

Camper's Holiday Association
February Business Meeting
February 19, 2009

MEETING OPENED: 10:02 a.m. by President Una Grooms

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & LORD'S PRAYER

ROLL CALL: **Present** – N. Champagne, D. Fleischer, U. Grooms, J. Hawes, S. Ketcham, J. Vleuten, and D. Vogel. Quorum established.

MINUTES: Were approved as mailed to the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was read by Ray Logue – attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Beautification** – Sallie Dunning

There's not too much to report, the hard freeze we had has taken a toll on some plants. I have cut a few back, it is a wait and see situation. I replaced the silk flowers at the gatehouse at a cost of \$31.93. I would like to thank Dot Wolf for the tree planting project that she helped coordinate. Several Slash Pine trees have been planted over in the five acres to eventually replace trees that owners have taken down.

Thank you,
Sallie Dunning

2. **Lot Transfers** – read by Linnea Clayton

There have been three lot transfers – C-07 from Larry & Donna Zacher to William & Hilda Bailey; D-52 from Charles Webb to Lloyd and Loretta Heacock; D-73 from Val Krufft to Maurice and Carol Mallery;

There were three new ones listed – A-17 Jim & Sue Lakins; B-18 Al & Eleanor Barnim; and D-16 Ed & Onalee Lakins.

3. **Troops** – Gail Cleaves

We sent 37 boxes this month. Thanks for all your donations, please keep them coming. If everyone here today had brought just one small bag of goodies, we'd have enough to send many boxes next month. We have depleted our supplies. Please help us with some donations, if you don't want to shop, donate some money and we'd be happy to do the shopping.

Thanks for all you do.

Gail Cleaves

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be March 7, 2009. Spring Fling starts the week of March 8, 2009 and the theme is Mardi Gras. There will be produce at the pavilion at 1:00 today and the craft sale is tomorrow starting at 9:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (Old & New Business)

MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES – Dick Vogel

Our water and sewer are working just fine. We haven't had any problems and I mentioned the other day and I want to say it again, I want to give everybody in this place a big thank you for letting your water trickle during the very cold nights. We didn't have one single pipe bust and it's all thanks to you guys, keep a little bit of water running and it keeps things from freezing and breaking. I just found out this morning that the well which we are using to keep our pool heated has gone dry. The water in the ground is 72 degrees and what we do is take the water from the ground and it circulates around the water that's in the pool and we warm the water in the pool with the water from the ground. That means that it is constantly circulating, it comes out and goes into a different well and then through the heaters. From all the usage that we have and the extremely dry conditions, that well went dry. Fortunately, we are going to have three cold days anyway so this morning we turned off the pool heaters in an effort to build up the water down in those wells. If we can't get it to recover, we will have to have someone come in and drill it deeper again and get more water. In these dry conditions things that don't ordinarily happen – happen. Hopefully after these three days we will have enough to turn them back on.

Thank you
Dick Vogel

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Skip Ketcham

Once again, I'm sure everyone is familiar with the problems down at the Pavilion and we are working on getting that taken care of. This dry condition that we are in now, we are in extreme fire danger. We are red flagged all around this county. We haven't had any significant rains in here for about four years. The usual thunderstorms that we get here in the summer just haven't happened lately. This is why our water table has dropped so much. With the wind blowing the way it has been, everyone needs to be extremely careful out there.

We have to get back to what was mentioned in workshop about the speeders in here. We had an incident up at the gatehouse the day before yesterday. Someone came through the gate so fast and around the corner that they almost ran over someone standing over by the garden. The speed limit is 10 miles an hour and we have repeat offenders, keep an eye on your speedometer.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Ketcham

Comment from Una Grooms: Thank you Skip and I do want to add, the gentleman who was almost hit, tripped and fell down and his wife had to go get the car to get him back home. He is up walking around with a walker and doing much better today.

Comment from Dave Fleischer: Not only do the drivers need to be careful and considerate; but also, the walkers and golf cart drivers need to be careful as well. It is a very dangerous area around there especially around 3:00 in the afternoon. People are coming back into the park, lots of people go up to check the mail. Just PLEASE be aware of what is happening around you. If you see a car with their backup lights on be prepared for them to start moving. As everyone knows, there are blind spots.

