

PRAIRIE HAVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 3, 2023

The Prairie Haven Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., September 3, 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, Gayln G. Director.

Diane F. thanked Patti and Dark for their hosting of the Drag Races. She thanked Dave and Julie and crew for hosting the Potluck and thanked Vana and Randy for hosting the Glow Dance.

John C. asked for the August minutes to be approved waiving a reading. Motioned by Alice, seconded by Nancy and passed by the board.

John C., as stated in the last board meeting, asked for nominations from the floor for the open board positions after announcing that the three nominees that had posted through the white board were:

For Vice President	Nancy (Larry)
For Treasurer	Sharon (Steve)
For 3yr Director	Terry (Vicki)

These candidates have accepted their nominations and no additional nominations were made from the floor finalizing the candidates for the October Ballot.

Discussion ensued regarding the practice of floor nominations and write in candidates and clarification on the election process was requested. It was noted that discussion on this topic had been invited by the board over the last three months.

Diane F. reminded us that this is supposed to be a place to relax and enjoy and not be political.

Sharon (Steve) observed that floor nominations still existed but the date by which to make them was all that was changing.

Vicki (Virgil) asked if we planned on codifying this election process because if not it could change every year with a board vote.

It was also commented that setting a September board meeting date would provide people a chance to meet the candidates and that floor nominations at the annual meeting were based on tradition and there was nothing written about them in the By-Laws or PSRs.

It was decided that an item would be added to the ballot to ask the members if they wanted to amend the By-Laws to include specific dates for the acceptance of floor nominations and finalizing the ballot before being mailed out for votes. If not approved, the board would still have the authority to determine when to accept floor nominations.

John C. continued with his report of 507 total shares issued to date with 42 transfers and two new shares issued in the month of August. New members for August include Misty and Scott A., Sue and John H., Jodi and Stuart J., and also Lori and Mike.

Dee gave the Treasurer's report informing us that there were some issues with AANR membership cards and a few were not sent out yet. If you have not received yours, please talk to Dee as the Treasurers have always been in charge of that.

Last meeting Vicki asked if the TAT Trust payments per member were up to date. Dee is going to be sending that out but would like the TAT Trustees to shed light on any changes.

Larry said \$49,500 had been moved to interest bearing CDs with \$20,551 remaining in the account if needed to minimize any penalties for early withdrawal in the form of interest (not principle) penalties. The balance of the Trust overall is \$85,826.68.

Dee said that they would need to break that down as interest earned must be posted and she would get with Larry to discuss.

Alice suggested that the Trustees consider moving more into interest bearing CDs since there was no penalty on principle for early withdrawal and Dee said she would like to see a little remain in the checking account.

Larry said that in February 2024 they will look at either rolling the maturing CDs over or place in savings.

Connie (Paul) asked who is on the Board of Trustees for the TAT(Trav-A-Tans) Trust. They are Jack (Pam), Larry (Marilyn), and Vicki (Virgil) and are appointed by the PH Board of Directors.

Sharon spoke about the auction and thanked everyone who participated. Comments on FB were very positive, and people enjoyed the different options to place and win bids. We had a member step up with a recent donation to put the total near last year's record and the total exceeded \$13,000. Put this on your calendar for next year.

Dee expressed her apologies for not being as active since losing her husband saying she is working now.

The members expressed their thanks for the excellent job she does and all she had done for camp.

Nancy said she has posted on FB our need for applicants to the paid positions here at camp. It would be nice to keep this inside camp membership. Diane shared that she had gone internally as well as posting on some work camp sites. A lot of people are going back to regular jobs and there just aren't as many people out there.

Donna asked what it costs to advertise in AANR since some members may be concerned about non-members coming to camp and Diane said she would look at a Non-Disclosure Agreement to use for these positions.

#### Old Business:

Jim wanted to correct his comments at the last meeting regarding costs for attending the AANR conferences. There is an associated cost for attendance.

#### New Business:

Alice stated that the pools and hot tub need new covers and that safety covers for the pools would cost \$5-7,000. Alice motioned to approve that amount and John seconded. Discussion included if this was a

known issue, and it was explained that the covers had basically disintegrated when removed this Spring. Dee said there are always things she budgets that are not used and we can move that. Tony asked if the price included installation and Diane said yes. Troy added that the hot tub cover is a two-fer with a canopy that can be relocated and used to provide shade for events around camp.

John called for a vote and the motion was passed by the Board.

