

Siteholder Meeting  
July 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Camp Chair Janice Johnson.

Roll call: 60 sites present 21 proxies

Welcome to new members Mark and Christie Sever.

Motion was made with a second to approve the Minutes from the August 9, 2008 Siteholder Meeting. Motion was approved with one spelling correction for Frances Graef's first name.

**Old Business-**

Boat Rule was changed by the Prairie Club Board to: The Boat Chairman will determine the maximum number of boats placed on the beach according to the following order: first Siteholders & season pass holders, second, others.

The Dog rule for beach access via a special path was passed last year on a trial basis. No problems have been reported. There will be a vote at the August Siteholder Meeting regarding this rule. One can still use the path before 10:00 a.m. June 1 to October 1.

Dudley Painting- Sally Craig gave a report on the status of what is to be done with the Dudley Painting. The painting was gifted to Camp Hazelhurst by the Evan Family many years ago. The committee: Dick Spurgin, Tom Taylor, John Clancy, Marilyn Gorawara, and Sally Craig will meet to decide what to do with this painting. Approval was given last year to have the painting appraised.(approx. \$450.00) Sally made a motion, second Marilyn Gorawara, for restoration costs in the amount of \$1272.00. Motion was approved.

Building and Sites Rule Changes- The Prairie Club Board did not approve the rule changes # 13 & #14 passed last year by the Siteholders. The Board asked that the Building & Sites and the Camp Council revisit the rules and make modifications. Ballots with the amended rules were to be mailed to each Siteholder. Don Gray compared 2008 Siteholder Rules to 2009 changes and Annette Robinson described Camp Council's process for further revision. A discussion was held with a slide presentation by Tom Taylor, member of the Building and Sites Committee, showing some examples using new rule dimensions. Additions to existing **one story** cottages can only **be** increased to a foot print size of 1350 square feet. If the **one story** cottage is a tear down and rebuild, the foot print shall not exceed 1200 square feet. Libbey Buchele had a question about Rule #13 wording. The rules were not to be amended, but Leo Krusack said minor amendments could be made. Ed Millermaier made a motion to change the wording for Rule #13... **Exceptions:** 2) One story expansion. Where a 1-1/2 story expansion of an existing one-story structure is proposed, to, Where a 1 or 1 1/2 story expansion of an existing one-story structure is proposed..., motion seconded, motion was approved. The ballots were collected and counted by Barb Burton, Marilyn Gorawara, and Lloyd

Anderson. **\*(The words one story were added to the approved minutes August 17<sup>th</sup>, per Camp Chair Janice Johnson, in the Building and Sites Rule Change paragraph on page one.)\***

**New Business-**

Janice Johnson has business cards for Lake Michigan Pest Control for any Siteholders wishing to use their service.

Art Show to be held July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Information will be in the Highlights.

Recycling bin is located behind the Chikaming Township Hall for those wishing to drop off their recycling items.

**Committee Reports-**

Finance - Current balance in the Petty Cash account is \$2,577.73. Receipts or donations should be given to Grazyna Wisniowska.

PC Properties - Family cottage is fully booked except the last week of August. Landscaping including bushes have been added to the Family Cottage area. A donor plaque is to be installed at the Family Cottage.

Beach and Boats - Willem Lutter and Caroline Spurgin to share Water Front Director duties. Fires on the beach should be extinguished with water and not buried. Smaller crafts need to be stored higher up on the dune so larger boats have room for summer storage.

Beach Walk- 30 volunteers came to help with the beach walk placement and construction for additional beach walks.

Barn - The Powder Post Beetles are gone and have been eliminated from the barn. The beetles are all over the camp. Carol Gapen encouraged Siteholders to hire a pest control service. Barn has been re-wired. Fire escape stairs for the upper level have been torn down and removed. No one should be on the upper level of the barn. The calendar for the Red Barn is on the Main Bulletin Board. Double check with Carol when making requests for use of the Barn. Do not leave donations of any kind in the Barn.

Camp Council meets next on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Any rule issues should be given to Annette Robinson before this meeting.

Square Dance - The dance is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and to be held in the Barn. Caller is coming from South Carolina. First half hour is instructional time for those who wish to learn to square dance. Additional group dancing will be included during the Dance.

Community Relations - A DVD from PBS has information on local produce, grass fed beef, and Farmers Markets. Dorothy Simmons has Chikaming Township Safety

brochures. July 18<sup>th</sup> there will be hot dogs served at the Fire Station. In the evening the new director of Fernwood will be the Saturday Evening speaker at the Red Barn Program.

