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President's REPORT

by Steve Owles

As another great summer season comes to an end at Lake Tahoe and Dollar Point it is time to look ahead to next year. Here is news from the Board and the projects and issues we are looking at:

Staffing: Overall, we had another great crew but in some areas things did not run as smoothly this year as they have in past years. This was especially true with the beach and pier and we recognize the need to bring about change. The Board feels, as the Association Manager, Debbie needs to be out of the office spending more time with the staff and monitoring the facilities. However, when it is the busiest, Debbie's office work load prevents her getting out of the office. To free up some of Debbie's time we have added Tracy McKean to the office staff. Tracy is a Dollar Point resident, works part time as needed and is a great addition to the Dollar Point team. Additionally, we will be working over the winter to evaluate and adjust our staffing requirements as required.

Landscaping: Our landscape contractor, Peak Landscape does an excellent job. The common areas around the pool and tennis courts, both inside and outside, have never looked better. The same cannot be said for the lawn and area around the lower tennis courts and entrance to the beach. The lawn in this area is difficult to maintain and we have asked Peak to quote us on removing the lawn, replacing it with something easier to maintain. At the same time, we've asked them to quote us on "dressing up" the rest of the beach entrance and lower tennis court areas. Dollar Point resident, Sky Richardson, has developed a very workable plan. Besides helping us with these types of projects, Sky takes a very active role in the continued improvement and maintenance of the Dollar Point grounds. Thank you to Sky for your work.

Beach and Pier: The most significant and noticeable project at the beach this year was the realignment and addition of more umbrellas. With them equally spaced, in a straight line without mounds of concrete sticking out of the sand, it is a significant improvement. While not an upgrade or improvement we can see, we had to replace the water line to the beach area. It was a big expense but we had no choice. The old line was leaking badly and could not be repaired so our only option was to install a new line. This required a permit from TRPA. While performing onsite inspections of the project by TRPA, the inspector found Dollar Point to be in violation of the law and issued us a cease and desist

order. The order was not for the water line project but rather for "unauthorized beach raking and structures in the shorezone". The beach raking issue means stop raking immediately and the unauthorized structures (the kayak and paddleboard racks) to be removed from the shorezone by 11-1-2016. We immediately involved Jan Brisco, our consultant for TRPA issues. Through Jan's interaction with TRPA we have been granted an extension while Jan continues to work with TRPA on our behalf. She believes the beach raking issue can be taken care of by submitting a "beach raking plan" to TRPA. However, the racks are another issue. According to Jan, for TRPA "paddle craft storage is a major issue around the lake". She has asked TRPA to "defer the compliance discussion so that there can be a fair and consistent approach developed lake wide". Because the storage rack issue is not unique to Dollar Point, we can only hope TRPA would take this approach. For the time being we've done all we can to appease TRPA and will just have to see how it plays out. Stay tuned!

One other project we hope to undertake in the spring is to reclaim the badly eroded area to the right of the pier. However, because the area lies in the TRPA shorezone and the erosion comes from the TCPUD storm drain, we need assistance and permits from both TRPA and TCPUD, it could end up being one of those long drawn out projects. No matter, we'll see what we can do.

Member Survey: From time to time, issues arise that the Board feels it necessary to ask for input from the Association members. This is one of those times and we are working on a survey questionnaire to be distributed to the membership. We cannot yet commit to a date when we'll get it out, but please, when you receive it, please participate.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge our current Board for the time and energy they all put into managing the affairs of the Association: Pat Cala, Pete Newell, Debbie Nicholson, Mitch Packard, Pat Tweedy and Carol Wilmar. Also, thanks to Dean Headley for his valued advice and counsel. Then of course, I need to acknowledge Debbie Wolf, who as the Association Manager wears a lot of hats and just gets things done!





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Member REMINDERS & INFO

2017 Annual Dues

The 2017 annual dues remain at \$880. Invoices will be mailed after the first of the year. Please do not send your payment until you receive the invoice with the return mailing envelope to Plumas Bank. If you have changed your mailing address, please inform Debbie as soon as possible at info@dollarpoint.org or 530-583-4487. Dues must be paid in full prior to March 31 to avoid incurring a late fee of \$250.00.

The Condition of Dollar Point Roads and Placer County

Each year at the annual meeting members ask the DPA Board what can be done about the poor conditions of the Dollar Point subdivision roads. We all know that they are in need of repaving, not just periodic pothole and crack repairs. At this time the County has no plans to repave the roads and is unwilling to make a commitment as to when that will take place. If you would like to express your feelings to the County regarding the Dollar Point road conditions, you may go to www.placer.ca.gov/departments/works/roadmaintenance and click on the link under "Let Us Know-Have a road problem?" to access a form to do so.

2017 Buoy Lottery Kayak/Paddleboard Rack Storage Application

The application packet will be mailed in mid-February to those who have requested it, and all completed applications and required documents need to be postmarked or delivered by Friday, March 17. Buoy applications received after that date will not be eligible to be included in the lottery and will be placed at the end of the waiting list. The buoy lottery will be held on or about April 1, 2017. Due to popular demand for kayak and paddleboard space we may need to hold a lottery for rack space as well. It is more important than ever to get your kayak and paddleboard applications in by Friday, March 17. If you have any questions please contact Debbie at 530-583-4487 or you can email her at [email: info@dollarpoint.org](mailto:info@dollarpoint.org).

All watercraft currently stored on the beach racks must be removed **NO LATER THAN** November 1. Thank you for your cooperation.