

**Siteholders' Meeting**  
**July 5, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m. Red Barn**

Call to order by Camp Chair Ellen Elrick

Roll Call: 79 sites were represented

Minutes from the August 11, 2007 Siteholders' Meeting were accepted and approved as read with the proper motions and approvals.

Jeff Murray, our caretaker, spoke to the Siteholders expressing his thanks for the concerns and prayers for his wife Rhonda during her recent illness. Things are at a good news status right now for Rhonda. Jordan Murray, who is now 18, will be filling in for her Mom with the caretaking duties for the summer.

**Treasurers' Reports-**

The Prairie Club Report will be reconciled once all the 2008 bills are accounted for. Tom Meyers takes care of this account.

Hazelhurst- Treasurer Grazyna Wisniowska reported a balance of \$3,085.49 in the current bank account with the Fifth/Third Bank.

**Historical Binder-** Sally Craig spoke about her mom Betty Craig's project making a history binder of all the cottages at Hazelhurst. A work in progress was passed around for any additions or corrections as to the facts and history information Betty has collected. Once the Binder is completed there will be a copy for each cottage. Updates will be sent out when changes or additional information take place. A donation of \$10.00 per book will be asked for. Anyone wishing to donate money for this project may do so by sending a check payable to Betty Craig.

**Prairie Club Facilities-**

Farm House- Margaret Timberg is no longer the chairman, but a new chair has taken over her duties.

Buena Vista- Repairs were made to porch screens, leaky shower doors replaced, new mattresses were purchased, and kitchens have been updated. Rentals are full for the season.

Family Cottages- Rentals are full till Labor Day. New walkways were built. Eco friendly plant donations are requested for landscaping. Plans to put up a recognition plaque regarding the Family Cottage are in the works.

**Committee Reports-**

Beach and Boats- Our Water Front Directors for the season will be returning Willem Lutter and Evan Pletcher. Water Front Directors provide swim and boating lessons for both children and adults. Equipment is available for lessons.

Currently there are more boats than sites on the beach. The lake is rising making our beach a little smaller. Bob Foote asked that the smaller boats be stored higher up on the beach. Boats need to be tied down with the catamarans being tied down facing the lake by something that is heavy and buried. (cement block suggested) Tie downs are to protect boats from the wind not the water.

Buy or sell list for boats. See Bob Foote if you wish to purchase or sell a boat. Put requests in writing. Abandoned boat was sold with the money being donated back to the club, money used for Beach needs.

Bob felt the Beach Bulletin Board should have beach concerns only, because additional notices hide the beach information.

Bonfires need to be extinguished with water and should not be buried with sand.

**Beach Walk-** John Clancy thanked volunteers who put the walk in place. Frank Calkins asked for the ends of the steps to be painted so the steps can be seen clearly.

**Building and Sites-** Don Gray spoke about possible revisions for Rules 13 & 14 of the current Building and Sites Rules. The 26ft width rule does not allow for a creative look and results in a railroad car effect. A revision to this rule would be to use a footprint method to limit the size of cottages. One third of the cottages currently had greater width than the 26ft rule. The average footprint was 1,090 ft. If the footprint rule is accepted 1500 square feet would be the number used for a standard. Ninety percent of the cottages meet this standard now. An important concern is encroachment on neighboring cottages. Don recommended a delay on revising these rules until Siteholders can complete a survey to be handed out at the end of the meeting. In addition Rule # 25 will be included on the survey that deals with Building and Sites considering environmental, aesthetic, and topographic impact of proposed construction.

Two discussion meetings will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn to focus on these rules. July 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the survey to be returned. Results to be presented at the August Siteholders' Meeting.

**Camp Council** - Two rule proposals were discussed concerning boats on the beach and a Dog Access Path to the beach. Camp Council recommended both proposed rules be accepted. 1. Boat owners who are not Siteholders must purchase a season pass to store boats on the beach. 2. Dog owners will be allowed to walk their leashed dogs to the water's edge on a Dog Access Path before 10:00 a.m. from June 1 to October 1. (Rule #2 to be on a trial basis for review at the July 2009 Siteholders' Meeting.)

**Community Relations** - Mike Kozubek reported that the subdivision development on the property that is currently a vineyard has been approved. The number of units to be built

was reduced from the original plans. Nothing has been done to the property so far. Perhaps the economic climate has delayed any building plans. Contact Mike if you want information on Chikaming Meetings you may wish to attend.

