

**THE PRAIRIE CLUB
BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 19, 2017**

Call to Order

President Doug Elrick called the board meeting to order at 6:34 pm via conference call. All members listed below with (p) participated in the teleconference.

Officers: President – Doug Elrick (p) (2018)
1st Vice President – John Manthey (p) (2018)
2nd Vice President – Patricia Craig (p) (2018)
Hazelhurst Camp Chair/Vice President – Larry Bergman (p) (2018)
Spring Grove Camp Chair/Vice President – Erin Kiehm (p) (2018)
Treasurer – Bill Breach (p) (2018)
Recording Secretary – MP McKenzie (p) (2018)

Directors:

Beth Miller (*) (2017)	Jim “Mac” McCarthy (p) (2018)	Hope Little (p) (2019)
Bob Foote (p) (2017)	Patty Ciesla (p) (2018)	Richard B. Spurgin (p) (2019)
Sue Krusack (p) (2017)	Brian Reed (*) (2018)	Charles Calkins (p) (2019)
Mike Halfpenny (p) (2017)	Dan Gapen (p) (2018)	Jean Simmons (p) (2019)

Chairs: Buena Vista - Paula Flanagan (*) and Beverly McBrien (p)
Family Cottage - Carla Klausler (*)
Farmhouse - Deb McGrath (*) & Barb Wittersheim (*)
Membership - Barb Burton Halfpenny (p)
Nominating – Leo Krusack (*)
Conservation – Leo Krusack (*) and Bernie Dahl (*)
Activities - Hope Little (p)
Spring Grove Lodge – Mickey Hanson (*) and Judy Illingworth (p)
Finance - Rich Spurgin

Members: None

Executive Director: Jacquie Dziak (not present)
A quorum was established.

Minutes Approval:

Erin Kiehm moved to approve the 5/17/17 board minutes; Larry Bergman seconded, all in favor, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Breach:

The great news is that we are almost \$27,000 ahead of budget on revenue from Hazelhurst rental properties. Jacquie says some of that is from renters paying early on their reservations. Buena Vista is 100% booked for July and August this year.

We received a \$20,000 donation; there was some question regarding allocation. We confirmed that the gift was intended for Hazelhurst with no further specification, so it has been put to the Hazelhurst Improvement Fund, as per the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Hope Little moved to accept placement of the \$20,000 donation into the HHIF, Rich Spurgin seconded, all in favor, the motion passed.

The Hazelhurst season passes are a little ahead of budget. While we are a little behind on dues that means we are up in collection of late fees. Utilities are almost right on budget in spite of the great variance as they come in. We're a little high on maintenance because we have spent earlier than planned. The assessments for rental properties are currently below budget because some have not yet been billed. Payroll is a little less than budgeted but there are no big variances anywhere.

The bottom line is that we have \$110,000 on hand, but expected \$76,000 at this point in the year, so we are \$35,000 ahead of budget, mostly due to prepaid Hazelhurst rentals. By the end of the year we expect there to be less of a discrepancy between net income and budgeted.

The balance sheet shows \$350,000 cash on hand, that's almost \$27,000 more than last year at this time. We moved that into reserves for our long term liabilities which are the various improvement funds. We are funding these as planned. We have \$167,000 cash balance in reserves. Rich Spurgin pointed out that we have invested \$61,000 in improvements in the past 12 months.

Old Business

Standing Committees

Elections Report – Sue Krusack

The outcome of our recent vote regarding changes to the bylaws is that all 6 changes passed. 250 of 788 members voted, which is about 1/3 of the club membership. That's an excellent turnout for us. Board members Sue Krusack, MP McKenzie and Brian Reed counted the ballots. The results were verified by Jacquie in the office and then the ballots destroyed, as per Roberts Rules of Order.

Membership Committee – Barb Burton

We will hold our annual membership committee meeting in August; there will be a report on that for the September board meeting.

Annual Meeting – Hope Little

Thank you to everyone who helped at our annual meeting June 10th. The food was great, with a very special thank you to Mike Halfpenny for grilling the burgers and hot dogs.

Hope Little and Leo Krusack have volunteered to organize it again next year at Hazelhurst. They are recommending that we meet again the second Saturday in June, which would be June 9, 2018.

New Business

Spring Grove Report – Erin Kiehm

With all the flooding this year, we've taken on a lot of water at the low end of the camp. The trailers are all on gravel pads so they've all survived the floods of 2017.

Buena Vista – Beverly McBrien

We are happy to have rentals at peak for the season. Paula Flanagan has done yeoman's work

making it fresh and great looking. The air conditioning is also making a big difference in rentals this year.

A question was raised about extra cars parking in the circle drive. Beverly confirmed that 2 are allowed. While more will fit, they recommend only 1 car per side be parked overnight; the rest should be in the visitor parking lot so that when you are sitting on the porch you aren't looking at cars.

Beverly will talk to Paula to make sure there are signs up and encouraged any siteholders that see too many cars there to say something to the renters.

Spring Grove Lodge – Judy Illingworth

The rentals are going well this summer. They are still looking for a new groundskeeper.

Reports from Camp & Activity Committees –

(Written reports for the following Committees have been submitted. Unless requested, no discussion required.)

- Hazelhurst Camp – Larry Bergman – No Report
- Spring Grove Camp – Erin Kiehm – No Report
- Membership – Barb Burton – No Applicants to present
- Nominating – Leo Krusack – No Report
- Activities/Walkers – Hope Little – No Report
- Annual Meeting – Hope Little – No Report
- Buena Vista – Paula Flanagan and Beverly McBrien - No Report
- Conservation – Leo Krusack and Bernie Dahl - No Report
- Family Cottage – Carla Klausler - No Report
- Farmhouse – Deb McGrath & Barb Wittersheim - No Report
- Spring Grove Lodge – Mickey Hanson and Judy Illingsworth – No Report

Comments from Board Members:

Doug Elrick announced prospective dates for the 2018 board meeting calendar. We need to let the VFW know our dates in September in order to reserve the meeting room for 2018. Doug will email the dates to the board and if there's a problem we will discuss at the September board meeting.

March 14, May 16, July 18, September 19, October 17, and December 12.

All groups and committees should be putting their 2018 budgets together now so they can be submitted for the September board meeting. We'll vote on final budgets at the October board meeting.

Recent board members Jean Simmons, Dan Gapen and Charles Calkins have not received board notebooks. Doug Elrick will follow up with the office to see that they get them.

Comments from General Membership

None.

Adjournment

Hope Little moved to adjourn, Charles Calkins seconded, all in favor, the motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 20th at the VFW in Villa Park, IL at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MP McKenzie