

**Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Saturday August 9, 2008
The Lodge**

Call to Order—10:05 AM

Additions to the Agenda: Haas added pond, DOLA grant and IMPOA fencing to new business.

Board Attendance: Susan Stoval, Susan Bigham, and Glenn Haas

- IMRPD Board Members Absent/Excused: Fred Burdick & Joe Bush

Community guests: (14)

Ann Schneidewind	Bill Schneidewind	Bob Mook	Judy Wells
Angie Johnson	Johnnie Johnson	R. Stalker	D. Stalker
B. Blake	Jerry Brunko	Walt Heyder	T. Higgins
Forrest Wheeler	Midge Wheeler		

Agenda

Secretary’s Report (Haas)

Motion: The Board approves the minutes of the July 11th and 12th, 2008, board meetings. *Approved unanimously.*

Treasurer’s Report (Stoval)

Stoval distributed copies of the balance sheet to the board and all attendees. Balances were: General Fund=\$141,782; MM #1=\$122,706; MM #2=\$56,461. Haas reported that the balance sheets will soon be scanned and added to the website for easy retrieval.

Motion: The Board approves the treasurer’s report. *Approved unanimously.*

President’s Report on Old Business (Stoval)

- Facility improvements---Stoval reported progress has been made on a variety of maintenance projects. The Lodge deck was re-stained, security lights will be completed shortly, new exhaust fans were installed in the comfort station and interior painting has been completed, the kiosk grading and culvert will be completed shortly. It was also reported that the water use at the comfort station/lodge is well below the allowable allocation. It was noted that the picnic tables some attention in the next year.
- Website update--www.indianmountain.info.---Haas reported that the home site has been redesigned and restructured, that the current contents has been reviewed to determine what will be moved to the revised site and what content will be abandoned, and that the new homepage and content should be accessible later in August.
- Legal Counsel on joint newsletter---Haas read the concluding paragraph from the District’s legal counsel, Mr. Bob Cole. Copies of the correspondence were available to interested attendees. Mr. Cole confirmed that a joint newsletter with IMPOA was legal. A copy of the letter will be posted on the website and maintained in the files. Haas reported that the IMPOA Board voted to approve the 8-9-08 *Agreement for a Joint IMRPD/IMPOA Newsletter*. A copy of this Agreement will be posted on the website of each organization and maintained in the files. Haas also presented and discussed a model of what the joint newsletter will look like

and how each page will be clearly marked for each organization. The first newsletter will be available in mid-September.

Motion: The Board agrees to enter into an agreement to partner with IMPOA to produce a high quality informational and educational newsletter. Details of the agreement are specified in the 8-9-08 *Agreement for Joint IMRPD/IMPOA Newsletter*. . *Approved unanimously.*

- Frisbee golf tournament update---Stoval reported that the tournament is still planned and being marketed for Aug 16th.
- Legal counsel on leasing State Trust Lands in IM---Haas reported that the District's legal counsel indicated that District funds could be used for a recreational lease of State Trust Lands assuming the lease will be for a fair market value and the lands will be open to all District taxpayers. A recreational lease for the 640 acres east of Ouray may be pursued with IMPOA in 2009.
- Draft vision statement and goals for distribution---Haas reminded the Board and attendees of the strategic planning processing that is underway, and that the development of a vision, mission and goals is an early step in the process. Copies of the draft District vision, mission and goals were distributed to all attendees along with a strong urging to review and comment on them. The draft has not been discussed by the Board at this time and public feedback was considered important prior to Board approval.
- Recreation survey update---Stoval reported that 150 surveys had been received. She encouraged everyone (each household) in attendance to be sure to complete a survey and return it to the strong box outside the Lodge or by mail. Copies of the survey were distributed to those who did not receive one or had misplaced their copy.

New Business (Stoval)

- Policy for reserving and using IMRPD facilities---Bigham reported on the early effort to develop a written policy for the use and reservation of District facilities such as the Lodge, picnic pavilion, pasture golf course, and Frisbee golf course. Comments and suggestions were provided by the community guests. It was suggested that the policy address security deposits, administrative fees, dogs, fires, noise, hours of day, alcohol, appropriate behavior, etc. Concern was stressed about the burden of large groups on the comfort station, and that there may be situations where a porta potty is necessary. A draft of the policy will be considered later this year.
- September picnic discussion---Stoval reported that due to the time of year and personal family schedules, the IMPOA Board is not enthusiastic for a September picnic. Stoval, Haas and Bigham indicated that they too were not enthusiastic at this time because of these same reasons and the need for the Board to focus on its 2009 budget development and strategic plan in September.
- Evaluation of pond---Haas reminded the Board that the Board previously agreed to hire a consultant to analyze and make a recommendation for how to improve the District's pond and whether it had the capability to sustain a fish population. There are two consulting firms listed in the local phone book, and the Board agreed to ask for bids on the costs of a feasibility study and on details on what would be determined by such a study. Bigham volunteered to take lead on this project. It was also brought up that contact is still be attempted with the Corps of Engineers to get input on the integrity of the earthen dam supporting the pond---it was suggested to contact the dam safety office.
- Department of Local Affairs grant---Haas reported on progress to understand the application and granting process for a community center, and that Burdick had secured a copy of a successful application we could use as a model. Applications are accepted three times per year, with the next deadline being December 1st. Haas indicated that a grant for up to \$200K is a good possibility for the District. He indicated that prior to any application, and arguably the most difficult part in the District's process, is determining (a) if there is a need for a community center, (b) what function would it serve, (c) completing conceptual design drawings for the center (preferably engineering plans), and (d) the location of the facility.

- Fencing and cattle grazing---Haas reported that Dennis Burke on the IMPOA Board has been working hard to improve the westside fence and entrance way to IM along Albino. IMPOA is spending up to \$2K to improve the corner posts so that the fence would be tighter and stronger. This is an important activity because the cattle are again grazing and defecating on the District's lands, particularly affected the water quality of the pond and surrounding wetland.
- Bank account security---Stoval reported that the District bank accounts were secure for their full amount.

Public Comments

Numerous public comments were received during the course of the meeting and have been included in the content above. The input was very helpful and welcomed. Several additional comments included:

- Can we rent out our homes, or is this a violation of the IM covenants or LURs? The Board could not answer the question of when such rentals become considered a commercial business, and thus a violation.
- What is that new tower to the north between Hwy 285 and the Como Fire Station? No one knew the purpose of the tower and whether it had County approval.
- It was reported that Quest might be willing to install a DSL line if we had a petition signed by at least 62 homeowners. The topic was discussed and suggested to be forwarded to IMPOA for their action in that this issue was outside the mission of the District.

Next Meeting

- September 12, 2008, Saturday, 10-1 pm as needed: Regular Board Business Meeting. This meeting may be moved to September 19th to accommodate board attendance. Any change would be posted well in advance.
- There will be a study session in September to begin the 2009 budget preparation and to review the 2008 recreation survey results. A date has not been set but will be posted.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am. These minutes were recorded and prepared by Glenn Haas, IMRPD Secretary.

These minutes were approved by the Board in September 20, 2008