

Lake Sawyer Community Club

Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting, 2-9-11, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President, Joe May. Joe began by acknowledging the contributions of the board members and other volunteers, and recapped the events of the year & clubhouse rental events.

Treasurer's report:

Alf distributed a copy of the annual financial report (attached) and commented on a few of the line items. The club is in a good financial position at the current time.

Everyone enjoyed the slide show of events throughout the past year, while Joe provided some commentary.

Joe opened the floor for nominations

Treasurer: Jeff Merrill was nominated by Monica Stewart, seconded by Sue Sherer

Secretary: Sue Sherer is willing to continue in the position

VP: Sheila Hoefig was nominated by Cindy Wheeler, seconded by Janie Edelman

Prez: Alan Gangl was nominated by Mike Ward, seconded by Glennis

Trustees:

Pos 1: Steve Frank was nominated by Joe May, sec by Sue Sherer

Pos 3: Kurt Kolesza was nominated by Alan Gangl, sec by Gary Mitts

Pos 4: Renee Brealey was nominated by Ms. Merrill, sec by Jeff Merrill

Pos 5: Traditionally, this position is offered to the outgoing President. Joe will talk to Julie Earley about filling the one-year term, but Joe will take it if she isn't willing

The slate was unanimously elected.

The Weir

Liability and history

Mike Cline, Weirmaster, gave a brief history of the events involving the weir. In the 50s, Vern Cole Realty lowered the lake level in order to develop the "boot" in to home. There was a lawsuit that required the realtor to build the weir and fish ladder in order to maintain the level of the lake. There have been conversations about lowering the lake in the winter to create a reserve space against flooding. When Mike was club pres, he and several other members made some repairs to the weir with funding from Surface Water Mgmt. Testing revealed that there has always been some subterranean leakage, and that is of some concern. The big question today is who is responsible to maintain and repair the weir, because the original lawsuit did not address this concern. The property lines on the creek go to the center of the creek, so the weir is located on private property.

There was discussion from the floor with ideas and concerns. The question remains as to what municipal authority should be contacted with the concerns of the lake residents relating to the weir.

Surface Water Runoff

Bob Rothschilds

Concern is to preserve the usability of the lake for future generations. Our water quality is currently stable, though not great. There is a lot of flow through the lake. We monitor the water quality at least monthly, volunteers taking samples, taking them to the county for testing. Bob explained how storms effect the phosphorus levels in the lake, which contribute to the algae blooms.

There are approximately 6,500 residences and many large box style commercial developments proposed to come into Black Diamond. Community action groups have made a difference in the impact these developments will have on the area. If anyone is passionate about topics relating to the development, please step forward to speak at the public hearings – each person's time may be limited, so the more who get involved, the better. Cindy Wheeler encouraged everyone to contact the city people to voice their concerns and get them to get some independent experts to give opinions as well.

There is action in the state legislature to loosen the restrictions on retention ponds for storm water runoff. Jay Rodney is sponsoring the bill. The \$13 per month charge each lot pays to the City goes to cleaning out the storm drains so the runoff can be kept within certain guidelines. Suggestion was made to contact the legislators and express our concern.

The floor

Jeff Merrill

The clubhouse floor had an inspection several years ago, which resulted in a pest treatment to kill termites, etc. We had another inspection done this year and Jeff showed a slide show using the pictures taken by the inspector. He also created a map showing 28 separate areas of concern in the sub floor and crawl space, complete with a legend explaining the deficiencies in each area. Some repairs can be done with a work party, but some will require professional repairs.

Jeff asked that members who are qualified submit a bid for the repairs. Though we do not have a timeline right now, bidders are encouraged to put something together soon.

Good of the Order/Members Comments

Ideas: New ideas for social events?

Community building events so we can get to know our neighbors better and stand together to preserve the lake.

Boat launch repairs are on hold – the city has not spent the money from the parking and tickets on anything in the boat launch park. There is supposed to be a repair done this summer.

Adjourned at 8:45