

SPIA 2019 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Caitlyn Bryan, at 9:34 a.m. The Board, SPIA Members and guests all introduced themselves and gave the location of their home or cabin.

Board Members

Caitlyn Bryan	President
Bob Adams	Vice President
Kathi Hartman	Treasurer (absent due to illness)
Patrick Dreiling	acting Secretary
Lynnette Boyer	At Large
Jack Nunemaker	At Large
Tom Wood	At Large

Reports

- *Minutes of the 2018 Fall Meeting were read by Patrick Dreiling; approved as read.
- *Tom Wood presented the Treasurer's Report: Our total assets are \$11,094.77 - \$1377 more than this time last year. As usual, our biggest expense is the dumpster.
- *SPIA insurance policies: Caitlyn reported that we were forced to change carriers but the new company, Acuity, is saving us \$309/year.

Announcements

- *The 32nd Annual Pine Grove Rhubarb Festival is Saturday, June 8th. Volunteers are needed.
- *Caitlyn announced that the Mystery of Rosewood has been solved. The county put up the wrong signs on our stretch of S Elk Creek Rd. SPIA Members have been, and are, responsible for cleaning up the Sphinx Park section of the road. Signs will be changed/corrected in the (near?) future.
- *Bob Adams will once again be leading the semi-annual Sphinx Park road cleanup. Join him out front right after the meeting.
- * Mailbox stand across from the Bucksnot has been completely – and beautifully – rebuilt by Todd Sanborn, Lisa Nix, Justin Vandegriffe & Bob Miller. Many Thanks!
- *Stu Brann again handed out poppies in remembrance of our Veterans. He talked about the different projects his VFW post supports with the money they receive. Donations were gratefully accepted!

Roads

Tom Wood gave the road report. All roads are in pretty good shape with no major projects anticipated at this time; will reassess after the rainy season.

Water

Rick Rome gave the water report. There is currently good flow from the spring. A late freeze damaged some connections which have been repaired. The system is currently re-filling; water will be available to everyone tomorrow.

Rick is looking for volunteers to walk the lines and learn the system after the meeting today,

The Board recommended an addition to clarify our Water Rules: *“Any property with it’s own well will not be eligible for a summer water tap.”*

The change was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Dumpster & Can Recycling

Jack Nunemaker gave the dumpster report. Our new trash hauler is Shirley Septic. As of mid-May we are getting two pick-ups a week.

The bears have been into the dumpster so *please put the bear bar up and secure it appropriately.* Jack passed around pictures of the correct way to secure the bar with the carabiner.

Also, don’t forget to break down your boxes and put them flat against the side of the container; and NO construction materials.

Sphinx Park Maps

Patrick Dreiling is now in charge of our map program which is a fundraiser for SPIA. Maps are still \$10 and now on heavier paper. Maps were available for sale at the meeting. If you would like a map and did not get one, they are available, year-around, at The Pine Emporium.

Caitlyn recently sent out updated map legends to all Members.

Fire Safety

Lynnette Boyer explained the ISO rating used to classify fire departments. Last fall, North Fork Fire Department was upgraded from Class 10 (lowest) to Class 5. Even though we are in Elk Creek Fire District, North Fork is closer, and with the higher rating, may be considered by our insurance companies, possibly lowering our premiums.

Elk Creek Fire Department’s 2019 “Chipping Program” is underway and continues to October . You must sign up individually to have them come to your location and chip your slash. They will not remove the chips; that is the property owner’s responsibility. See Caitlyn’s April 23rd email for details or go to info@elkcreekfire.org.

Board Member Terms

Of the three board members with expiring terms, Patrick Dreiling & Lynnette Boyer were unanimously re-elected; Caitlyn Bryan stepped down.

The Board’s nominee to fill the vacancy was Rosie Kelly. Rosie was unanimously elected and will serve as the new board secretary.

To help insure a smooth transition, the Board, at their April 2019 meeting, selected Tom Wood to succeed Caitlyn as President. Caitlyn has promised to assist Tom and Rosie as they take on their new positions.

Historic Photos

Bob Adams brought his photos of Sphinx Park & Pine “in the old days” for everyone to peruse. If you have old photos, Bob would love to copy them to add to his archives; please contact him at The Pine Emporium.

Dues

If you haven't already done so, please pay your dues today, mail them to our Treasurer, Kathi Hartman, or drop them off at The Pine Emporium. Thanks!

The Bucksnort

On their 1st Anniversary as part of the Sphinx Park community, Bucksnort owners Kathy and LJ Weller, addressed our Members; they have many plans for improving the business. LJ said they would be re-opening the “Mercantile” and are looking for ideas on what to stock, etc.

On July 7th, they will be celebrating the establishment's 100th Anniversary with a wild-west re-enactment by the Park County Regulators, to include a mock gun fight. Should be fun! “100th Anniversary” t-shirts are on sale.

They are also selling bottles of hot sauce to support the VFW.

THANK YOU, Kathy & LJ, for allowing us to hold our two annual meetings at the Bucksnort and supporting the Sphinx Park community!

Please support “The ‘Snort”!

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. There were 59 attendees.

Submitted by:

Tom Wood, President