

MY TURN by Karin Smith

A couple years ago, the Beaver Creek community came together with their skills, their donated time, labor and money to re-furbish and re-open the run down Ranch House. Yet it takes just two people to shut it down, without any vote or communication to the Coalition and LLC investors. And the same two people handily contributed to divide this community and cause many hurt and hard feelings.

Continuing this pattern of dividing the community is shown in Janet's Calendar Crew's **Letter to Members & Residents from the BCCDC Board**, describing "an attempted hostile takeover." Really!! Hostile takeover?!! Are they describing how they shut it down, without any notice, or discussion, no transparency or vote and causing job losses and confusion? Are they describing their own hostile treatment of the employees, particularly the chef whose residence was cut off from water when Janet quickly cancelled the utilities to the Ranch House property? Then Janet so rudely replied to Chef Chrissy's concern of the turned off water that she could care less about her water dilemma.

The "hostile takeover" was simply concerned community and Coalition members calling a meeting to discuss the situation. Maggie and Janet opted not to attend the meeting. Janet provided an excuse for not attending, however, she was seen shortly before the community meeting and shortly after. This "hostile takeover" was the community wanting to get some answers and get the Ranch House back to business. And since Janet and Maggie do not wish to meet with the community and share their intentions for their actions, the meeting attendees requested the removal of these two board members. Ah Ha! That must be the "hostile takeover" - the community wanting transparency!

The biggest discussion at this so-called "hostile takeover" meeting was the intent of Maggie & Janet to sell the property to parties who are eyeing the water rights. Yeah, that would be pretty hostile if Maggie and Janet were allowed to sell this community down the creek. Does anybody else care what these two people are trying to accomplish?!

I pray that this community will come together again and decide what's best for this community -- not leaving it up to these two people. They continue to have secret meetings, during which they have voted people to the board who are in their camp, and voted off people who are not in their camp.

Please wake up before the Ranch House is run down again, as equipment deteriorates during inactivity, ditches and the lake become dry again, and pumps rust away after recent repairs. Yes it does take money to keep it going, and I know of community members that are willing to invest more money, but not with the current situation.

The Ranch House and Beaver Creek Golf Resort is worth so much less not being in operation. Experienced business owners know that new businesses run at a loss for the first couple years. So we need to rally the troops again and step up the marketing and investments and continue what is best for this community.

I believe the "hostile takeover" was Janet and Maggie shutting it all down, so they can secretly negotiate a sell to water rights investors. Will this benefit the community, or just these two people?

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