

## **SPIA Spring Meeting Minutes – May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

*9:35 am – The meeting was called to order by President, Caitlyn Bryan. Board Members introduced themselves and Member introductions were done.*

Caitlyn Bryan, President  
Bob Adams, Vice President  
Kathi Hartman, Treasurer  
Janice Holcomb, Secretary (absent)  
Mark Niksic, At Large  
Patrick Dreiling, At Large  
Mark McGowan, At Large

*Caitlyn asked for general announcements from the Members. Someone asked why S Elk Creek Road was closed just below the Bucksnot, towards Pine. Caitlyn said the culvert at the base of the steep hill below the Bucksnot had partly washed out and the road was not safe for vehicles to cross. Jefferson County estimated that the repair would take from one to two months. The Board will keep you posted as updates become available.*

*In the absence of our Secretary, Janice, Kathi read the minutes from the Fall 2014 meeting. A correction was made to the minutes, including Rosie Kelly as a member of the Fall Potluck committee. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the change, seconded and passed.*

*Kathi read the Treasurers report. She noted that we operated at a loss this year due to large expenditures on the water shed and the roads.*

*Kier Kline gave the dumpster report. Kier noted an uneventful winter. At times there were too many unauthorized items (like furniture) which caused an overflow resulting in a mess. Kier presented information on recycling, noting that there is no money in it for the recyclers at this time. Gary Schlageter asked if trash pickup would be affected by the road being washed out and Kier stated that the garbage truck comes in from and leaves from the Shaffer's Crossing direction. Peggy Marshall asked about the possible new sliding gate mentioned last fall. Kier said no new gate is scheduled at this time. He will follow up on this issue again with our trash company. Kier asked that everyone be sure to use the bear guards on the dumpsters and if you have large items (such as furniture) or a very large quantity of trash, to please use the transfer station just south of Pine Junction on Hwy 285.*

*Rick Rome gave the water report. All tanks are full. There are a couple of leaks to address then the system should be fully operational.*

*Caitlyn will give the Road Report in "Old Business".*

## OLD BUSINESS

*There will be a Sphinx Park Pot Luck Picnic on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm-5 pm at the Pine Valley Open Space Park. Ginny Alaniz gave the committee report and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Volunteers are needed to supply side dishes, condiments, charcoal, ice & coolers, etc. Meat will be supplied by SPIA. Volunteers will be needed for grilling, and cleanup. Mark McGowan has agreed to be our Grill Master for the event. All members should make sure their email contact information is on the list so you can be notified with further details. Bring games and your own drinks; no alcohol is allowed at the park. Ginny will send out a reminder flyer and the sign-up sheet in early August. Please RSVP at that time so we know how much meat to purchase.*

*Development of the SPIA Archives has been accepted by Roger Bailiff. Roger is starting to outline this project and set it up. Members are encouraged to submit photos and documents to Roger for scanning into the archives. Contact Roger at: [rwailiff@gmail.com](mailto:rwailiff@gmail.com)*

*Bob Adams has a collection of old photographs that he brought to share with everyone today.*

*Caitlyn reviewed dues and water system waivers. A member asked what the dues are and Caitlyn responded a full time resident is \$85 per year, a part time resident is \$75 per year and a water user is \$40 per year. Ron Hobbs asked if there were any water taps available. Rick Rome will look into this. Gary Fischer asked if we can have a permanent water system waiver. Caitlyn answered that at the present time, our legal advice suggests the water user waiver be completed on an annual basis.*

*Caitlyn informed the membership that the new Sphinx Park map has been completed and copies will be available after the meeting for \$10 each with proceeds benefiting SPIA and to cover the cost of the printing. Any Member (and extended family members) who purchases a map will have the map legend emailed to them. The legend will have cabin addresses, owner or long-term tenant names and emergency contact information. Anyone can buy a map but only members will receive a legend. Maps will also be available for sale at the Pine Emporium in Pine Grove. After the meeting, see Patrick to purchase a map.*

*Roads were then addressed. Mike Livingston and "Old Blue" have done a great job keeping up Old Stagecoach Road with all of this rain. Schuyler Gulch has a minimal amount of wash out that will need to be addressed. It was noted that we will need a shovel crew to volunteer for cleaning up Schuyler Gulch water run-off channels, around the water shed and culverts at the navy Hill/Schuyler Gulch intersection. June 14<sup>th</sup> was set as the tentative date with June 20<sup>th</sup> as a back-up. Volunteers for the shovel crew are Mark McGowan, Mark Niksic, Patrick Dreiling, Gary Fischer, Kier Kline, Rosie Kelly, Daniel Dixon and Rick Rome. An email will be sent out to volunteers to confirm. **NOTE: Our work day has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 am, at the water shed. An email has been sent to volunteers who signed up at the meeting but we are looking for a few more helpers on that day – especially young, strong ones as part of the job will be moving rock. THANK YOU!***

