

**Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting
14 May 2016**

Members Present: Mike Bushman, Bill Casey, Russ Gagnon, Terry Haines, DJ Salmon, Jack Sheltmire, Peggy Wood

President Sheltmire called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. The first order of business was approval of the draft minutes of the October 10, 2015 meeting. Terry noted that there were no errors or corrections noted when the minutes were distributed last October. The minutes were approved by acclamation. Al Wickel (lot #4) requested permission to replace the roof and add two dormers. This was approved via email. DJ Salmon (lot #36) requested permission to extend a deck and add a screened porch. Terry moved approval, Russ seconded, unanimous. Jack said the building permit form asked for a lot of information related to construction of a dwelling, and that a simpler form should be developed for modification to existing structures. Terry said that repairs such as replacing roof shingles don't require a Rum Ridge building permit, only new construction. Jack said he has an agreement with Greenville code enforcement that a Greenville building permit will not be issued unless a Rum Ridge permit is issued first. Terry said creating a new form was unnecessary and that applicants can just ignore the sections in the form that do not apply to their request. Jack noted that Tom and Mary Stevenson (lot #92) had approached him about adding a room to their house. He explained what they needed to do to obtain permission, but that they had not submitted anything as yet.

Jack reported that the Dock Committee had installed most docks last week, with no problems. The remainder would be installed as soon as weather permitted. He noted that Al Wickel had approached him about putting a dock near his house, where one had been previously. Jack told him that if he bought the materials the Association would build and install the dock. He has had a similar request from Marty Lombardo (lot #88). Mike said if this keeps up the shoreline will be nothing but docks. Several people said there will be extra work in installing/removing docks and expenses for repairs and maintenance. Terry noted that we can replace existing docks but cannot install any new ones without a permit (DEP for our location). He also said that while the Association owns the lakefront, it does not own the water or lake bottom. A wide-ranging discussion of proliferation of docks followed.

Speaking for the Roads Committee, Mike thanked Bill for grading out the potholes in a section of Rum Ridge Road. Mike reported that he had met with Mike Theriault and got current prices on gravel and calcium chloride for road maintenance. Next he will meet with Larry Rowe to discuss what the roads need in the way of maintenance. Jack announced that CA Dean Hospital owns five lots along the east side of Rum Ridge Road and that after several discussions had agreed to contribute \$150 per lot (\$750 total) to the Rum Ridge Road budget. This year's payment has been received. Jack wondered if there would be enough money to do some improvements to Otter Slide Road, which is probably the busiest of the secondary roads. Mike said he can adjust maintenance activities to include this work. There followed discussion of what work was needed to deal with the recurrent pothole problem and improvement of secondary roads.

Jack said he believed Karen Hopkins and Abby Hinkley were going to organize the annual picnic again this year but would confirm this. The picnic will be held July 30 this year. Work remaining to be done on the pavilion includes the roof, ridge cap, gable ends, and electrical wiring. Jack estimated the cost of this work to be about \$1250, not including electrical. Peg said there is \$1418 left to spend in the pavilion budget. Jack said Mike Levinsky had agreed to do the electrical work but that we needed to buy the materials. A request for further donations will be made in the next newsletter. Jack announced that the Board terms of Bill and Mike expired this year and asked if they were interested in continuing on the Board. Both said that they were.

Peg distributed current budget spreadsheets. All lots are current on dues save Minaken (lot #55) who still owes \$100. There is \$5146 left to spend this year, mostly in the Road Maintenance and Improvements categories. This does not include the \$750 from CA Dean. DJ suggested increasing the dues for next year by \$5 or \$10 to pay for more road improvements. Terry said he thought this was a bad idea and that it was important for appearances sake to hold the like on the budget given the new money from CA Dean and to demonstrate that no dues money has been spent on the pavilion. Mike noted that there is little flexibility in the budget and that if two or three members didn't pay their dues the Association would be in trouble. Jack said we need to have a reserve fund in addition to the cd. Terry suggested spending the new money from CA Dean and most of the remaining budget on roads, leaving \$2-300 that could carry over as a reserve fund. After some discussion Terry made this a motion, seconded by Mike, approved unanimously.

Jack said there is a developing problem with boat storage at the landing. Many people are using the kayak and canoe racks for winter storage, and there are two boats that have been left there for years without being registered. Terry said the jon boat was donated to the Association by the owner's family after he passed away. There was some discussion as to how to dispose of this boat. Terry said it could be registered without any title or bill of sale. DJ thought that all boats left at the landing should be identified so that the owners of problem boats could be contacted. Jack suggested a notice in the newsletter to this effect. Terry asked if we needed another Board meeting before the newsletter was mailed, which according to the Bylaws has to be by June 27. Jack said he would be traveling and not back until after then. Terry said he could get the newsletter out if he had all contributions before then. A Board meeting was scheduled for 2 pm Saturday July 9 to prepare for the annual meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.