



Mountain Side Lake Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2026 5:30pm
Zoom Video Conference
Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order

- A. Ross called meeting to order at 5:33PM
- B. Ross, David, Paul, Don, and Emily in attendance

II. Introductions

- A. Committee welcomed newest member Emily.

III. Updates

- A. Committee Charter – DA reminded everyone to please review the committee charter annually for committee purpose and limitations of authority.
- B. 2025 Fish Stocking - Ross confirmed 150lbs of fish stocked in fall. There was no initial loss as expected. Vendor suggested restocking every 1-2 years.
- C. 2025 Signage - new interpretive signs look good. Ross thanked David, David thanked Don.
- D. 2025 Path work - completed by volunteers annually. No ground disturbance allowed per town. Paul and Don thanked David and Ross for all of the lake maintenance work they have been doing.
- E. 2026 Inspection and EAP - Ross connected with Dana Miller, and we are waiting on her to confirm 2026 inspection date. Need to book Bobbycat's team for willow removals. Andrea and Ross are managing the EAP update required annually.
- F. 2025/2026 Beavers - no removals needed in 2025. Harassment worked without trapping in 2025, and family and pups self-relocated. We have one preferred trapper who relocates on standby for 2026 and thereafter if needed.
- G. 2025 Timber Fuel Removal - completed by Ross and Davin. Bobbycat's crew hauled them away. Evaluate again in summer 2026.
- H. New trash Can and bag dispenser - being checked daily by our staff.
- I. Operating Budget for Lake \$15,000 (includes snow and trash removal, water testing, tools, maintenance, bridge and bench staining)
- J. Governing Documents - if they pass, we will be able to offer lake access licenses. This will be Q4. Hope to issue licenses to Littles for dredge access.

IV. Property Owners' Forum

- A. No owners in attendance.

V. Association Business

- A. Elect Secretary – Emily volunteered to be Secretary, Ross agreed to continue as chair.
- B. MCR plan ~38k for 2026 (not yet approved) – this is in addition to the \$15k approved annual operating budget
- C. 2026 Projects that need support



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1. 2027 dredge - need to gather bids from excavation firms by 9/15/26. Group discussed need for engineer and project manager. Ross expressed desire to find one firm who could do it all. Don to provide contact info for an excavation firm and a consultant who worked on a similar project in Aspen. Ross to inquire with Aqua Sierra about mechanical dredging. DA to provide 2 other contractors he found. Ross will coordinate with Andrea, and we hope she can find one more. Andrea will then reach out to our short list to get the ball rolling on soliciting bids.
2. Improvements
 - a. Logs (to line the paths) - spoke to TSH tree services, DA meeting with them tomorrow. They may be able to provide free of charge. Otherwise, Teague and Ross proposed getting a permit in Dillon and harvesting close by.
 - b. Fill dirt/grading improvements - DA thinks we should level out the area on south side near the Little's canoe. Discussed "dirt bag" concept of shifting earth from existing site. Don suggested discussing with Sam M.
 - c. Path width - discussed widening the path with trimmers this summer with no ground disturbance. Ground path remains unchanged, but branches should be cut back.
 - d. Bridges - Ben Kent available if we want to install additional fixed boardwalks or bridges.
 - e. Floating Walkways - DA investigating swapping out for dark brown or adding wood facia.
 - f. Wildflower Spur trail - this needs some work. Logs, better signage, and a turnaround/dead end sign.
 - g. Benches – plan to add 2 in 2026 and 2 in 2027. shared 3 possible locations.
 - h. Boat Storage Rack - general consensus is to not install a storage rack.
 - i. Additional Improvements – Ross asked for committee input on 2026 projects.
 1. Don proposed adding top soil to face of dam (water side). DA agreed, and Ross confirmed this is the area we have been working on.
 2. Don also proposed reworking the spillway to create more pools and waterfalls from bridge down about 40ft.
 3. Don mentioned we have 4 types of noxious weeds. He offered to manage this with committee approval. Otherwise, we would need to find someone to come in annually to do it. Some of these noxious weeds will require roundup. No formal authorization given but we should revisit this.



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3. Signage

- a. Riparian restoration - Kat Carroll, Landscape Committee chair, is working on design to replace the duplicate historical sign.
- b. Bollards and property line markers - Don proposed bollards at all corners. Quote approved by board. Just need to choose locations. Bollard should match existing, posts at approximately 18" out of ground.
- c. Discussed changing metal posts to wood - Ross supports leaving the remaining hammer-in metal posts for now.
- d. DA shared the new wooden signs that Sam Massman had made for us. We will find time to install before the summer kickoff.

4. Annual Items

- a. Dam maintenance – need to book Bobbycat. DA to follow up with Andrea
- b. Path maintenance – need volunteers
- c. Tools (stoplogs and boat) – anything else. Discussed ordering stoplogs to prevent fish loss. DA to get ordering info to Andrea.
- d. Algae control - discussed muck reduction test in progress. Shows little reduction. Committee agrees to hold on expanding this to the full lake. Algae was acceptable and minimal in 2025.
- e. Riparian Restoration - not much algae this past season to continue the effort. Ask Bobbycat for cost to bring in compost and topsoil for all 300ft of dam.
- f. Water testing – Ross to book AS for water test.
- g. Fish – observe in spring.
- h. Arborist Inspection - Teague will plan an annual walk-through mid-summer.