*It was asked if there was a way to clean out culverts using a pressure washer or something similar. Options will be explored.*

*Earle Boyer did a wonderful job on his repairs last fall. Heavy rains badly tore up Schuyler Gulch and the culvert intersection just before he was to start. Earle fixed all the damage plus what he was contracted to do originally, for the same price.*

*Caitlyn had a suggestion for Navy Hill to widen the road below Dreiling's driveway. The road is too rocky to do much except to maybe widen it into the hillside. Steve Dreiling stated that it was workable as it is and Patrick agreed. We will keep that as a future option to help Dreilings, Sandborns, Newlons (Mills) and Newhousers.*

*Stu Brann stated that the intersection of Navy Hill Road and Johnson Drive is not easily passable by a car. Caitlyn would like some research done to solve this problem and all of lower Navy Hill Road. Gary Fischer stated that rain runoff from Navy Hill Road washes down onto his property and is doing damage to his, and the Romes' rock retaining walls. The run-off is also piling mud on the uphill side of Rome's shed and patio. Caitlyn asked if there were some people within the membership that could review and engineer a solution for water control, possibly involving ditches and culverts. Stu made a motion to start a committee to study this problem. Gary Fischer suggested estimating funding required. A special meeting or an email could be sent out to membership to inform every one of the committee's findings. A committee of volunteers was gathered consisting of Rick Rome, Earle Boyer, Gary Fischer, Bill Rome, Derrin Rome, Barb Brann, Rose Kelly and Peggy Marshall. The committee will walk the roads after the meeting to assess the problems and discuss possible solutions.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Members on the Navy Hill side of the Park are asked to contact Don Newhouser (sp) to request that his property and the surrounding area gets cleaned up. The renter has trashed it badly and trash is blowing down the Navy Hill hillside.*

*The Rhubarb Festival – Saturday morning, June 13<sup>th</sup> - badly needs volunteers. If you are willing to help, please show up at the Firehouse in Pine about 2 pm on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> (after the festival to help with tear down) and/or around Noon on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to finish tear down and do clean-up. Your help will enable a long-standing favorite, multi-community event, to continue to thrive.*

*Rosie Kelly stated that a drone with a camera was found behind her house and asked the Members about making Sphinx Park a "drone free zone" due to privacy issues they represent. Someone asked if it was OK to shoot a drone out of the sky if it was over their property?*

*Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy, Gordon Neuenfeldt, here to address the Members about community safety and preparedness, responded to the previous question by saying "it is not a good idea to shoot drones out of the sky".*

*He stated overall crime is low in our area. Gordon informed us that Code Red is the old Reverse 911 for fire and emergency announcements. Sign up on Jeffco's website to be kept informed of emergencies, evacuations, etc. This is a free service. Gordon also told us about Smart 911, also free, for calling 911 from your cell phone. Once you are registered, Smart 911 can identify the phone owner and location no matter where you are, even out of state. Gordon mentioned that often you can get a text out where a phone call won't go through. 911 now accepts texts for help – but please use a phone if possible.*

*Deputy Neuenfeldt recommended everyone be prepared to leave, if evacuated by police or fire, within 15 minutes. Think about what you will need to take and have a bag ready for fire or flood evacuations or other emergency situations. Think about photographs, insurance papers, documents....scan them for safe keeping, be prepared ahead of time.*

*Despite the rain, Bob Adams is hosting our annual clean-up the Park roads. Please meet Bob outside after the meeting.*

*Caitlyn announced that three Board Members are up for re-election today. Mark McGowan is resigning – we thank him for all his hard work and enthusiasm! Patrick Dreiling and Caitlyn Bryan have each agreed to serve another two-year term, if re-elected by the Members present. After talking to a number of potential candidates, the Board has selected Lynnette Boyer as their Nominee to fill Mark's position.*

*Vice President, Bob Adams, handled the election. Patrick was voted on and unanimously re-elected as Member at Large. Caitlyn was unanimously re-elected as President. Lynnette was unanimously elected as Member at Large.*

*10:40 AM – Meeting was adjourned; there were 56 people in attendance.*

*Following the meeting Patrick sold copies of the maps. Approximately 32 of the 50 copies available were sold. The balance will be on sale at the Pine Emporium.*