

SROA Annual Meeting
Saturday September 9th, 2017

Speakers: Paul Mattson from the Ambulance District spoke about the current services provided to the community. Two crews per shift cover 1500 square miles with a tiered response system that answered 1012 calls last year. The district is considering asking for a mill levy increase in 2018 to fund improvements including new equipment, training, and two additional stations and wanted to collect information from anyone willing to participate in future surveys. Members can participate by going to their website: southparkambulance.com.

Rick Bremer referred to the handout provided by the three fire fighters from NWFPD who joined us for the social hour. Information on burn permits and bans, campfires, street address numbers, and defensible space around homes was given. The fire fighters were able to return later for a question and answer session and confirmed that the department will come out and inspect private property and give suggestions.

Linda Tweehaus and Cheryl Piderit presented information about the proposed community center, a joint project by the Friends of the Community, the Town of Fairplay and the Recreation District. The current Recreation Center will be expanded to include a gym with an upper level track, a technology center, meeting rooms, a professional kitchen, and a large multi-use room with a stage and screen. Funding will be provided by a proposed mill levy and grants.

Charlie Schultz spoke about the effort to establish a medical district that will be voted on in the upcoming election. If passed, a sales tax of 1% would raise approximately \$200,000 to hire a primary care physician for the clinic in Fairplay.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:52 am by President Rick Bremer. A quorum was established with 38 members in attendance and 18 represented by proxy for a total of 56.

Treasurer's Report and 2017-2018 Budget: Secretary/treasurer Mike Peterson reviewed last year's budget and the proposed budget for next year. Income was up 4.08% even through interest rates for our savings account and CDs remained low. Expenses were 31.9% higher than budgeted. Costs for maintenance, newsletter printing, the PO Box rental, and the website were higher than anticipated. The majority of this was due to unanticipated maintenance costs, including the Dry Lake ditch repair, the hand pump repair and RV dump site pumping. After discussion, a motion by Charlie Schultz was seconded and passed by a unanimous (show of hands) to abandon the dump station. Mike explained that the expenses for the website were due to a need to rebuild the site to make it more secure and functional. The updates are good for either 3 or 5 years, so that no additional costs are anticipated for next year. A question from the floor resulted in a discussion of how to sign up for the "Next Door" website. Those interested can email BOD member Jackie Burghardt for an "invite." Mike will also add instructions to the SROA site. The proposed budget for next year includes a slight increase in income from interest and small adjustments in the projected costs of the Portolet, PO Box rental, and newsletter printing. Total income is expected to be \$8,221.50 with expenses of \$6041 for a net income of \$2,180.50. A motion by Foss Smith was seconded and passed unanimously (with a verbal vote) approving the 2017-2018 proposed budget.

SROA Business/Committee Reports:

- Architectural Control Committee: Philip Tatar reported that projects this year included the construction of a garage, an addition, a shed and a fence. Also, several houses were stained or painted.
- Maintenance: Allan Pederson had no new concerns to report and there were no comments or questions from the floor.
- Fish Stocking: Mike Peterson reported that the ponds were stocked twice this year by Liley Industries for a cost of \$1000 each time. The majority of the 12 to 15 inch trout were put into the Augmentation Pond and only ¼ of the first load going into Dry Lake. Rick mentioned that the tadpole die off was determined to be a normal occurrence, not a concern. Mike reviewed the fishing policy and led the discussion about passes, fishing by guests, etc. A motion by Foss Smith was seconded and passed unanimously (voice vote) to continue the current fishing policy and increase communication about the policy. Mike and Rick added that the new signs are helping and there have been fewer problems this year. Mike responded to a question about the grass in the Aug. Pond. He explained that lining the pond is very expensive and dredging can't be done because we are limited in the amount of water that we are allowed to hold. BOD member Rob White has already initiated research on reducing the grasses. In response to another question, Mike noted that although you do not need a license to fish in the Aug. Pond, you will need a receipt from a BOD member if you remove the fish from the neighborhood.
- Directory: Page Tatar explained how to participate in the neighborhood directory that currently has 104 entries representing 115 lots. Members were directed to the notebook containing forms and a draft of the directory so that members can sign up or make corrections. The final version will be sent out via email later this fall.
- Weed Control: Rick summarized the progress this year and asked for volunteers to take over the program, as he is moving away soon. Mike noted that the BOD is pursuing this and would like to purchase the equipment from Rick. Further discussion covered thistle along the highway, other noxious weeds, the clover at the entrance, potentilla, and aspen canker.

Business:

- Road and Bridge: Rick led the discussion about the condition of the roads in Silverheels and possible solutions. There was interest in establishing a committee to research the costs of treatments, gravel, or paving. Rick noted that R&B has a very limited budget and that the BOD will continue to work toward establishing a good relationship with the new director.
- Bears and Trash: Mike suggested ways to prevent problems including asking trash companies for bear proof containers and putting trash out early in the morning of collection day instead of the night before.
- CNG: In response to a question from the floor, Rick noted that there are currently no plans to expand the gas lines in Silverheels and that the BOD will continue to follow up.
- DSL Service: Jackie summarized the current situation and explained that Centurylink is not able to make improvements at this time. Flint Smith mentioned that he is getting better service through a direct sight line from So Park Telephone.

- Bylaws changes: Jackie summarized the changes adopted by the Board and the procedure requiring that those changes be approved by the membership at this meeting. After discussion, the membership decided (by a voice vote) to continue the process. A motion by Foss Smith was seconded and passed unanimously (by a show of hands) to approve the changes as presented.

Elections: In cases where only one candidate has been nominated for an office, the chair may declare the nominee elected by acclamation, and a formal vote is not required. After nominations and introductions, Rick Bremer, as the chairman of the election process, declared Jim Brown elected to the Architectural Control Committee and Tom Nourse and Mike Peterson elected to the Board of Directors. As there were two volunteers for the BOD alternate, a vote by written ballot was taken resulting in the election of Laura Biewick for that position.

Feedback Form: Mike referred the membership to the form and asked for comments and suggestions for the meeting next year.

Adjournment: President Rick Bremer adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by Page Tatar, Assistant Secretary