**Conservation** - Sharon Lemler passed out a Conservation Committee Report. Work done and future projects include importance on using natural plants native to the dune area. Avoid having top soil delivered that contains unwanted weeds. Suggestions for conservation corners created by Siteholders and conservation areas in the club already in place were named. An area beyond the Red Barn across from the Farm house will be a future project.

Wednesday Morning Learning Labs meet at the Barn, 10:00 to noon.

- July 9 Bird Study
- July 16 Bee keeper

Conservation Speaker will be the Saturday night program on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Foote added that any Ash trees that are disease infected should be burned rather than removed from camp. Check out the website for Ash bore for further information.

**Flea Market** - Cindy Rapp Kilborn, off site season pass holder, will chair this event. Donations can be brought to the Jr. Clubhouse starting today. Food to be sold along with Jr. Clubhouse keys at the Flea Market on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3.

**Grounds & Equipment** - Areas to be addressed include the Flag pole area, Front entrance with possible rebuild of the posts and moving them farther apart. Landscaping is needed around the Mail house and perhaps a split rail fence along the main road bridge. A work party for the clean out of the Jr. Clubhouse and Playfield will be needed near the end of the summer. Contact Patty about areas of concern.

**Entertainment** - Programs are in place with some openings in August. Donations are needed to fund these Saturday night programs.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting to take place in the Barn today at 1:30. Mary White is writing something using memories of the members. July 26<sup>th</sup> will bring these memories to life with a Community Show.

**Fire & Safety**- Signs with our cottage numbers need to be visible per the Fire Department. Sue Tingle will walk the Camp to make sure we are in compliance. She will advise those whose signs need to be more visible.

Fire extinguisher people coming this summer, watch for details on the bulletin board.

**Highlights**- Fran Graef is putting the Highlights together. Sue Tingle can be given articles at her cottage or they can be left in the Mailroom. The paper will come out every two weeks and volunteers are needed to fold the papers.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration-** Activities on the beach begin with Kids games at 4:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. A reading of the Declaration of Independence, Patriotic songs, and a Bonfire to conclude the evening. Volunteers needed to carry items to the beach and to be placed at the picnic table area. Help with cooking and clean up will be needed. There is a sign up sheet for what you wish to bring. Cost: \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 kids.

**Jr. Clubhouse-** Suzanne Dissette reported there have been improvements made at the Clubhouse with games and furniture having been purchased. Clubhouse to be kept locked. Each site can have their own key for the Clubhouse for a charge of \$10.00.

Condo Perks website for online purchasing earned the Jr.s \$75.00 this past year.

Lisa Pratt to organize activities for the Juniors for the month of July. Ice Cream Social will be their final event. Activities are to be posted on Bulletin Boards with sign up sheets.

Joyce Geary is thinking activities to have inside the Clubhouse itself. Volunteer to run an activity through Joyce.

**Library-** Library is open Monday, Thursday, and Saturday with hours posted on the Library door.

Book Group meets on Wednesdays. Anyone is welcome with the books and dates to be posted on the Main Bulletin Board.

**Memorial Service-** Bill Hendren will choose a date for this service. Nine members have passed so far this year.

**Monday Morning Coffee-** July 7<sup>th</sup> to be the first Coffee of the season at 10:00 Michigan time. Dates are filled for this year to host a coffee. Bring your own coffee cup with its story.

**Red Barn-** The Red Barn is available for use by members. Use of the Barn needs to be coordinated thru Carol Gapen. She is to put a calendar on the Bulletin Board with dates the Barn is in use and times when it is free. Monday Morning Coffee, Saturday Night Programs, and special rehearsals have priority over the Barn use.

The upstairs of the Barn still needs to be cleared out, please contact Carol Gapen if you can help.

**Roads-** People need to slow down while driving in camp and observe the 10mph limit. Work committee is needed for erosion problems that will be addressed with a plan that Don Gray suggested. Dune road and the Main road car bridge are the areas to work on first. For any road problems please contact Rick Baum or Megan Hughes.

**Service-** For service hour credit, which is five hours per site or a \$100.00 fee, contact Teri Clancy, the committee chair of area of service, or the Club office. Include what you did, your site number, and the number of volunteer hours.

