

Siteholder Meeting  
August 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Camp Chair Janice Johnson at 10.05 a.m.

Roll Call: 43 sites present 10 proxies

Minutes from the July 4, 2009 Siteholder Meeting were approved as read. (Frank Calkins/Rick Krumbacher) After the minutes were approved, Jeanne North advised that Willem Lutter's name was spelled incorrectly. Correction will be made.

**General Announcements-**

Birchwood Association has asked that we do not allow our children from Hazelhurst to play in the creek/ravine that is on their property. Complaints included removal of clay, critters, and disturbing vegetation.

Defibrillator - The club owned defibrillator is stored at Buena Vista on the main road side of the building from May to October. During the Water Front Director hours the location changes to the beach. Storage off season is at the Farm House. Cell phone range at the beach depends on the cell phone carrier. Some pick up local numbers while others do not. The local authorities advised calling the sheriff's phone number at 269-756-1111. Calling 911 works, but your first contact connects to Chicago who then re-routes the call. Janice Johnson is to have a sign made with phone numbers for emergencies and include the mile marker on the beach to advise our location. This sign will be attached to the life guard stand.

Parking spaces. A reminder that our rules allow each site to have two parking spaces. A temporary third space, if there is room, is permitted with permission from Building and Sites. Long term visitors are to use the parking lot.

Uninvited Visitors. There are people using the beach who do not belong due to lack of membership or not paying Off Grounds Fees. Janice Johnson asked that everyone be more diligent about strangers on the beach. Making polite inquiries of people you do not know was a suggestion. A question was asked about removing unauthorized people? Sally Craig said as a former Life Guard, she removed people by advising this was a private beach. Janice hopes to have a better approach with regard to uninvited visitors next year.

Contract Ad Hoc Committee. This committee is updating the job description for our Caretakers. Findings from the committee will be taken to the Prairie Club Board. No decisions will be made at today's Siteholder Meeting with regard to compensation for the Caretaker. Committee Members are Larry Bergman, Ellen Elrick, Leo Krusack, Marilynn Gorawara, Janice Johnson and Tim Wixted.

**Old Business -**

Dog Path Rule. A motion was made to vote on the proposed rule change for the Dog Path Rule as written. (Frank Calkins/seconded)

Discussion took place with some debate over the wording with regard to going North once at the water's edge. The water's edge is public property. The directions to go North was to

discourage our members from stopping to chat with someone they knew on our beach, since we have a No Dogs on the Beach rule. It was suggested to remove “north of the Prairie Club beach”, portion of the proposed rule. This change could be made and considered minor with a ‘Friendly Amendment’, if accepted by the person who made the motion to vote on the rule as written. Larry Bergman made the motion to leave the direction out of the rule, Frank Calkins accepted the change. Motion was made to amend the change,(Nancy Baum/seconded). The rule was voted on as amended with the minor change and passed by the Siteholders.

Recreation Area. The proposal for the improvements to the area around the Jr. Clubhouse and Tennis Court areas was based on using industrial grade equipment. The costs for such improvements were expensive. Zoe Elrick, Ann Cilla, Joyce Geary, and Jancie Johnson, met and re-evaluated the proposal. The play unit is still OK with some minor repairs. A new swing set is to be purchased, not industrial grade, for an approximate cost of \$1,000.00. This amount has already been budgeted for improvements to this area. The committee wants to improve the area using an affordable plan. Donations for the Recreational Area will be accepted. A work party is needed on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. for the Jr. Clubhouse area to clear bushes and vines that are invading the area.

The Prairie Club Home Companion. This is a cookbook with some recipes from people at Hazelhurst. The book is 70 pages long with 85 to 90 recipes, including some old time favorites. One hundred copies are being printed for \$540.00. Diana Spurgin, who put this cook book together, has order forms for purchasing the cookbooks. Any money made from the sale of these books will go into the Recreational Fund.

Camp Council Report. Issues discussed at the last Camp Council meeting included Beach trespass, grills on patios, and a need for more volunteers.

**New Business -**

Volunteer Hours. This year committees were short of volunteers, hosting Saturday Evening Programs, and Monday Morning Coffees being some examples. Next season there will be a Volunteer Task List posted for those looking for areas to volunteer. The Camp Council voted to change the number of volunteer hours and raise the fee for non-compliance. Volunteer hours from 5 to 7 hours, with the fee going from \$100.00 to \$150.00. A motion was made to accept the increased volunteer hours and fee. (Sue Tingle/Rick Krumbacher) A motion was then made to split the vote and make each a separate vote. (Larry Bergman/Jeanne Fields) Motion was accepted. During a discussion, Committee Chair Reports and volunteer forms we receive from the Club office are the ways our volunteer hours get recorded. Those who have extra hours they wish to donate must specify to the Club Secretary who the donated hours are to go to.

Vote: Hour change from 5 to 7

For	17	
Against	24	Motion failed to pass

Fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00

For	16	
Against	24	Motion failed to pass

Camp Council Members. Nominations for Camp Council for the 2010-2012 term were Rick Krumbacher and Nelson Pelletier. A motion to nominate Doug Elrick was made from the floor. (first/seconded). Motion was approved. Ballots were passed out with instructions to vote for two people. Proxies that named specific candidates were included. Results: Nelson Pelletier and Rich Krumbacher are the new Camp Council Members.

**Committee Reports -**

Doug Elrick reported that the old beach path with the stairs was repaired by a work committee of volunteers. The Foot Bridge boards in need of replacement will be taken care of next.

Monday Morning Coffee. The missing tables were returned, but two fans are now missing. There is money in the coffee fund to purchase new fans if they are not returned. Coffee fund will have money to turn over to the Hazelhurst Treasurer.

Barn. Repairs to the north barn wall to be made by Patrick Gilligan. Unforeseen conditions will determine the job scope. New posters from the past will be framed over the winter and displayed next Spring.

Beach. Store boats so that there is room for everyone.

Historical. Patty Craig needs a list of former Life Guards.

Library. Return your borrowed books.

Trash. Natalie McKelvy reported about a problem with the dumpsters behind the barn. The current trash removal company feels their drivers are at risk due to the messy conditions around the dumpster. The small dumpster is to be used for household trash only. Waste Management, the former trash company used, had no complaints, but their fees for trash were more costly. The decision of whether or not to have any dumpsters behind the barn will be discussed at the next Operating Committee Meeting. Suggestions regarding the dumpster issue should be given to Janice Johnson or Natalie prior to this meeting. (September 5, 2009)

Outdoor BBQ request to be discussed next year at Camp Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Rosenthal