

**BPPOA Special Board Meeting Minutes**

**4/8/2017**

**Bear Paw Clubhouse**

**9:00 am**

**A Special Board meeting was called to revisit the by-law amendment ballot issue that was tabled at the last meeting due to questions on the interpretation of the current by-laws, referencing Article IX regarding the 75% voting criteria.**

**Directors Present: Pat Roberts, Tricia Swiger, Ron Taylor, Andrea Folkertsma via Facetime connection**

**Directors Absent: Mark Ackerman, Al Snaider, Greg Brock**

**Members present: Wayne Roberts, Bob Edwards, Jeannette and Charlie Smoot, Eileen and Jim Humphlett, Mike and Mary Maul, Gail Taylor**

**The meeting was called to order by Andrea Folkertsma, President.**

**Andrea opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9 am.**

**Andrea then proceeded to share her findings from the Attorney on the by-laws voting questions that had been requested at the prior meeting to be clarified before a vote on the proposed ballot- Report attached.**

**There was an open discussion by all.**

**The cost of seeking legal advice was raised. The request for said legal advice was requested at the prior meeting, March 4, 2017 by several members and would be a BPPOA cost if one were incurred. There may well be no cost.**

**Andrea redirected the meeting to the stated agenda of this special board meeting, that being the acceptance of the proposed by-law amendments ballot (see attached) that included six basic changes to our current by-laws.**

**A motion was made by Tricia Swiger that the board votes to send out this by-law amendments ballot to all Bear Paw property owners via the U.S. Postal Service using our current county tax records for addresses. This ballot would be attached to a requested update of our BPSD owners' information sheet that would include their current address, telephone number and e-mail address.**

**Andrea seconded the motion.**

**Discussion followed. There was much discussion and confusion regarding various alternatives and whether our primary objective would be achieved.**

**A vote on the motion was taken resulting in a 2/2 yes/no tie and therefore the motion did not pass.**

**There was ~~some~~ further discussion that another board member not in attendance could be called to break the tie and/or emailed for their vote. It was the consensus of the members in the audience that this was not a proper way to handle it and the 2/2 vote stands.**

**There was further discussion and input with the goal of obtaining consensus by board members present that the amendment ballot only include Article II as presented below that led to an overall agreement that, pending a motion, was to be voted on.**

**Art. II DEFINITIONS. Add “Usage of the the words “mail” and “mailing” herein to refer to and include personal handling, U.S. postal mail, E-mail and any other future technological means of communication acceptable for legal notifications.**

**FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_**

Ron Taylor made a motion to send a ballot requesting a vote on the above to be mailed out with the BPSD information sheet by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Tricia Swiger seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Implementation steps were agreed to as follows:

1. This amended ballot is to be mailed out via U.S. mail attached to the BPSD information form to all Bear Paw Service District lot owners on the tax rolls as of April 1, 2017.
2. A committee of 4 members volunteered to oversee this mailing ~~out~~ and to tally all ballots. Mike Maul, Wayne Roberts, Jeanette Smoot and Gail Taylor volunteered.
3. These by-law amendment ballots must be returned by-May 17<sup>th</sup>. All ballots returned by that date will be tallied by the volunteer committee and the results presented at the annual meeting.

Tricia Swiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Pat Roberts. Upon a vote called by Andrea Folkertsma, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Swiger/Gail Taylor for  
Al Snaider, Secretary of the BPPOA

It was discussed after the meeting to also included in this mailing will be information from the POA nominating committee, along with a request to consider being a candidate to fill three vacancies on the POA board and a voting proxy form. The annual meeting and election is scheduled for May 27, 2017.