

Prairie Club Camp Hazelhurst Siteholders Meeting

Minutes July 4, 2015

(Approved by Siteholders August 8, 2015)

Call to order: 10:10 am by Rich Spurgin, Camp Hazelhurst Chair

Roll Call: 65 cottages were represented. Quorum was achieved.

Approval of August 9, 2014 Minutes: Larry Bergman moved that the word “not” be stricken from the sentence regarding quorum. Rob Burton seconded. The sentence shall read “Quorum was achieved with 53 sites present.” The change was approved by the Siteholders. Ed Millermaier moved that the siteholders approve the minutes of the August 9, 2015 Siteholders Meeting be approved as corrected. Janice Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

Announcements: - Rich Spurgin

- The Prairie Club office mailed the summer assessment bills on July 1. Payment is due August 1.
- Siteholders may discuss the draft new site lease with members of the Lease Committee after the Siteholders Meeting. A meeting for discussion of the new lease will be held on Sunday, July 5, at 1 pm.
- The caretaker will be away next weekend so if you need him you must contact him by Wednesday, July 8. After that he will not be available until Monday, July 13.

Treasurer’s Report: - Kevin Oravec

The Camp Hazelhurst Treasurer’s Report is included in the meeting handout. The Hazelhurst Checking Account balance is \$6,922. As of May 31, 2015, there was a total of \$67, 216 in Camp Funds included in the Prairie Club Account. At this time the amount of Camp Funds is slightly lower due to the payment of some of the Red Barn renovation expenses. The grand total of funds available for Camp Hazelhurst at this time is slightly less than \$74,138.

Camp Council: - Beth Miller

The written report describes the proposed changes to the rules.

Dog Access to Beach

Rob Burton moved adoption of the following revised beach rule (new language is in boldface type):

7. Pets are not allowed on the Prairie Club Beach. Owners who wish to walk their pet along the water’s edge must access the beach on the dog access path located north of the Beach Bulletin Board. Between June 1 and October 1, dog access is only allowed in the morning before 10 am (ET) **and in the evening after 8 pm (ET). From October 1 through May 31 there is no time restriction.**

Marilynn Gorawara seconded.

Deirdre Worden moved that the motion be amended to allow dog access to the beach after 6 pm between June 1 and October 1. There was no second.

Mike Rosen moved that the motion be amended to allow dog access to the beach **after 7 pm** between June 1 and October 1. Marilynn Gorawara seconded. The amendment passed.

The Camp Chair rules that proxies would be allowed.

The motion passed.

11. DOGS & CATS: (new language is in boldface type)

Must be kept on a leash when outside. Unleashed domestic animals may be impounded. **Dog walkers must remove animal waste material.** Pets are not allowed on the Prairie Club beach. Owners who wish to walk their pet along the water’s edge must access the beach on the dog-access path located north of the beach bulletin board. Between June 1 and October 1, dog access is only allowed in the morning before 10 am **and in the evening after 8 pm (ET). From October 1 through May 31 there is no time restriction.**

Site holders are responsible for notifying renters and guests of this rule.

The Camp Chair rules that the amendment to the beach rule changing the time that dogs are allowed on the beach between June 1 and October 1 from after 8 pm to **after 7 pm** also applies to Camp Rule 11 regarding Dogs and Cats.

The motion passed.

Alcohol—because the August 2014 were revised to state that a quorum was present, it is not necessary to vote on these revisions again.

Fires

Patti Craig moved that the following rule regarding fires be adopted.

Outdoor fires may be built only on the beach in the communal bonfire area set aside by the Beach Committee.

Outdoor fire pits are not allowed on the Camp Grounds.

See also special Hazelhurst FIRE PROTECTION INSTRUCTIONS.

[The portion regarding grills is included in the proposed new rule regarding grills.]

Diana Spurgin seconded. The motion passed.