Question from Norma Champagne: Was it an owner in the park that was speeding or was it a delivery driver or guest?

Response: It was an owner in the park coming through the gate.

LAUNDRIES & TREE PERMITS – Jim Hawes

Laundries: I made three collections this month - \$518.75, \$238.50 and \$648.25 for a total of \$1,405.53.

Trees: Permits were issued for tree removal were C-26, B-36, D-56, A-61, D-14, B-02, C-11, B-19, C-51, C-23, C-07, and D-12

Thank you
Jim Hawes

STANDARDS – John Vleuten

There were four lots inspected for sale:

A-17
B-18

D-16
D-52

There were 13 permits issued:

A-13 – Driveway Pavers
A-26 – Replace windows
A-43 – Sidewalk Pavers
B-28 – Room Addition
B-58 – Driveway Pavers
C-07 – Used 35' trailer & 100 amp service

C-20 – Replace windows
C-52 – Repair carport
C-67 – Gravel driveway
D-24 – Driveway pavers
D-61 – repair shed
D-65 – repair shed
D-73 – driveway pavers and new shed

Respectfully submitted,
John Vleuten

FINANCE – Dave Fleischer

Comment on the last three years – our bottom line 12/31/05 was \$180,550.17 and as of 12/31/08 is \$502,785.89 that is our net worth. It has increased tremendously over the past three years and I think that we are doing well. We have certainly advanced in what we spend and what we take in. We have somewhere around a \$300,000 increase in our net worth. I have been proud to serve the community and this will be my last report.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Fleischer, Finance Chairman

Comment from Dick Vogel: I think a reason we have gotten so strong financially is because of all the wonderful volunteers that we have here. If it weren't for each and every one of you we wouldn't be as financially strong. We thank all of you.

RENTALS & STORAGE – Norma Champagne

On the storage I gave three pink slips to C-43, D-29 and D-47 and they were all for personal reasons. The renewals for storage area, this year has been a mixed situation. I had one person that wasn't too cooperative but we won't go into that. I renewed D-45 on spot 7; Chuck and Mary Lou from D-47 have spot 14; and I had a new storage spot that I was lucky to be able to give out to the new owners of lot D-52 Lloyd and Loretta Heacock and they have spot 27. I want to thank everyone for helping me with their storage permits. I also want to thank everyone for being cooperative with me. I want thank everyone for giving me a chance to be up here and I hope I can continue, if not, the best of luck to everyone.

Norma Champagne

SPECIAL PROJECTS – Una Grooms

All the insurance premiums are up to date. As far as advertising is concerned, there are no new items being brought up. However, I would like to quote from a letter I received from a camper: "We spent two nights at the campfire area and in that short time knew there were two "sides" fighting about the park. Morning coffee was the same way and we only went once. Campers do not need to hear about the problems the condo owners are having with each other and that was the main topic of conversation".

This is not very good advertising for our campground – don't you agree?

Respectfully submitted,
Una Grooms

PRESIDENT COMMENTS – Una Grooms

A quote from Leo Buscaglia, Ph. D.:

“Of all the living creatures in our world, only humans accumulate problems and wear them like a yoke around their necks. Some of us even have a remarkable facility for embracing the frustrations of others. We love making other people’s frustrations ours! As if our own were not enough!

There is no question that conflict does darken the world around us, and it is entirely human to recognize and try to avoid it. But in meeting conflict, we need to understand that the process doesn’t end once we solve a problem, there will be more ahead. The positive aspect of this is that in those experiences there also exists great potential for growth.”

I certainly hope that whoever is elected to the Board will do their best to create and preserve harmony and keep this park as the lovely place it always has been.

Respectfully submitted,
Una Grooms

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

Comments from the Duane Girard: At the workshop on Monday I asked some questions that I was expecting answers to and I didn’t hear anything, so I will ask them again.

