

## SPIA SPRING MEETING – MAY 24, 2014

- The meeting was called to order by Caitlyn Bryan @ 9:34 a.m. The Board was introduced and Member introductions were done.

<i>Caitlyn Bryan</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Bob Adams</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Janice Holcomb</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Kathi Hartman</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Mark McGowan</i>	<i>At Large</i>
<i>Mark Niksic</i>	<i>At Large</i>

- The minutes of the Fall 2013 meeting were not available. SPIA members were directed to the website @ sphinxpark.org.
- In the absence of Treasurer, Kathi Hartman, Janice Holcomb reviewed the current financial statement.

**Water:** Gary Schlageter gave the water report saying that, due to a frozen area under the Bucksnot, the system was not on in some cabins on Navy Hill and Old Stagecoach Road. Gary was confident that water would be available to all cabins this weekend.

**Roads:** Mark McGowan reported the roads were in reasonably good shape. However, there will be some road work to do after the rains.

**Dumpster:** Kier Cline reported that we will have two dumpsters this weekend with collection twice per week. Currently there is one dumpster that is being emptied three times per week. Paul, the owner of the trash company, provided a dumpster for the debris from the demolition of the water shed. Certain misuses of the dumpster were noted and some dumpster rules were reviewed: 1) no dumping of construction waste or yard debris, 2) boxes should be broken down, and 3) lock should not be left on the combination or unlocked. If abuses continue, placing a surveillance camera at the site will be considered.

**Election of Directors:** Three Directors' terms are up – Bob Adams, Janice Holcomb and Mark Niksic. All three Directors have agreed to serve another two-year term. The Board recommended that all three be retained and Caitlyn placed them into nomination to fill the three open seats. Additional nominations were called for from the floor. No additional nominations were received from the floor. There was a motion for approval for the re-election of Bob Adams, Janice Holcomb and Mark Niksic for another term; the motion was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous.

### **Old Business:**

**1)** The old water shed at the head of Schuyler Gulch was torn down and the site was leveled. Thanks to Jim Mahoney, Jim Hartman, Barry Bryan and Jesse Woodring for the neat and efficient tear-down and disposal and to Mark McGowan for leveling the old site with his tractor. The site still needs some additional hand leveling and the installation of a base. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting for two work dates, June 7 and June 21. A 6' x 8' A Shed with a steel base and 10 year warranty will be delivered on July 7. The cost for the new shed was just over \$2,000.

**2)** After review of the both general and water-user income and expenses, the Board determined that there will not be an increase of dues or fees for the upcoming year.

**3)** Due to the potential liability involved for both SPIA and the individual Board, the Board met with an attorney, contacted several insurance agents and other associations to determine 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. After review of all information, the Board obtained two policies – a General Liability policy (\$2,000,000 in coverage per occurrence) and a Directors and Officers Liability policy. The cost of these policies is approximately \$1,200 per year. There is no policy available to cover personal injury to volunteers; therefore, volunteers need to be aware that any injury would have to be covered by their personal insurance. In addition, Release of Liability Waivers for Volunteers and

Water-Use Members were available at the meeting and on the website. All volunteers are required to sign a Release of Liability Waiver and a board member will be at present at each work party to monitor the signing of these forms. All water-user members are required to sign a "Release of Liability Waiver for non-potable water" every year for every address. Although the Association will not be providing stickers, Caitlyn recommended that each water user post a sticker or placard in their cabin reminding visitors that the water is non-potable.

4) Caitlyn encouraged use of the Sphinx Park website, [spinxpark.org](http://spinxpark.org), as a resource for all announcements, communications, minutes, dues & fees and waivers. She asked for suggestions or comments for improvement; and also called for the submission of any pictures, historical or current, that could be posted to the website.

5) The Board obtained and placed new street signs for Johnson Drive, Navy Hill Road and Schuyler Gulch Road. "No Outlet" signs were also placed at the top and bottom of Johnson Drive to discourage non-resident traffic. If any problems arise regarding these signs, the placement can be changed. A special thanks to Mark Niksic for researching and ordering the signs and to Mark, Patrick Dreiling and Mike Livingston for installing the signs.

### **New Business:**

1) The draft of the SPIA By-Laws was addressed and comments and suggestions were taken into consideration. In the draft sent out to Members, **Article VI, Elections**, states that the President shall nominate at least one candidate for each up-coming vacancy on the Board of Directors. A recommendation was made that "The Board", rather than the President, nominate at least one candidate for each vacancy. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to adopt the recommendation.

The draft amendment to **Article III, Membership** states that SPIA water membership is limited to a maximum of 25 taps or households. A discussion was held as to why we have that limitation and it was agreed to keep the wording general for the sake of simplicity and possible future changes. New wording will read, "...it is the current policy of SPIA that the water system be limited to 25 taps..." A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to adopt the recommendation. Caitlyn called for approval of the final draft of the SPIA By-Laws with amendments to reflect the two recommended changes. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to adopt the final draft of the By-Laws.

2) Caitlyn brought up a Board proposal that all records of the Association be stored in one place; conceivably by the President or Treasurer, for a period of four years. She also called for volunteers to act as the Association's archivist. Currently several individuals hold Association records and Barb Braun suggested that the record holders set a time to meet and discuss the best way to consolidate and preserve those records.

### **Other Business:**

1) Jim Mahoney announced that there will be a Memorial Service for Tom Patten at the Open Space on June 29.

2) Caitlyn announced that volunteers are needed for the Rhubarb Festival on June 14. Anyone interested should contact Deb Johnson or Shelly Means.

3) Bob Adams announced that the SPIA clean-up will be held again after the meeting. Vests and trash bags will be supplied and participants will be required to sign the State's volunteer form.

4) Mike Livingston invited attendees to a community social to be held at his home, starting at 2:00 p.m.

There were 67 attendees and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.