

PRAIRIE HAVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 6, 2023

The Prairie Haven Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., August 6, 2023, in the Club Pavilion.

Board Members in attendance: Diane F., President, Nancy J., Vice President, Dee W., Treasurer, John C., Secretary, Alice T., Director, Jerry H., Director, Gayln G. Director.

John C. motioned for the July minutes to be approved waiving a reading. Seconded by Jerry and passed by the board.

Diane F. introduced new faces on the Board. Nancy J. will be serving out the remainder of Mike S. term as Vice President. Danny C. has resigned his position to see family living cross country. Gayln G. was appointed by the Board to serve out his remaining term of this year and next year.

Diane F. stated they had a great time on their vacation and expressed thanks to all those who stepped up during her absence. (Note: At the working meeting August 5, 2023, board members approved covering Alice T.'s electric fees for July and August in compensation for her work filling the paid position of cleaning while Diane was gone.)

Gayln G. introduced himself to the members saying he was on the board as VP and served one year and is happy to serve again. He hopes to get improvements going again. His point of view is safety first and secondly the aesthetics of places seeing Troy work hard on that. He wants to have a plan for the cabins and is available living 45 minutes from camp if there is a need and is glad to help. He also stated he is probably not the one to come to with people issues.

Dee W. presented the club's financials and presented copies of the statements to those in attendance. The report is in collapsed form to conserve paper. AANR membership is off and she will analyze. Dave asked for an activities budget and although it is \$1500 it shows up as \$750 but will show correctly at the end of year.

She has talked to Vicki B. about TAT (Trav-A-Tans) Fund money. It is a fund set in reserve at \$80 per membership and will resolve by end of month. The TAT Board is Vicki, Larry, and Jack. Larry said they are looking to move that reserve into interest bearing accounts and Dee advised to make sure those funds are visible to the Treasurer as we currently do not have online viewing since the bank changed its online system. Larry assured all that it would be. Floor discussion expressed that the best rates are through online banks but good to do business locally and Topeka could be considered local as well. The TAT Board is shopping and were encouraged to see if local banks would be willing to match those online rates and negotiate to get the best rates.

Alice T. thanked all the people who helped her with camp cleaning including Dan and Tish, Steve and Sharon, Julie and Karmen. She advised that she purchased an electric pressure washer available to camp just make sure the water is connected and on before using as they can burn up easily.

Old Business:

Remember that at the September Board meeting nominations for the ballot will be accepted and finalized. Floor nominations and Proxy voting are still under consideration moving forward.

Leases will be going out with dues and lot rent next April.

New Business:

Alice presented the need for improvements, electrical updates, pest control, the clubhouse, Oasis screens, etc. and proposed a \$50 increase to membership fees and a \$50 increase to lot fees.

Dee suggested using the TAT fund and making a list and use some of that money. It was explained that the TAT Fund is meant for large capital improvements. This balance is listed on the budget.

Alice motioned that for the 2024 season the membership fees be increased \$50, and the lot fees increased \$50. John C. seconded and the motion passed.

Larry suggested from the floor that we revisit the 3 visit per year rule. It was discussed that we have to watch our income from non-member sources that could impact our non-profit status. Vicki mentioned that visitor income is nice, but membership dues keep us here.

Gayln G. stated that when that gate opens, he wants it to look like Oz and people will say how nice it is and hoping that is what his role will be to get things looking fantastic and then possibly raise visitor rates. This is our break from the real world, but we need to get things safe first. Larry added that he caught 15 rats, not mice, but rats and we need to let the pest control company know.

Dee added that if you go to the government website on Non-profits it will indicate the number for revenue from members versus outside membership. We are a 501(c)7.

Jim attended the AANR Midwest Region Convention at Turtle Creek. He won a big towel there and reported that AANR offers matching grants and college funds which people have benefitted from. He suggested having a PH banner to identify us at these conventions. Next year it is at Fern Hills in Indiana and there is no cost to attend. He investigated the increased attendance at other camps and said it was due to a variety of activities such as Poker Runs.

Diane mentioned that our membership is up. Visitors are down but getting back to where it was but our members have not been as active.

Dee added that on the balance sheet you can see the hot tub loan from AANR so these do work for us as well as AANR sending us so much money every year for advertising that to her knowledge has not been used.

Jerry mentioned that a lot of clubs offer discounts to visitors with an AANR membership. As AANR members all can log into their website and see your AANR Profile and benefits.

Les reminded us all to shower before using the pool. It is affecting the filter and as learned from other clubs, mascara and make up affect the filters.

John C. stated that we have 506 shares out with 9 shares transferred and 1 new share issued. He welcomed new members John H. and Sue H. sharing that there are 4-5 applications pending necessary steps to complete.

He also reminded us that the October elections are coming fast. Nominations will be taken at the September board meeting and the ballot will be finalized at that time. Those currently running for open positions are:

Nancy (Larry) for Vice President
Sharon (Steve) for Treasurer
Terry (Vicki) for Director

Transfer forms for property and shares can be found in the office and will be available on our website for download. Email completed forms to prairiebod@hotmail.com or leave for John in the office.

Troy reported to check the camp project sign and Facebook page.

Mike took time and trimmed the trails.

Toby goes back to the sewer pits and weed whips which is not easy work.

Les is spraying rocks and killing weeds.

Gayln repaired the north shower door frames and new shower handles are in.

Everybody has been jumping in and doing things. Thank you!

Recycling is going great and at the end of the season we should have a couple of hundred pounds of cans and this has cleared up the dumpsters.

Tree service is walking around camp to develop a quote for roads, poles, and lots. If you have a need for tree trimming on your lot let Troy know. We will not be doing this until we close the camp so if you have needs on your lot, you will have to move your rig.

The hot tub heater is working but chances are that the heat exchanger damage will be determined to be caused by leaks and a chemical imbalance and likely will not be covered by warranty.

Gravel will be out Monday or Tuesday laying out gravel on the roads. Make sure vehicles are off the road.

Troy is putting together a camp closure timeline.

Michelle reported Christmas in July was a lot of fun and thanked all for their help including Karmen and The Grinch.

Upcoming 5K in September. Run/Walk/or Help. Also, the Highland Games, Beer Tasting, Corned Beef and Cabbage. Bring your favorite beer to share.

Alice T. motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jerry H. and passed by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Board Member and Staff Reports

President Diane

Vice President Nancy

Treasurer Dee

Secretary John

Alice T. Director

Jerry H. Director

Gayln G. Director

Member Reports

Troy, Maintenance

Jim, AANR Convention