



# THE SCHUSS MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Summer 2009 P.O. Box 332, Bellaire, MI 49615 <http://www.smpoa.net>

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## President's Message

Welcome to the summer edition of the Schuss Mountain Views. This summer has been very cool and wet. It seems it has been raining at least part of every trip we have made to Shanty Creek this summer.

Make sure you mark your calendars for September 19<sup>th</sup>, as there will be a General Meeting for all Shanty Creek Property Owners with Shanty Creek Management at 8am in the Summit Conference Center. The SMPOA General Membership meeting will be held at Ivan's at 10am. The Three Village Dinner Dance will be held that evening at 6pm. Please see the enclosed article and flyer for information about the dinner dance.

We have a complete slate of people for the Board of Directors including three new people who will be offering fresh views and new ideas; Pat Burnell, Ed Musser and Marsha Winters. I have enjoyed working with Terry Willenborg and Mike Shagena who will be leaving the board after this year and want to thank them for their service to SMPOA and wish them well. If you can not attend the General Membership meeting a Proxy is enclosed. Please complete and return the Proxy to Rose Roberts at the address on the proxy.

The good news is that we still have trash dumpsters at Schuss Mountain. On page five you will find a copy of the sign we have posted at the dumpsters. Now that we have the sign up the Antrim County Sheriff tells us that he will investigate and prosecute any reports of illegal dumping. Please do not abuse this service. Custer Township has said that they will remove the dumpsters if there is abuse. This will leave you with the only option of taking your trash home with you.

These are your options for items other than bagged household trash:

**Building materials: PLEASE take them to the Habitat for Humanity Restore at 306 South Williams Street in Mancelona (231-587-9965).**

**Furniture, toys or large household items: Please take them to the Community Light House on the left side of M-88 as you go into Mancelona. (If you have large furniture items you can call them at 231-587-9967 and they will be happy to pick up the items from you).**

These are wonderful organizations who do great work helping people in need with food and other assistance; please give them your support.

Following the July 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting, board members Julie Peters and Jan Lindsay met with Shanty Creek COO Michael Jordan. You can read a summary of that meeting on page four. Jan Lindsay has requested that you please send an email to our Administrator Patti Mueller so she can get your current email address. Patti will pass this along to Shanty Creek so you can be on their email list to get monthly blasts on what is happening at Shanty Creek. Patti's email is [administrator@smpoa.net](mailto:administrator@smpoa.net).

This will be my last edition of the Schuss Mountain Views. Following the General Membership meeting on September 19, 2009 I will no longer be President or a member of SMPOA. Jan and I have sold our house at Schuss and purchased as part of the deal a Trappers Condo at Summit Village. We are now living full time at our home in Plymouth, Michigan and having two homes was a real burden. Jan and I have enjoyed working with everyone at Schuss Mountain and consider you all our good friends. I want to say that you have a great Board of Directors who really put in the effort and hours to make Schuss a better place for everyone. They really deserve your support.

**2008 - 2009  
SMPOA Committees**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Executive</b>                                  | Bob James<br>Ray Karabin<br>Rose Roberts<br>Meredith Reshly     |
| <b>Architectural</b>                              | Bud Hierlihy<br>Bob James<br>Ray Karabin<br>Julie Peters        |
| <b>Association<br/>By-laws</b>                    | Bud Hierlihy<br>Chuck Roberts<br>Rose Roberts<br>Larry Bourassa |
| <b>Contracts<br/>(roads, signs, path cleanup)</b> | Mike Shagena<br>Ray Karabin<br>Julie Peters<br>Chuck Roberts    |
| <b>Snowmobile</b>                                 | Bob Richter<br>Rose Roberts                                     |
| <b>Social</b>                                     | Terry Willenborg  |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                                 | Jan Lindsay<br>Bob James  |
| <b>Website</b>                                    | Bob James   |

**2008 - 2009  
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231-533-3950  
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**TREASURERS REPORT**

By Meredith Reschly

“The annual dues billing was sent out by April 1, 2009. As of July 31, 2009, \$48,115.00 has been received; dues payments are still being received. We continue to appreciate the support of our membership loyally supporting the efforts of our association and allowing your board to sustain and improve membership benefits.

The current financial statement through July is below. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**SMPOA Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2009**

|  | <u>Jul 31, 09</u>       |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                         |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                         |
| Checking/Savings                         |                         |
| 1000-00 - Cash in bank - Huntington Bank | 7,460.73                |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | <u>7,460.73</u>         |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                         |
| 1100-00 - Association Receivable         | 2,640.00                |
| Total Accounts Receivable                | <u>2,640.00</u>         |
| Other Current Assets                     |                         |
| 1030-00 - Investments                    |                         |
| 1030-10 - Alden Bank                     | 13,893.28               |
| 1030-20 - Huntington Bank Money Market   | 31,741.15               |
| Total 1030-00 - Investments              | <u>45,634.43</u>        |
| Total Other Current Assets               | <u>45,634.43</u>        |
| Total Current Assets                     | 55,735.16               |
| Fixed Assets                             |                         |
| 1200-00 - 5 Corners Lot                  | 625.00                  |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | <u>625.00</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b><u>56,360.16</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                         |
| Equity                                   |                         |
| 3040-00 - Retained Earnings              | 36,691.21               |
| Net Income                               | <u>19,668.95</u>        |
| Total Equity                             | <u>56,360.16</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b><u>56,360.16</u></b> |

## **REPORT ON MEETING WITH SHANTY CREEK RESORTS COO**

By Julie Peters

Following the SMPOA July 4, 2009 board meeting, Jan Lindsay and Julie Peters arranged to meet with Michael Jordan, COO of Shanty Creek Resorts, to discuss concerns that the SMPOA Board had regarding Shanty Creek Resorts.

