

MILL BAY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – January 29, 2013

*Present: Dick Swier (President), Van Botts (Treasurer), Doug Gibbs (Secretary)
Frank Smith, Ron Johnson, Frank Vertrees, Paul Grondal*

Ratification of 2013 Board member election - Members Ron Johnson and Van Botts were re-elected to three year terms - Election of Board officers for 2013. Dick Swier President, Doug Gibbs Secretary & Van Botts Treasurer. Passed.

2013 Operations and capitol budget. (Grondal and Botts)

On a macro basis, two comparisons from last year stand out. Both our current cash balance and the projected end of 2013 asset line (current cash plus projected 2013 revenues minus budgeted expenditures) compare favorably to last year even though we spent considerably more on legal than we took in from the legal assessment in 2012. That's very good news.

Approximate cost of \$15,000 for Spokane January 10th hearing – the lion's share of expenses are paid unless the judge suggests that we go to trial.

We came in overall about on budget for 2012 (a little more in some places and a little less in others). Also, and this will give you extended guys goose bumps, the expanded side electrical costs came in about \$1500 less than 2011.

The 2013 budget will be provided with Dick's annual letter to all members.

4th of July association celebration expenses – congrats and thanks were noted to Russell & Sheila Fode on the celebration events of 2012 – Association to contribute to offset independent costs in 2013 celebration.

Continue to upgrade the wireless service to the park. Passed.

Water leak needs to be repaired before park opening – Grondal & Schwan?

Mower and backhoe maintenance – both need to be serviced in March/April with new battery perhaps.

Preliminary Budget approved for 2013. Motion. Passed.

Capital Improvement - Water pump problems – question on when will we be able to install a new submersible pump to replace the aging existing pump. Tabled for now – get fixed costs for board approval? We need to attempt repair of the large pump (perhaps with JB weld) as well.

Spring park cleanup - Contract no – But, we want Jerry Schwan's help - suggestion made for ½ dues to be caretaker on expanded side – Hopefully, Jerry will still help with major repairs, ie. pump, water leaks, etc. – Board decided to wait until April and see what more may be necessary. Motion passed.

2013 compensation for caretaker's Mike Koehn and Dad Rice are same as 2012. Motion. Passed.

Legal issues - January 10th U S District Court hearing update. (Frank Smith)

Overview of briefs to date are on line for our members. There appears to be a strong issue of the allottees not being represented. That may be the reason that Judge Quakenbush asked for additional briefs. It is possible that the judge may direct the BIA to provide attorney representation for each allottee. This may extend this court case for an indefinite period of time.

The matter of Trust status of the Mosses Allotment (MA8) is still unresolved – The 1934-35 Federal Act is still of question and the case may be held in abeyance until the allottee issue and trust vs non-trust status is resolved. The United States BIA would not have standing to eject us if it is determined that MA-8 is not trust land.

A huge vote of thanks goes to all those members that came to the Spokane hearing on January 10th. We think that the judge liked having real people in the courtroom. We will attempt to keep you advised of any new developments.

Adjourned at 11:30 AM