

SPIA FALL MEETING - AUGUST 31, 2013

9:35 am meeting called to order by new President, Caitlyn Bryan. She introduced herself and the Board Members, including Mark Niksic who has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Scott Shackelford's resignation due to ongoing family health issues.

Acting Secretary, Patrick Dreiling, read the minutes of the Spring 2013 meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kathi Hartman, reviewed the current financial statement.

Water: In Gary's absence, Charlie Ludeman gave the water report saying this had been the best summer for water since 2010 with both tanks full the majority of the summer. He gave a brief history of the water system and related his personal and family connection to it and his hopes for the future. Charlie asked for a show of hands of water users present at the meeting. Out of 25 potential water users, 9 were present at the meeting. Charlie asked that this be noted in the minutes.

Dumpster: Kier Cline reported that we now have two new dumpsters with metal lids. The bears have been in the trash almost daily during July and August so this should solve that problem. Currently there are two dumpsters with two pick-ups a week. After Labor Day, we will go down to one dumpster with two pick-ups a week – on Monday and Friday. Kier also noted that Paul, the owner of the trash company, has been great to work with.

Roads: Mark McGowan reported the roads are in reasonably good shape despite all the rain. Many thanks to Mark M and Jim Mahoney who have done a great deal of road grading this summer. A road work day has been set for Saturday, September 14th, with an additional date of September 21st, if needed. The project is to move the road base from the upper Bucksport parking lot to the areas where it is most needed. The primary location is the steep curve on Johnson Drive near Brann's little cabin. Mark has suggested that we add bags of cement to the roadbase to make the fix more solid and long-lasting. Remaining roadbase, including the pile at the top of Old Stagecoach, will be used in other areas, as needed. Mark will be our "Road Boss" for this project. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

New Business:

1) The old water shed at the head of Schuyler Gulch was brought up. It is badly deteriorated and needs to be either repaired, or torn down and possibly replaced. The Board will discuss the need for a storage shed with Gary Schlageter and will then evaluate the condition of the shed and the cost of a new one. A decision will be made at the Spring 2014 meeting.

2) We had a great work day in July cleaning up the area around the spring. The main water pipe from the source still needs to be sheathed with a larger pipe for protection and the large trench then needs to be filled in. We will need volunteers to dig out the dirt which has washed into the trench and partially covered the pipe, and also to sheath the main pipe. Once that is done, Mark McGowan will use his equipment to fill in the trench and level the area. A sign-up sheet was passed around with the date still to be determined. We will co-ordinate this project with the water system shut-down, to be determined by Gary S and Mark M. An email will be sent out to all Members with the Water Shut-Off date and reminders for both work parties.

The issue of maintaining the water system into the future was addressed. Again, all felt it was crucial for cabins on the water system to have at least one family member volunteering to help maintain it. If this does not happen, we may have to hire someone to be in charge of the system, as has been done occasionally in the past. This could create the need to

raise water user's fees. Caitlyn suggested that perhaps a two-tier system might be used where water users who volunteered regularly to work on the system might get a *reduction* in their dues. The best thing would be to just have enough people step up to help without having to make any changes. Caitlyn also brought up the need for a couple of younger people who would like to work with Gary to learn the ins and outs of the system and provide ongoing help with opening, shutting down and maintaining the system in future years. There was concern from some of the water members present about the possibility of raising dues. Caitlyn stated that this would be a last resort and she did not think it would be necessary.

3) It was noted that the spring/collection site is on land leased by the Holcomb's and that their lease with the State strictly prohibits any additional activities on that land. The Board will look into the possibility of buying the small parcel of land where our Spring and the upper portion of the water system is located. Alternatively, SPIA might take over the lease on that land. All options will be explored quietly over the course of the upcoming winter.

4) The Tractor: The old tractor has been sold due to the danger from our inability to properly fix the brakes. It has been purchased by Mike Livingston, who knows it well, and he will continue to use it to help with our road work. The incident at the Rhubarb Festival was addressed and the potential liability involved for both SPIA and the individual Board members was discussed. The first of two claims for cars damaged by our tractor & trailer at the Festival has been paid in full (\$562.98). The owner of the second car has yet to contact SPIA or her own insurance agent but we assume she will come forward in the next few months and want money for repairs which the Board has committed to pay. The Board has met with an attorney and is working with three insurance agencies to find out how best to minimize risk for all concerned in case of a serious accident on equipment or land that SPIA owns or leases, or for volunteers doing SPIA work. Buying a new tractor will largely depend on the outcome of this research. The use of waivers was discussed, both for volunteers and for all water users re: water is Non-Potable.

5) Jerry Tyndall has contacted us about the need for street signs on Johnson Drive. Others thought redoing the signage for Schuyler Gulch and Navy Hill would also be a good idea. The Board will find a source over the winter and get signs in place for next summer.

6) Jerry also expressed concern at finding a can shot through with bullet holes in his yard the week before the meeting, as well as hearing a great deal of shooting in the area. Shooting has been common, especially the past few months, but no one at the meeting seemed sure who was doing it. It was noted that shooting in unincorporated Jefferson County is not illegal but must be done safely and with a solid back-drop such as a dirt hillside. If you feel unsafe, you should call the Jeffco Sheriff's Dept.

7) Caitlyn brought up the SPIA website and that it had not been updated since 2011. She mentioned she had spoken with Scott who agreed to doing the maintenance and updating, at least for now. Other volunteers were solicited. Jesse Woodring said he would like to help so he and Scott will be put in touch with each other.

8) It was stated multiple times during the meeting that **the SPIA system water is Non-Potable.**

9) Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.