

Elkhorn Ranch Owners' Association
Annual Meeting & Picnic
July 5, 2009 12:00pm

Guest Speakers:

Bill Van Gundy, South Park Shooters, provided the members information about a shooting range on land that was recently purchased by Park County. The land is on south side of the Elkhorn Road on the old Cline Ranch. The Division of Wildlife will also be involved in the development of the shooting range which will also have a rifle range and archery. Bill told the members about upcoming events including the 4-H livestock auction during the fair in July and a banquet at the Safari Ranch on September 19th.

Patty Chapman, Park County Library, gave information about the summer reading program at the libraries. She also described the new library being planned for Fairplay. They are looking at grants and fundraising activities. The current plan is to build the new library on the site with the existing library which is the historic county courthouse. The new building would be incorporated in a complimentary design with the historic building.

Maxine Van Gundy, Jefferson Community Center, spoke about the regular events occurring in Jefferson such as Game Night, Chili Night, church services, pancake breakfasts. Maxine encouraged members to join the community center for \$20 per year. These funds go to raise money for the continued maintenance and repairs of the center, an old schoolhouse built in 1901. Currently, the community center needs a new heating system.

Treasurer's Report

JoAn Nall presented the fiscal year end (April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009) financial report. She also reported the financial records have been reviewed and are in balance. The certification letter from the CPA was available for review members. The federal and state returns were filed with no taxes owed.

JoAn then reported that there are only 47 lots with unpaid dues and 12 liens. Ninety-three percent of dues have been paid.

Cindy Gharst presented the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. She reported that the budget is similar to the prior year's budget except for expenses related to the water augmentation plan. For the current year, professional legal services were increased in anticipation of more expense to resolve the issues about maintaining the reservoir and water augmentation plan.

Water Augmentation

Bob Bridgewater gave an update on the water augmentation. Briefly, Bob explained that EROA contributed 1/3 to build the reservoir and owns 1/3 of water. However, there has been no written agreement about maintenance of the reservoir. Garver Brown, the water commissioner, suggested that EROA should have an agreement with the other owner so that everyone is protected. Deb Van Gundy and Bob have been working with an attorney on an agreement at this time to present to Jim Campbell.

New Signage

The new sign at Remington and Elkhorn has been installed.. Thanks to Terry Shumaker, Bruno Huber, and Bob Bridgewater who put up new sign.

Thanks for service on the EROA board

Mike Flower's term is over and he is leaving board. Mike has put together the prior newsletters. The EROA appreciates the work he has done. .

Mike commented about the water rights and thanked Bob for spearheading the effort. He then encouraged members to get involved by volunteering for the various committees. He referred to the pamphlet and sign-up sheet about the opportunities to be involved and also advised that a member does not have to be a full-time resident to participate.

Election

Deb Van Gundy explained to the members that there were two vacancies for the Board. The election committee only received two nominations, Bruno Huber and Bob Bridgewater, for the vacancies. For this reason, no election was required.

Friends of Fairplay Library

Maxine Van Gundy advised the members about the rummage sale for non-profits on Aug 8th and the fundraising food sale event sponsored Schwanns on Aug 13th

Regulations-construction signs allowed only on prop where building is being constructed or signs advertising own business

Members' Comments

One member referred to the pond at Remington commenting it was dredged; used to be fish in it; ice skating. The Board explained

that last year \$1,500 was spent for outlet pipe to be cleaned out and new culvert. .

Another member asked about the phone booth that used to be at the fire station. The reason it is no longer there is probably due to vandalism..

Other Business

Deb Van Gundy explained about the one item on the ballot to update an election provision for timing purposes.

Mineral rights letters to owners: Bob Bridgewater explained County commissioners were not in favor to just come on the land to drill. Uranium is a dead issue at this point. The company has not maintained their permits and pulled out of the county. Discussion followed about how the heritage area designation might afford some protection in the future.

With no other business or comments from members, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00pm.