

**Siteholders Meeting
August 14, 2010**

Call to order: 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call: 47 sites were represented

The minutes from the July 3, 2010 were approved with one correction. New siteholder is Linda Heller not Lisa. (Frank Calkins/ Laurie Kagann)

Tim Wixted was acknowledged for taking care of the postal duties in the absence of a caretaker. Tim read a list of 22 mailboxes that need to be emptied out. A sheet was passed for siteholders in attendance to list all names to be assigned to their specific mailboxes so that mail can be distributed with less confusion.

Megan Hughes was thanked for housekeeping duties at the Farmhouse formally done by the caretakers. Sue Krusack and Dawn Bergman were also acknowledged for helping Megan with these duties.

Caretaker- Camp Chair Janice Johnson reported that she and her committee, John Clancy, Tom Luthy, and Marilyn Gorawara, interviewed 5 couples and 1 single candidate for the caretaker position. Qualities the committee looked for in those interviewed included, being between 50 /60 years of age, available to work full time during the busy season with part time duties during the off season, someone who enjoys nature, had people skills, carpentry skills, knowledge of running a tractor/willing to learn this skill, good character, willing to work hard, and able to handle the housekeeping duties associated with the job.

Vern Kits was chosen and offered the position for the Hazelhurst caretakers position. Vern is 51 years old with a degree in business. He has work experience in customer service, home renovation and property management. Most recently he has worked as a handyman in this area of SW Michigan and has an excellent reference from the owner of Pine Garth Inn. He does not own a TV and loves to read. Vern was born in Canada. (After our Siteholders Meeting it was determined that Vern is still a Canadian citizen with a permanent green card status for the U.S.)

The compensation/salary offered and accepted was \$23,000.00/year. Health Insurance is not included.

Janice is expecting the criminal background check on Vern within a few days. All jobs he is expected to do will be included in his salary. Terms of the contract include a performance review in nine months and again at one year by the committee in place. Leo Krusack made a motion to approve Vern Kits as our new caretaker at a salary of \$23,000.00 subject to the background check and Prairie Club Board approval. (Second Beth Wroblewski) The motion was approved.

Siteholders will have an opportunity to meet the new caretaker at the August 28th Operating Committee Meeting and the Monday Morning Coffee Labor Day weekend.

Entrance project- The land survey for the project Gerry Donnelly and Deb Kenny presented at the July 3, 2010 Siteholders Meeting has been completed. Gerry and Deb need to integrate the survey, the initial entrance plan, and feedback from the siteholders into a final plan followed by realistic construction costs. The committee desires to start the project before the July 2011 Siteholders Meeting. A discussion was held on funding the project. We have a potential donor for the project whose gift depends on the final costs for all of the work.

The first step in the project widen the entrance itself. Estimated costs could run between \$10,000 to \$40,000. Ed Millermaier made a motion to allocate \$10,000 for the entrance project from the Camp Improvement Fund. Sue Tingle made a motion to amend Ed's motion to allocate a maximum commitment of \$10,000 for the widening of the entrance, deferring to the Operating Committee if costs are more than the \$10,000 commitment. Ed accepted the amended motion. (second Marilyn Gorawara)

A further discussion was held over the amount of money available from assessments. The balance of the Camp Improvement Fund was unknown at the time of this meeting. It was suggested to allocate next years Camp Improvement Fund for the entrance project as a priority.

A motion was made to take a straw vote for the motion on the floor. (Call for the question. Frank Calkins) The straw vote (due to proxy clarification) for the motion to allocate a maximum of \$10,000 from the Camp Improvement Fund for the widening of the front entrance, deferring if necessary to the Operating Committee if costs are more than the allocated amount. Motion did not pass.

This matter is to be discussed at the Operating Committee Meeting.

Camp Council Nominations- Annette Robinson and Sally Craig's terms on the Camp Council will end this year. Nominees for the 2011/2012 term are Sue Tingle and Randy Williams. A motion was made to accept the slate for 2011/2012 Camp Council terms. (Sally Craig/ Leo Krusack) Motion was approved.

Vice Camp Chairman for the 2011/2012 term will be Penny Anderson.

Dudley Painting- The committee for the Dudley painting has not met this summer. People gave feedback on the painting over the summer to Sally and she asked for additional comments to be sent to her via e-mail. The insurance for the painting has been updated.

Dick Spurgin spoke about the painting and is personally opposed to selling the painting. He suggested short term options for the painting to be stored at the Camp Chairs home

for the winter months, at the Club office, or in the caretaker's residence. Next summer a decision would be made where to securely place the painting.

Further discussion led to a motion to sell the Dudley painting and use the proceeds for Hazelhurst. (Frank Calkins) A suggestion was made to offer the sale to siteholders or to have a silent auction for the painting.

The motion to sell the Dudley painting failed to pass. (Hand vote 19 for selling the painting, 24 against the sale.)

Leo Krusack motioned to find a home for the painting at the Morton Arboretum on a loan basis. Motion was approved.

Committee Reports-

-Beach/Boats- Larry Bergman is looking for the owners of the eight sunfish sail boats on the beach.

Beach hostess- Joycy Geary to report to the Operating Committee about the beach/usage issues. Three new season pass holders paid their fees as a result of the beach usage efforts.

Trash- No air conditioners are to be placed in the large dumpster. The trash company will charge the club \$35.00 for such a disposal. Dehumidifiers and household garbage are not to be placed in the large dumpster.

Roads- The roads are in an improved condition due to regular maintenance and use of materials that allow for better drainage in areas where water ponds up. (Bill Pratt continues to work on the roads.)

Camp Council- Finances of the club were discussed at the Camp Council meeting with regard to assessment usage and expenses. There are still outstanding notes in the amount of \$85,000 which are due in April of 2012. A committee has been formed to be a liaison between Camp Hazelhurst and the Prairie Club Board. The committee will look at the debt obligation and paying the outstanding debt off. Members of the committee are: Rich Spurgin, Layton Olson, and Ed Millermaier.

Monday Morning Coffee- Three more coffees left for the season. Coffee attendance had been between 40 to 60 people every Monday.

Library- Please return borrowed books.

History- E-mail Patty Craig with any information you may have on past lifeguards and caretakers

Treasurer's Report- There is a balance of \$3,750.00 in the Hazelhurst account.

Fourth of July- Ed Millermaier reported collections for the beach meal has a net amount of \$131.42.

Conservation- Work will be done in September on the Garden. English ivy and Bittersweet should be cut from tree trunks.

Highlights- Two more issues to be printed for the season. Fran Graef is investigating a website that would publish the Highlights for a fee of \$15.00. People can post pictures on The Prairie Club/Hazelhurst Face Book site.

Motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Kagann/Frank Calkins.
Meeting adjourned 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Rosenthal