

PTRIA Annual Meeting
Aug.24, 2013 SPCFPD STATION #3

President Bill Harper called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. 39 people were in attendance representing 32 properties. Bill asked for the new owners or those who had not attended for a while to get up and introduce themselves.

Liz and Kent Burrell
Kyle Dickens
Fred Wilson
Carol and Kelly Keyes
Mark Iverson

The minutes from Aug. 26th 2012 were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. There were no objections.

The treasures report was read. There is a current balance of \$13,286.75 Jon went on to explain the expenses for the grader which included 6 new tires. The upper pond had been dredged and part of the lower pond has been dredged and restocked.

As of the meeting date 67 people have paid their dues. At this same time last year 74 people had paid. A total of 90 owners paid dues for 2012

Bernie spoke about Jon's major accomplishment getting PTRIA qualified as a non-profit with Park County Property Taxes. PTRIA will no longer have to pay taxes on the roads and 7 out lots. Jon received a huge round of applause for his efforts. Jon then asked for a round of applause for those generous homeowners who have paid extra to help cover those who can't or won't pay. A round of applause was given.

A question was asked why the fuel for the grader was not on the report. Bernie explained about the financial close of the year and the previous fuel purchase was at the end of the prior fiscal year 2011-2012.

The treasurer's report was approved and a motion was made and seconded with no objections.

Old Business

At the 2011 meeting Bill brought up the idea for deepening the ponds to better maintain the fish. A majority of those in attendance were in favor of keeping the ponds in good order. Bill explained that a long reach excavator was to be rented. Before Dick or Bernie could make further arrangements, the rental company, Wagner, sold the machine.

In Jan. 2013 Paul King called Bill to say he had a long reach excavator for another job and he would be able to do the dredging for Pike Trails. He did work for less than the cost of the rental and he did an excellent job. Bernie did an excellent job of flattening the muck piles left behind. The hope is the work should keep the ponds in good order for about 9-10 years.

A big thanks to Bernie and Jon who rebuilt the picnic table located near the pond. Jon stated that the upper pond has gained almost 17" of water since the dredging. Jon is the one who does the acid level checks and algaecide treatments. Jon received a round of applause for his care of the ponds

New Business

Paul King won the bid to gravel the roads. He plans to start graveling around the 26th of August.

Ric Turley said that the piles of gravel by the sides of the roads were for filling potholes and anyone was free to use the gravel. He also stated that the piles were not speed bumps.

Bill Harper thanked Ric for learning how to drive the grader.

Dick Horne added that the wash boarding of the roads was simply due to the speeding drivers. Please keep it to 30mph folks; it saves wear and tear on the vehicles and the roads.

Elections

Before the voting began the board was asked if someone could run for an office without having paid dues. In accordance with the by laws and reiteration by board members, no one can be elected without having paid dues.

The Board for 2013-2014

President-Bill Harper

1st Vice President- Bernie Mann

2d Vice President-Ric Turley

Treasurer-Jon Klima

Secretary-Nancy

Bill thanked Dick Horne for his service to PTRIA.

Ron Oliver requested floor time to talk about Joan and Larry LePage. They have made huge contributions to Pike Trails and the fire department. They will be very sorely missed as they step into a much needed and well-deserved retirement. They received a large round of applause and well wishes.

Bill spoke about fire prevention in our area and how important it is to do your own fire abatement. He presented the Local Fire Triage Assessment sheet. These are available at station#1 in Guffey. All homeowners can do their own assessment using this sheet. Property Owners, you don't need to find out the hard way that your properties may not be defensible. Bill stated he wants to outfit His ATV with a water tank and hoses to assist other Pike Trails members with their own slash burn.

Ric Turley said he had a living tree struck by lightning during a rainstorm. The fire department responded quickly but could only bring up the brush truck because of the narrow steep driveway. The fire was extinguished but Ric is still experiencing trouble with his electrical system. Ann Erickson said she had 2 standing dead trees struck by lightning causing the trees to explode.

Bernie asked our new fire chief Mike Simpson to come up and speak. Mike briefly explained his past experience. He was emphatic about owners doing all they could to make their properties defensible. He stated how very much new people are needed to join the fire department and fire auxiliary. Mike said that Gene Stanley our former fire chief is now Park County Emergency Manager. He hopes this will give our little community an advantage with response time. Mike received a round of applause.

Bernie said he spoke with Vince the head of roads and bridges for Park County. Bernie explained to Vince the poor conditions of the culverts and drainage areas on RT 88. Vince promised not to leave Guffey as the sad stepchild of Park County however Bailey was still undergoing roadwork. He hoped that 88 would receive needed attention in 3 weeks.

Ann Erickson asked if Kevin Vermillion still lived in Pike Trails and was he still running the grader for the county. Bernie said he did but spent most of his time doing work for Bailey. Doug Schellenger said it was Kevin who was up early Sunday morning grading 88 after a very heavy down pour. Thank you Kevin. (Since the meeting Kevin has been re-assigned to the Guffey area full time.)

Doug Schellenger spoke about the upcoming fundraisers for the fire aux. Ron Oliver stated that anyone could attend the regular Tues night education classes at station #1.

Ric Turley asked if he could get PDF online and volunteered to help set it up. Bill encouraged everyone to look at Piketrails.org for all the current information about our area. He said Jon did an excellent job of keeping everything updated. Great job Jon.

Bernie thanked Bill O'Connell for mowing the area around station#3 to make parking easier.

Bill thanked Fire Chief Mike Simpson and Doug Schellenger for power washing the station. Aaron Mandel was thanked for moving the trucks out of the bays and Bruce Mohr is to be complimented on his job of moving the trucks back in to the bays after the meeting adjourned.

Diane Mann introduced Mark Iverson, a property owner who is running a fresh fruit and vegetable stand on Highway 9 and CR 102 during the summer months.

Steve Donegan asked if the membership would consider having a BBQ after the meeting next year and the time of the meeting be moved.

The work party was set for Sept 14th at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Harper

Secretary