

# Raccoon Point Board Annual Minutes

8/25/2012

**1. Call to order---Jim Biddick -----10:27am**

**2. Quorum ----75 Members/38 Quorum**

10:15—43 members present

10:30---51 members present

At voting time 53 members were present. Quorum met.

**3. Prior years minutes approved with no corrections**

**4. Reports by Officers**

a) President's Report

1) Senior Deferment—if you qualify for the San Juan County senior deferment taxes you are allowed to pay the Senior deferment as per the By Laws of Raccoon Point Association.

2) Bathan may do the mowing next year along the road

b) Treasurer's Report

1) Hoped to have \$5000 remaining, presently have about \$2900, over budget by \$1200.

**5. Review of options for road maintenance**

a) Hard Surface Report----Chip seal Deterrents

1) people drive faster

2) more slippage

3) excessive cost

b) Road signs

**Jim McCullough Report**

\*The new entrance sign is within the budget. Since the fatal accident, warning and speed signs have been put up, county citations cannot be issued on the road.

\*Insurance company is pleased with warning and speed signs on the road

\*Previous accident did not cause an increase in rates

Issues with road safety due to signage & conditions

- 1) driving too fast
- 2) unfamiliarity

Discussion from floor

- a) Keep warning signs on road, there should be no parking signs added.
- b) Perhaps the new sign is too welcoming and should be a Private Property Sign.
- c) Should not increase the speed limit.

**Ned Kirschbaum Report**

Board and Committee had phone meetings discussing signage below:

- a) 15 mph signs are not effective
- b) Warning information does not slow traffic down
- c) Sign Pollution
- d) Everyone drives 20 mph with 15 mph signs, if we change the signs to 20 mph people will drive 25.
- e) The newer friendly sign at the beginning of the road might make people more amiable to following speed limit
- f) Eight crashes at main curve of road
- g) Should have signage at the most dangerous places on road
- h) "Danger Blind Curves" should be put on both sides of where accidents happen.
- i) At top of hill there should be a sign with a truck tipping over going down a steep hill
- j) Washboard signs should be removed, just another sign to read.

Boards Conclusion:

- 1) Hill be protected with rollover signs
- 2) Suicide hill—Danger Blind Curves
- 3) Blind Curve signs on other blind curves
- 4) Board feels 15 mph signs should be removed as no one pays attention to them.

Discussion from floor

Barb would like to talk to the insurance company about the road signs

Don would like to see 15 mph signs left and to have the road straightened out at the dangerous curve.

Ned commented that the board would have to acquire more land in order to straighten the curve and that major blasting would need to happen to remove rock. This would change the water course causing movement of properties at the curve.

Ken stated that speed/warning signs are helpful and each should be addressed separately. One sign is not sufficient at entrance, need speed signs posted all along as reminders. Don't be conservative with speed signs. Washboard signs could be eliminated.

Ruel stated that Raccoon Point has two entrances and that one sign is not sufficient.

Jonathan Berg stated that the accident was not speed related, but that signage gives us coverage.

Willy stated that the new sign is too small and should be moved down the road to be more visible.

## **6. Presentation of proposed annual budget by Board**

### **7. Voting**

#### Motion #1

Jim McCullough motioned to retain the speed signs as they are currently posted at 15 mph.

Seconded by Ruel Robinson

Yes-49      No-3      Abstain-1

#### Motion #2

Jim McCullough motioned to take down the washboard signs and add caution signs, ie. dangerous curve and steep hills.

Seconded by Ruel Robinson

Yes-53      No-0      Abstain-0

#### Motion #3

Ruel Robinson motioned to retain the new entrance sign as is

Seconded by Jim McCullough

Yes-33      No-17      Abstain-3

#### Motion #4

Ken Leghart motioned that we add the following to the new entrance sign,

“Private Road---No Public beach access or parking”

Seconded by Barbara Kreiger

Yes-51      No-2      Abstain-0

Motion #5

Jim McCullough moved to adopt the 30K budget

Seconded by Ned Kirschbaum

Yes-47      No-6      Abstain-0

**8. Call for Nominations for new board members for each region**

Section: A

Jamie

Section: B

Bathan Shaner

Section: C

Jim Biddick

**9. Other Business—no other new business**

**10. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm, 8/25/2012**