**Square Dance-** The Dance is to be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Tennis-** Courts are open and ready for use. It has been 13 years since any major work has been done to the Tennis courts. A new paint job is needed. Frank Calkins is to obtain a quote for consideration. Cost could range between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

**Trash-** Two dumpsters are behind the barn now. When they are filled the one dumpster will be removed. Will see if there is a need for a dumpster for the fall. For any large items to be removed call the phone number on one of the garbage cans to make arrangements. The little dumpster is dumped on Mondays. Items to be dumped should be small items.

**Ad hoc-** Recreation area improvements are in need of ideas. Zoe Elrick is the chair for this committee and she will develop a few designs including cost and phase building for the clubhouse and play equipment area. Other members of the committee are: Ann Cilla, Cindy Kilborne, Diane Spurgin, Suzanne Dissette, and Beth Wroblewski.

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**Old Business-** There was a motion On the Table concerning a proposed Dog Path to the Beach. A motion was made to take this off the table and it was moved and seconded. Megan Hughes was the person making this motion. There was some debating as to changing the wording of the motion and clarification. The motion for the Dog Access Path was made by Megan Hughes with Diana Spurgin making a second. The motion was written on the agenda as follows: (Trial Period) Dog owners will be allowed to walk their leashed dogs to the water's edge on a dog access path located along the north edge of the Hazelhurst property before 10:00 a.m. from June 1 to October 1. Off season there will be no time restriction. (This ruling will be re-evaluated at the July 2009 Siteholders' Meeting.) A lengthy discussion followed both for and against such a path with concerns about people picking up after their dogs, the length of a leash, disturbing wild life, where the path was actually located, where the actual water line and public part of the beach is. This is when Jack Shales called for a question and someone did second this. 'Shall the main question now be put?' Ellen Elrick passed out a written ballot for the Dog Path. The ballots were counted and the motion passed.

**Internet Access-** Richard Spurgin is still working on Internet Access with people sharing a service. Ellen Elrick said this should be arranged among individual Siteholders and not at the camp level due to legality issues.

**New Business-** Camp Council recommended a rule proposal for Boat Storage to be considered. There were two parts to this proposal written on the agenda as follows: 18B. For any non-siteholder's boat to be stored on the beach or camp property beyond the owner's period of paid occupancy, the boat owner must purchase a season pass.

18C. The Boat Chairman will determine the maximum number of boats placed on the beach according to the following order: first, siteholders; second, season pass holders; third others.

Patty Craig made the motion as written for 18B, second by Frank Calkins. A discussion followed and Tom Taylor asked if both 18B & 18C could be considered together to save time. Patty Craig amended her motion to include both 18B & 18C. There was a second to this motion. A discussion followed. A concern was raised over the siteholder getting top priority on land owned by the Club. Lloyd Anderson made a motion to amend the priority portion of the proposed rule, Jess Andrews seconded. A discussion followed. Siteholders put more money into Hazelhurst than non-siteholders, it is a tool for the beach chair, some thought to leave 18C out completely. There was a Call to the Question and a second. A vote was taken on Calling the Question to the amendment and approved. Vote taken on the amendment and dropping the priority of order. Motion failed. Then Richard Spurgin made a motion to separate the two proposals. His motion was seconded and approved. A hand count was needed to determine if 18B & 18C should be separated. 25 wanted to separate, 40 wanted them kept together. Proposals to be considered as a whole. Then Frank Calkins Called for a Question for both 18B & 18C. A vote was taken and approved. This proposal will go to the Prairie Club Board for approval.

Frank Dudley Painting- John Clancy originated a concern due to insurance updating about the Frank Dudley painting that is kept in the Hazelhurst Library during the summer months and stored at Dick Spurgin's home in the winter months. There is a need for an appraisal for its value. A former Dudley painting was sold in the past, should this one be sold and the money used for some future projects? Per Dick Spurgin this painting was a gift from the Evans family who built cottage #7 in 1931. The Evans started out at Tremont and knew Dudley. Wishes were for Hazelhurst to have the painting. Appraisal from 2001 was between \$15,000 and \$18,000. Current official thought would be more like \$10,000. Sue Tingle tabled this till the August Siteholders' Meeting. Peggy Luthy seconded. The following people volunteered to be on a committee to look into this issue regarding the Dudley painting, its appraisal, insurance value, and specific projects for the money if the painting is to be sold. Joyce Geary, Marilynn Gorawora, Sally Craig, Dick Spurgin, Tom Taylor, John Clancy. Sally Craig will chair this committee.

-Updates for Green Cottage Binders were handed out.

-Motion to adjourn with a second approved 1:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Rosenthal