Conservation – Sharon Lemler will hold meeting at noon on Sundays in the Barn to discuss conservation issues. The final meeting location TBA. A list is being passed for people to give their e-mail address for a Hazelhurst Conservation Interest Group. Legacy Learning Labs to be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon. Nature activities for all ages, parents must stay with their children. Tending the garden time for the Legacy Garden will take place after the Monday Morning Coffee. Monetary donations being accepted for future garden additions. Two book will be placed in the Mail House, one about Native and invasive plants, the other will be Hazelhurst Nature Photos. Add your photos to the notebook with a date and description. Special Thanks to Gerry Donnelly and Deb Kenney for the Legacy Garden. Thanks also for the American Chestnut tree.

Entertainment – Still working on a schedule for the Saturday Night Programs. The July 25<sup>th</sup> Art Festival is looking for exhibitors. Volunteers for Art work shops are needed.

Entrance (ad hoc) - The goal for this committee is to make the entrance better looking. The property line is marked with wooden stakes just inside the gate posts. Replacement or modifications plans for the posts are limited due to the property line. The Committee would like to make the area outside the barn more attractive for outside activities. Dust is a big issue and the Committee is looking for ways to control the dust. The Camp has a very aggressive invasive tree called Tree of Heaven. No flowers have been put on the posts this year yet. The fence deteriorating around the camp is not on our legal property. The Fire Chief had suggested the entrance be made 33 feet wider for better Fire Truck access. The Committee is working on this suggestion.

Fire & Safety – Otto Becker has spoken to the local Fire Chief Mike Davidson with regard to Fire prevention for the Camp. Risks within the club include brush, structures, and interior of structures. Wiring updates should be made where needed. The Fire Chief can inspect cottages, but will not accept liability for what he cannot see. He will also inspect Fire extinguishers. Otto will set up a date for extinguisher inspections.

Fourth of July - Activities include kid games, BBQ, patriotic songs, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Weather could move the BBQ to the barn.

Grounds - Jeff Murray uses 16 items of equipment. He maintains all but the tractor. The tractor is in need of repairs. Old beach path to be re-done. Doug Elrick will post a sign for volunteers to work on this project.

Highlights – Fran Graef and Sue Tingle need articles for the Highlights. Send articles for the paper via e-mail to Fran, drop off in the Mail Room box, or drop off at Sue Tingle's cottage.

Historical – Patty Craig is taking over the historical book project. New photos of all cottages will be taken in the fall. The last pictures taken of the cottages were taken in 1994. Any new cottage information should be sent to Patty.

Jr. Activities – Cindy Kilborn will be in charge of the Juniors this year. Watch the Bulletin Board for dates and times of planned activities. August 8<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the Ice Cream Social.

Jr. Clubhouse - Air hockey and Fuse ball tables were purchased along with a new rug for the clubhouse. Olsen Electric updated the electric and installed an outdoor motion sensor. Club house keys are still available from Suzanne Dissette.

Library – The Library will be open Monday 10 to 2, Thursday 10 to 2, & Saturday 10 to noon. Books are due back September 1<sup>st</sup>. Still a few books not returned from last year.

Monday Morning Coffee – Coffee begins July 8<sup>th</sup> thru Labor Day at 10:00 Michigan time. Sign up to host a coffee on the Mail House Bulletin Board. One black table is missing and needs to be returned.

Recreation – Zoe Elrick who is a Landscape Architect presented a five phase plan to improve the area around the Jr. Clubhouse and Tennis area. Current playground equipment needs to be replaced. A playhouse, pavilion, play structure and swings are part of the five phase plans. The Highlights will have more information on these plans.

Tennis - Court is open and refinished.

Roads - All roads have been worked on. Specific problems are to be addressed.

Service – Submit volunteer hours to the club by mail or hand into Teri Clancy.

Trash – Two dumpsters behind the barn will be removed when full. Small dumpster is for household trash only during the summer season. Call Natalie McKelvy for any disposal issues. One trash can is missing, replacement cost is \$70.00.

Operating Committee Meeting will be held August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 in the barn.

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Voting results for the Building and Sites rule changes.

Rule # 13 59 votes for 24 votes against

Rule # 14 70 votes for 15 votes against

The rule change will go to the Prairie Club Board for approval in September 2009.

Motion to adjourn 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Rosenthal