Communication between property owners and the resort itself was at the head of our list. Michael Jordan is in the process of setting up a regular e-mail notice that will go out once or twice per month to all property owners who have submitted their e-mail addresses to the resort. This notice will inform the owners of information concerning the resort such as special events, closings of pools, hours of operation etc. To date, this information has only been sent out to Shanty Creek Club members however SMPOA feels that all property owners should be receiving regular notices.

There were several issues with the Summit and Schuss pools that were addressed during our discussion. These issues include but are not limited to the broken window and lack of bathrooms facilities at the pool. These issues have been remedied quickly and efficiently.

We asked to have a representative from Shanty Creek Resorts attend some of SMPOA board meetings in order for questions and concerns be addressed immediately. Mr. Jordan seemed pleased to be asked and has agreed to come himself or send his representative.

We expressed our concerns about the wait staff and management at the Lakeview Dining Room. As of this newsletter, there appears to be positive changes in this area.

As property owners, we asked Mr. Jordan how we could help as ambassadors for the resort. He encouraged us to enjoy and use the amenities and bring our guests to the resort so they can experience Shanty Creek. We expressed our appreciation for Ivan's nightly specials and the additional percentages off for Shanty Creek Club members. We also told Mr. Jordan how beautiful the plantings are and how much they are appreciated by everyone adding that the person in charge of planting and her crew are excellent employees and should be complimented.

All in all, both Jan Lindsay and I feel that the resort was open to our requests and has done an excellent job in making the changes we requested.

## **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

By Bud Hierlihy

There have been no new applications since the last newsletter. However the Committee has been looking into some work that was being done without permits.

Editors note: Bud asked that we include a reminder that all exterior remodeling as well as new construction requires the approval of the Architectural Committee. Contact Bud at 231-587-9493 or email at: [buildings@smpoa.net](mailto:buildings@smpoa.net)

## **THREE RIVERS VILLAGE DANCE**

By Bob James

This year's Three Village Dinner Dance will be on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Jordan Room at Cedar River Lodge. Festivities will start with a cocktail hour (cash bar) at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Music for dancing will be provided by Sound Productions. As usual this will be a "dressy" affair. Cost will be \$37.50 per person. It is always a fun evening. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and how to make reservations.

## **To All Users of The Dumpsters at Schuss Mountain:**

It is important for all to understand the history of trash disposal at Schuss Mountain over the recent years. All of us became accustomed to placing our trash in the dumpster behind Ivans. The cost of that dumpster was born by the resort. Shanty Creek Resorts were forced to make the use of that dumpster unavailable to Schuss Mountain Property Owners for the following reasons:

The rising costs of disposal made it prohibitive for the resort to continue to provide trash disposal to Schuss Mountain Property Owners at no cost to the property owners.

TOO MANY PEOPLE WERE ILLEGALLY DUMPING CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, FURNITURE, APPLIANCES AND/OR COMMERCIAL WASTE, ETC.

Custer Township stepped forward to provide dumpsters for Schuss Mountain Property Owners and Shanty Creek Resorts agreed to make space available for them on the resort property. The dumpsters are provided for the exclusive use of property owners, **provided** that ONLY HOUSEHOLD AND BAGGED GARBAGE be placed in the dumpsters. A significant number of property owners continued to abuse the privilege to the point that Custer Township nearly removed the dumpsters due to the abuse/illegal dumping.

Due to the cooperation of Shanty Creek Resorts, Custer Township and Schuss Mountain Property Owners Association (SMPOA) Custer Township agreed to leave the dumpsters, provided that SMPOA and Shanty Creek Resorts came up with a plan to significantly reduce the violations and maintain a clean dump site. The Antrim County Sheriff's Department was consulted and agreed to enforce littering complaints made to them by supplying them with license plate numbers of offending vehicles.

To that end, you observe new signage providing **NOTICE** of dumping rules and **WARNING** violators that enforcement will commence which may result in legal prosecution.

**PLEASE HEED THE WARNINGS AND CONFORM TO THE RULES. SHOULD VIOLATIONS CONTINUE, THE DUMPSTERS MAY BE REMOVED WITHOUT NOTICE AND PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE THEIR TRASH HOME WITH THEM OR FIND ANOTHER MEANS OF TRASH DISPOSAL ON THEIR OWN AND AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.**

Please pass this on to your friends and neighbors! Please be proactive and report all violations to the SMPOA administrator at 810-922-8952 or 231-533-3950 or Mr. John Voelker at 231-676-3404 or Shanty Creek Security 231-676-0253.

**THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE TRASH DISPOSAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU WITHOUT COST HERE AT SCHUSS MOUNTAIN.**

Please contact Habitat for Humanity (231-587-9965) or Community Light House (231-587-9967) to donate used furniture, usable building materials or other usable household items.

This message brought to you by: Shanty Creek Resorts, Custer Township and SMPOA.



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### **SMPOA Contractors**

To bring everyone up to date on the various contractors doing work here at Schuss Mountain.

The contractor mowing the grass on the shoulders of the roadways and landscaping Five Corners is Great Lakes Landscaping you can reach Steve Folker at 231-587-8027.

The snow plowing of the roadways and spring brush pickup at Schuss Mountain is handled by Northern Tree Transplanting Service. You can reach Ron Robinson at 231-533-8122.

### **Important 2009 Dates**

#### **Annual Meeting**

September 19, 2009  
Shanty Creek Property Owners  
8:00 am in the Summit Conference Center.

SMPOA General Membership Meeting  
Ivan's at 10am.

#### **Three Rivers Village Dance**

September 19, 2009  
(6:00 pm Cocktails; 7:00 Dinner)