Galyn said he had a long list but started by thanking Troy for all he is doing and that they are putting together an inventory list of items we should keep on hand. The Tornado shelter is not burrowed in and if you want to use it you can, but the best bet is hunkering down in a gully or depression.

He made an assessment of the camp buildings and listed the needs of the

- Oasis (deck repairs, siding, porch, gutter guards)

- Haven (deck work)

- Turtle Cove (siding, interior, trip hazards, and could consider gutting or selling)

- Bungalow (holes in floor, hot water horror room)

These are not a reflection on maintenance but just the way it is.

During the auction he took a measurement of the roof area of the Pavilion and recorded 133 degrees inside the rafters and 150 on the ceiling. We need to put in vents and reverse the direction of the fans to remove the hot air.

Only one side of the mobile unit is being used and he is discussing ideas with Larry (Nancy).

He said he once brought a proposal to replace the clubhouse for \$130,000. That would probably be over \$250,000 today. Terry is helping him and they are looking at new ceilings, floors and walls. There is a lot of work to be done.

He said all he needs is \$20,000 and is making that request. He will buy materials and submit receipts for reimbursement.

Dee added that in 2018 there was talk about opening the wall in the Pavilion and putting the kitchen in here but not sure.

Galyn emphasized that the priority is to get the cabins done by next spring. The office has my number if anyone needs to contact him. We are also doing an analysis of the electrical service in camp.

Terry said the pole is 400 amps and the idea was to do the visitor area with 90% of the items having been purchased and with the pole in place what has been purchased is ready to install.

Galyn also reminded us all that driving with no lights is not cool and that the no smoking rules includes electronic. If you see something say something.

He motioned for the \$20,000 budget which was seconded by Alice and approved by the Board.

He added that we are pushing for everyone to maintain their property on camp encouraging power washing by Memorial Day and if anyone needs help to reach out.

Connie asked if we could look at the sound system in the Pavilion. Donna added that we need more surround sound and to update microphones. She asked what the plan was for shutting down camp.

Diane said that Jeff and Mary have recently purchased a house and will not be on camp throughout the year. The North camp will be left open as it has been for the off season.

Donna suggested that visiting members during the off season could do a walk around camp. Diane responded that Jeffry Lydon had previously been contracted to check meters and drive around camp and would give a report to Diane each week for which he was paid \$25/week. He is not a nudist but loves this place and has been asked to do it again and we are waiting for his response. Vana said that it is nice to have volunteers but someone consistent is nice too. Diane said if you are a member and out here you should be doing a drive through of camp.

The activity pool liner needs to be replaced next spring. For things like that a lot of members have made donations in the past. Instead of asking for money all the time we have events like the Annual Auction. If we want to maintain we need to begin fixing things.

Also, Diane shared that we went over budget for the gravel, which looks great, but that she approved the overage without consulting the rest of the board and wanted to make that known to everyone and apologized.

Dee added that we have had a terrible time with electric meters with some running backwards and others skyrocketing. Troy added that if you know any specific meters to let him know.

Alice announced that this would be her last board meeting and thanked everyone for their support.

Troy let everyone know that sadly Les had passed away. He did a ton around camp most recently caring for the pools and hot tub. Members will be notified about his memorial service.

Troy announced that aluminum can collection will stop at the Halloween Party weekend. If you want gravel on your lot let him know. The cost is \$35 a bucket.

He reminded us that 6 weeks from now camp will close. We are not doing any brush burning due to the dry conditions. Please do not cut or trim branches or brush unless it is an emergency. A tree service is coming out to put together a bid for trimming around power lines, roadways, and common areas. If you have a need on your lot come see me by 1pm tomorrow.

The pool pump has been repaired and the pool is running and as mentioned the activity pool liner needs to be replaced.

He added that camp projects are being completed and thanked Dark for resetting all the screws around the pool deck and that we need volunteers to replace boards and restrain the deck. Ron and Nancy sprayed all the lounge chairs and decks. If items are left overnight, you can find them in the lost and found.

He said brush removal at the lagoon is a project and thanked Toby for weed whipping that entire area earlier, but it needs to be knocked down again.

He confirmed that we do have a problem with electricity. Four certified electricians have all said that we need to replace the boxes.

With camp closing in 6 weeks, Troy will be working on a schedule and will post that as well as email it out.

Alice T. motioned to adjourn, seconded by John C. and passed by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

#### Board Member and Staff Reports

President Diane

Vice President Nancy

Treasurer Dee

Secretary John

Alice T. Director

Gayln G. Director

Member Reports

Troy, Maintenance