Question from Duane Girard: The first was the use of the five acres by a tree cutting company to dump trees that they cut down for owners and as part of that about the lack of a locking entrance to the five acres.

Response from Skip Ketcham: No one will be dumping trees over there anymore and we are getting a gate fixed up over there with a pad lock and it will be done.

Question from Duane Girard: We also spoke about someone coming in after hours tailgating someone else that came in. Has anything been done about that.

Response from Linnea Clayton: I explained at the workshop, there is nothing that we can do about that. Once the front of that second car goes over the sensor box in the driveway, that gate is going to stay open. That is one of the features of this gate system.

Question from Duane Girard: Why does the gate stay up so long?

Response from Linnea Clayton: We tried adjusting the amount of time before the gate comes down and if I’m not mistaken it almost came down on Don Fish’s car. It is set to the safest closing time that it can be.

Comment from Duane Girard: I’ve seen cars come through and they are down beyond the birdbath before the gate closed.

Comment from Linnea Clayton: That just tells you that they are going too fast.

Question from Duane Girard: About the camper that was on 54 that is now on 56, I’ve been told that he is leaving is that correct?

Response from Una Grooms: Yes, that is correct, he is buying a house down the road and will be closing within the next month.

Comment from John Nuckles: Mr. Vogel was talking about the well going dry, which well was it?

Comment from Dick Vogel: That is the pool well, that the water circulates through. There are two wells, there is one for supply and the other is the return. The supply went dry. A few years ago we had to have it drilled deeper and it looks like we are going to have to do that again. We are in very dry conditions. Hopefully we may get through this and won’t have to.

Comment from Jackie Swansey: I was walking Brandy the other night and had a flash light and there was a cart coming towards me and there was a white or light gray SUV riding side-by-side with the cart and then just sped up and if I hadn’t jumped out of the way, he would have hit me and my dog. So, yes there are residents in this park that DO NOT mind speeding and going over the 10 mile per hour limit. I have also seen that up at the gatehouse where they have come barreling right through the gate. I’m so glad that that man was not seriously hurt.

Comment from Mary Elmer: I am still sending sympathy and get well cards. If you know of anybody that needs one leave me a message if I’m not home and I’ll get one out to them.

Comment from Gail Cleaves: I worked at the gatehouse for almost four years and I put several notices in the owners boxes that said "YOU HAVE TO SLOW DOWN" and the only thing I got for it was dirty looks. That is not right, the law is the law and it applies to every one of us, not just a select few that think they can do what they want to do. I sit on my porch and I see them and I yell at them and the only thing I get is a dirty look.

Comment from Bob Tanner: What kind of condition is the well that we get our house water from?

Response from Dick Vogel: Our domestic water system is fine. Those wells are 180' and the other is 270', they are very deep and at this point we are o.k.

Comment from Bob Tanner: People are watering their yards all the time, there were a couple down there the other night that were watering more of the road than they were their yards. If people keep doing that we will run out of water.

Comment from Dick Vogel: If it came to that we'd have to make a lot of changes.

Comment from Bob Tanner: Maybe we ought to do something about it now before we get into trouble.

Comment from Duane Cleaves: Before I got done on the board I had Mr. Kraft come in and he takes care of our well over here when we need him. He said it is being "over taxed" and it is over 100' low and when he came the second time, it was 120' lower than what it should be. We are using it up and it's not coming back.

Comment from Skip Ketcham: Maybe we need to decide if we want drinking water or green grass.

Comment from Sue Flanagan: I was just wondering if there was a status update on the wi-fi from Monday?

Response from Linnea Clayton: I've placed a call to the company we bought the equipment from to see about having warranty work done on the antenna at the pavilion and I still haven't heard back from them yet. Other than that, it seems to be working fine.

Comment from Donna Norris: If DEP and Swiftmud say that our water level is fine and we are not going to run out of water, then why would the well man say it's not, because both of our wells are deep in the aquifer?

Response from Duane Cleaves: The levels in the wells have dropped 120' down from where they were.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by President Una Grooms

Linnea Clayton, LCAM
Secretary