Grills

Patti Craig moved that the following rule be adopted (new language is shown in boldface type):

Outside barbecues, incinerators, etc. may not be operated at any other location except the gas grill by the Farmhouse **except portable grills subject to the conditions below.**

Portable grills are allowed at individual sites under the following conditions:

- a. **No charcoal grills or wood-burning grills are allowed at individual sites. All grills shall have a lid or cover over the fire surface made from the same material as the grill. Grills shall not be located closer than three feet (3') or farther than twelve feet (12') from the building and less than mid-point from any neighboring cottage. Siteholders shall consult with neighbors before placement of grill. Placement of grills may be appealed to the Building & Sites Committee which will then decide.**
- b. **Only electric, propane or natural gas grills are allowed. No kerosene or other gas in liquid form is allowed. Permanent, built-in grills are NOT allowed at individual sites.**
- c. **The grill must sit on a solid non-combustible surface such as stone, brick, pavers, concrete, composite decking material with a gypsum base or a similar noncombustible material. The surface the grill sits upon must be continuous around the grill a minimum of three feet (3') in all directions.**
- d. **The grill must not sit on treated lumber, sand, gravel, grass, wood based composite decking materials, "fire-treated" lumber, or any combustible material.**
- e. **A working fire extinguisher must be present within reaching distance to the grill when the grill is in use.**
- f. **All grills must also be covered with a tarp or grill cover when not in use to help maintain the interior components of the grill. The Siteholder must inspect their own grill annually to maintain burners and the interior of the grill so that rust is not allowed to eat away at the interior components.**
- g. **Outdoor fire pits are not allowed on the Camp Grounds.**

See also special Hazelhurst FIRE PROTECTION INSTRUCTIONS.

Marilynn Gorawara seconded.

Randy Lutter moved to remove section (f) from the proposed rule. Leo Krusack seconded. The motion failed.

Discussion: Siteholders raised concerns regarding the need to limit the size of noncombustible surface, the number of grills allowed per site, and the impact on the Hazelhurst community of allowing grills at individual sites.

Leo Krusack moved that the proposed rule be sent back to Camp Council for revision. Mike Rosen seconded. The motion failed.

Tom Taylor moved that item (g) be removed from the proposed rule because it is included in the rule regarding fires. Leo Krusack seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Diana Spurgin called the question. The siteholders voted to end debate.

Mike Rosen moved to table the motion. Doug Elrick seconded. The motion passed.

Overview of Proposed Changes to the Site Lease - Doug Elrick

Site leases are issued to siteholders by the Prairie Club Board. Two years ago siteholders authorized a committee to provide siteholder input to the lease development process. New leases will be signed in April 2016.

The lease committee has developed a draft proposal of a lease to present to the Prairie Club Board. This draft and additional material were emailed to all siteholders. Printed copies of these packets are available. The committee requests that siteholders familiarize themselves with the material, ask questions, and discuss it.

The lease committee has not yet finalized the section of the proposal regarding insurance requirements. When the proposal is finalized the lease committee plans to have it reviewed by a Michigan lawyer.

Siteholders will vote on the proposal August 8 siteholders meeting. This is an advisory vote as the Prairie Club Board has the authority to issue leases to siteholders. The lease committee plans to have the proposed lease reviewed by a Michigan attorney.

Rich Spurgin moved that the siteholders authorize the expenditure of up to \$2000 of operating funds for review of the proposed lease by a Michigan attorney. Patti Craig seconded. The motion passed.

The siteholders expressed their appreciation of the hard work done by the members of the lease committee: Doug Elrick, Patti Craig, Larry Bergman, Leo Krusack, Nelson Pelletier, Bob Foote, Bill Breach, Barb Burton, Rich Spurgin, Rick Baum. They are especially grateful for the committee's effort to assist the siteholders in understanding the lease, offering 3 opportunities to meet with committee members.

Camp Chair - Rich Spurgin

The camp operating budget for 2015 totals \$93,000. About \$13,000 is supplied by off-grounds fees. The remaining \$80,000 is divided among the sites so each site pays about \$800.

The 2015 budget is about 4% higher than the 2014 budget. Due to a surplus in 2014, the 2015 assessments are lower than the 2014 assessments.

Committee Reports: See Handout for written Committee reports.

Barn – Diana Spurgin & Patti Craig

Thanks for the countless hours of labor that went into outfitting the new kitchen and bathrooms. Patti Craig designed & oversaw the project. Volunteers include Patrick McGuire, Bill Breach, Terri Breach, Larry Bergman, Hilary Critchfield, Rita Dickey, Doug Elrick, Bob Foote, Marsha Foote, Patrick Gilligan, Alex Halfpenny, Brett Halfpenny, Matt Halfpenny, Mike Halfpenny, Derrick Knight, Leo Krusack, Tyler Peterek and Bill Rosenthal.

