



HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY

February 3, 2008 – HPR What's Happening!

I just love the feeling when a plan comes together! In January we have realized that emotion many times.

The biggest achievement this month was receiving unanimous approval of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners for our Use by Special Review (USR) application. Other than the printing of the official documents, we have now met all the regulatory requirements to operate HPR. Bill Howard (RMVR) and his company Plan West Inc provided the BoCC with a very impressive presentation. We thank the County planning staff for their support and guidance. We are especially grateful to Bill for all of his hard work.

I am proud to state that we now own the land to replace Second Creek. This purchase was consummated after five plus years, numerous property searches, an untold number of meetings and a lot of hard work by too many people to list in this letter. Many thanks to Tom Ragonetti (SCCA) and Jim Johnson of his firm for ensuring that CAMA was properly protected by all the closing documents.

The land and permit acquisition were not even the most significant accomplishments this month. Since placing an offer on this property many concerns existed over water availability. Our change-of-use application for the existing well on the HPR property was approved last week. We now have a permit allowing for more water than we could ever need for commercial, domestic or irrigation uses. This is a big deal as we had all but conceded to the fact that we would have to haul water to the site. A few months back, a Mercedes Club member, Reiner Haubold approached us after a fundraising meeting offering his expertise in water management. That expertise proved extremely valuable as he knew the right steps and proper questions. With the persistence of Bob Darcey (RMVR), the two patiently applied and reapplied after each denial until finally the old records for the well were found and a Department of Water Resources Geologist finally concluded that Reiner was correct, ruling that the well was eligible for commercial designation. Awesome job and both deserve many thanks.

The many members of the CAMA clubs also reached a major milestone in January as the 'fundraising thermometer' has surpassed two million dollars and is now at \$2,094,000. So far we have 178 contributors who have purchased 'Bricks'. The 'Bricks' start at \$1,000, which is a small portion of a race weekend in Hastings or Pueblo. Have you inscribed your Brick yet?

The design, engineering and construction team have also had a busy month. The site tours and discussions in December resulted in some minor modifications to the entry and exit of the front straightaway along with the bobsled turns. Safety concerns were one aspect but improving the fun factor has been the greatest dynamic.

Construction costs are still a major variable to be finalized. Grading estimates have fluctuated dramatically as we have made changes to track layout and run-off areas. Estimates on compaction rates of the farmed soil have also impacted these calculations. To provide the group with the needed tools to properly determine grading and asphalt requirements we have recently hired a crew to prepare an accurate topographical survey of the construction areas. Also extensive soil sampling was recently completed and that data will soon be available. We anticipate that this data overlaid with the completed design, will enable the group to finally be able to determine the best combination of dirt compaction and asphalt thickness, allowing us to obtain firm construction quotes soon.

Your clubs' boards of directors, their CAMA representatives, our many volunteers and advisors have nearly completed their task to make HPR a reality. Now it is up to the club members. Inscribe your 'Brick' today!

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