

Update from SMPOA Board – March 2016

Your SMPOA board of directors has been busy moving the interests of SMPOA forward since our annual meeting in September 2015.

We wanted to take this opportunity to communicate information regarding the outdoor pool area at the Schuss Mountain Lodge, which we believe is of primary interest to each of you. The mutual conclusion by the SMPOA Board of Directors and resort management is the outdoor pool at Schuss is aged and in need of significant repairs. Additionally, the outdoor pool at Schuss is seldom used in relationship to the cost of ownership.

Members of the board have had several meetings with senior management of the resort regarding this topic. The results of those meetings were shared at our quarterly SMPOA board meeting in January 2016. Those results lead the board to the following consensus –we need to eliminate the outdoor pool; develop the area without a new outdoor hot tub; make the indoor facility an indoor/outdoor area that is family friendly. The details of this recommendation include but are not limited to the following:

1. Window walls which are able to be opened to create an “outdoor feel”
2. Replacing the outdoor pool area with a sun deck/patio area that connects to the indoor pool building
3. Fire pit/grill area
4. Complete renovation of the restroom/changing areas in the lodge
5. Upgrades to the indoor pool and hot tub as needed
6. Year round accessibility

Additionally, the board has communicated these changes need to be “one project” in terms of timing, not implemented in a “piece meal” fashion. The implementation and timing of the project will be contingent upon an agreed scope of work, budget and funds available.

Senior management for the resort has given initial support of this proposal primarily because it is a “net win” financially for the resort. Financial support of the outdoor pool commands a significant annual cost of operation (primarily in propane costs to heat the pool) that would be eliminated in this proposal, thus those funds could be “redirected” from ongoing operations to a onetime expenditure. With regard to the financial aspect of this project, your SMPOA Board of Directors is committed to sharing financially in this project. The degree and terms of that commitment are yet to be determined.

We are very interested in achieving a solution that is met with a high degree of approval by the SMPOA membership. To that end, we will be soliciting your input regarding this matter **via a short survey, the link for which is located on the SMPOA website, under “Members Corner” then “Surveys”**. **Please complete the survey as soon as possible – access to the survey will end on April 30, 2016.**

We are very excited about this proposal and trust that you will be equally excited.

SMPOA Board of Directors