The kitchen has been supplied with new dishes, pots & pans, knives, etc., and a dishwasher. Use of these instead of disposable supplies will reduce the environmental impact of our events. Rules for kitchen use are posted in the kitchen. Diana Spurgin will maintain the Barn calendar.

Beach and Boats - Larry Bergman - See written report.

Beach Path – Mike Clancy - See written report.

Building and Sites – Nelson Pelletier

Construction on Laurie Kagann's cottage (#130) continues.

Community Relations – Leo Krusack

The Prairie Club and individual members gave a significant portion of the funds required for Chikaming Open Lands to purchase the Krumrie property in Sawyer. This participation has established the Club as a positive force in this community. The property has been named for Prairie Clubber and famed landscape architect Jens Jensen in honor of our contributions.

Conservation - Sharon Lemler - See written report.

Dam/Pond - Patrick Gilligan

The pond is in good order. There is increased surface area due to the removal of weedy islands. A pair of ducks has taken up residency. The frog population seems to be up this year due to wet the spring. Contact Pat if you would like to find out more and to volunteer.

Entertainment - Ellen Elrick

Wonderful programs are planned for you on Saturday nights and some Friday nights this summer. They are listed in the written report. This Friday Willem Lutter will perform. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board seeking volunteers to bring treats and/or write reviews of performances.

Fire Safety - Bob Nielsen

Be able to correctly use the new addresses for calls to emergency responders. The Chikaming Fire Chief is concerned about the narrow roads and sharp turns in the Camp. Please keep these areas clear. See written report.

Fourth of July - Patrick Gilligan

Come to the grills today for dinner at 6 pm. The cost is \$4/person regardless of age. Chicken, hot dogs, and corn-on-the-cob will be provided. The Reading the of the Declaration and singing will be at the Slab followed by a bonfire on the beach. Games at 4 pm at the Junior Clubhouse.

Hazelhurst Highlights – Beth Miller

To reduce the amount of paper wasted on printing copies of the Highlights that siteholders don't take out of their mailbox, the Highlights is now available for pick-up from a box on the Mailhouse bulletin board. Back issues will be available for pick-up inside the Mailhouse. Diana Spurgin is publisher. See written report.

Historical – Patti Craig - See written report.

Junior Activities –

July 25 - Ice Cream Social. Aug 1 - Variety Show

Junior Clubhouse – Joanna Burda-Smith - See written report.

Library – Phyllis Pelletier

The library is open on Mondays, Thursdays, & Saturdays. There are lots of new books. Thanks to the volunteers.

Memorial Service – Janice Johnson.

Celebrate the lives of people we've lost during the year. Service Sunday, August 2, 1 pm at the Barn. Hazelhursters who have died since last summer include Kit Manthey, Janet Calkins, Gwen McKee, Cy Young, and Nancy Miller.

Monday Morning Coffee – Hilary Critchfield

Begin July 6. We now have dishes and a dishwasher in the Barn kitchen for your use. If you use the dishwasher please empty it. Monday morning coffees are at 10 am Michigan time.

Nominations – Patti Craig

The Nominating Committee will meet Saturday, Aug. 1, at 10 am to nominate siteholders for positions on Camp Council. See written report.

Roads – Don Gray - See written report.

Service Hours – Teri Clancy

Committee Chairs: when you report volunteer hours, please include the volunteer's site number as well as their name.

Siteholders are invited to nominate others for volunteer awards. Include descriptions of the jobs the volunteer does. A group will meet July 30 to choose the volunteer of the summer, who will be announced at the August siteholders meeting.

Square Dance – Ellen Elrick

We have found a new caller! The square dance will be on Friday, July 17.

Tennis – Lisa Pratt

Lisa is investigating the cost involved to repair & re-surface the court. She has gotten two estimates, is getting another. She hopes to have selected a proposal to present at the August meeting.

Waste Management – Vern Kits

We are now using Lakeshore Recycling for both trash & recycling. We expect to save at least \$3000.

Recycling every week instead of every other week, as it was in the past. Trash continues twice-weekly pickup. Recycling is picked up on Tuesdays and trash on Tuesdays and Fridays.

PC Facilities

Buena Vista- Paula Flanagan - See written report.

Family Cottage – Carla Klauser - No report

Farmhouse -- Deb McGrath & Barbara Wittersheim - No report

Adjournment:

Rick Krumbacher moved for adjournment at 11:45 pm. Joyce Geary seconded. The siteholders approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Miller