 we are three cabins short of having all assessments paid - 98% of the way there. I will be following up with outstanding cabins in an attempt to collect remaining funds along with late fees.

I hope all of you had happy holidays.

Vicki Adrian, Cabin 23

Lakes

As they say in the "Game of Thrones," "Winter is coming" and by the time you read this it will be here. Winter is a quiet time for lakes management, but I am still keeping busy renewing contracts and exploring options for improved lake management.

By most reports, the water quality at all lakes improved in 2016, so in 2017 we are going to continue with Aquatic Control to treat the lakes.

In 2016, we also completed a depth-mapping of all the lakes. These maps provide a basis to study the overall condition of our lakes. The maps are available on the Aspenhof website.

In 2017, we will continue to study various options (muck analysis, aeration, dredging, etc.) to determine the best course of action to provide sustainable lake quality well into the future.

Be safe as you enjoy your winter activities and I look forward to seeing you lakeside this spring!

Kurt Andrew, Cabin 139

Permits, Inspections

We inspected 100 of the 150 cabins in accordance with the Aspenhof indentures. Properties are inspected every 3 years to examine the driveway, parking, grounds and cabin exteriors for poor or unsafe conditions. So far 8 letters have been sent notifying owners of deficiencies that they should address. The inspection form can be downloaded from the Aspenhof website if you are interested in what the inspections cover.

Three occupancy permits and five construction permits were issued in 2016. If you are considering an addition or substantial modification to your property, please download the permit form from the Aspenhof website. Contact Maureen Donlin, donlinmj@gmail.com, with any questions or concerns.

Maureen Donlin, Cabin 15

Roads

During the winter months, the only activity is pothole repair. They are usually found on the main roads, but if you have an issue, please email me so the holes can be filled quickly.

As a reminder, the protocol set by the board for snow removal is as follows: The main loop of Aspenhof and Matterhorn as well as the Innsbrook hill will be plowed after a snow totaling 4 inches or more. During the winter, the gravel roads become wet and sloppy during days and freeze over at night. Even on gravel, ice patches are the biggest concern. Please be prepared and travel safely. We hope you have time to enjoy the winter at Aspenhof.

Garry Stockmann, Cabin 92

Security

No news is good news, right? Yes it is. As of this writing I'm happy to say we have no reports of serious security issues or ongoing problems. There were a few minor issues that were shared with homeowners at the beginning of the year, but (fingers crossed) we're off to a great 2017.

As always we'll get new hangtags at the spring owners meeting, and 2016 tags will expire at the end of May.

Thanks to everyone for keeping a general eye on Aspenhof each and every time you visit your cabin. If you see downed trees, broken windows, or other problems, please be sure to pass along the information (including cabin number) and I'll contact the owner.

Also, you're always welcome to contact me directly at 636-947-0205 if you have other concerns or something to report.

Danny Hommes, Cabin 137

*A current cabin directory is available at
www.Aspenhof.info under trustees (user name
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