

**Lake Sawyer Community Club
Board Meeting March 12, 2013**

The meeting came to order at the Fish house at 7:10. Present were Jeff Merrill, Bruce Earley, Anthony Martinez, Sue Fish, Steve Frank and Cheri Merrill. Absent were Alan Gangl, Sue Sherer, Monica Stewart and Gary Henrich.

Since it was the first meeting with the new board, introductions were made for each member present.

Minutes from the February 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Upon Request

Membership-we currently have 81 members, which is 41% of our goal. We are going to note in our next newsletter, the member that is the very first to sign up. Per Jeff, this person has been the first for several years in a row.

Sue Fish introduced the **membership packet** for new members and asked the board members to let her know when they find out about people moving on the lake. Steve got a call from someone asking if they had to be an owner to be a member. We discussed **amending the by-laws** for those that rent. Current bylaws say that they can join with a minimal membership fee and have no voting privileges.

Old Business

Fireworks Fundraising-Steve asked how the board wanted to choose where to collect for fireworks. Anthony and Steve said they would collect anywhere; Sue Fish, Cheri Merrill and Bruce Earley prefer their own neighborhoods. Steve suggested the buddy system and he will be sending out assignments in the near future.

Cheri mentioned that on Lake Meridian, those donating to the fireworks receive flags that they display. We have discussed that in previous years and Cheri will find out more information for our next meeting.

Annual Meeting Review-We had about 40 people attend the meeting. We discussed trying to find an overhead projector so any type of presentation could be seen better. We determined that Friday night may not be the best time for a meeting and will try to go back to a week night next year.

Clubhouse Rental Activity-Steve is now handling the management duties. We had a rental last weekend-a surprise birthday party and two new prospects for wedding receptions in July and August. Rizmic is not renewing their Thursday

night lease. In an effort to continue to grow our rental business, we determined that we need to find out how people find us for their rentals. Sue Fish suggested sending out a survey after they have rented to get feedback. She will create a survey for the next meeting. Cheri suggested that we create a flyer about the facility that is posted on the property and she will work on this for our next meeting. We discussed working with Rooters to partner with them on catering. Bruce mentioned there were always new churches in need of places for services and gatherings; and we brainstormed how to find people looking for church space.

Clubhouse Yard Maintenance-Steve-Gabriel Gonzalez will be performing our maintenance this year; with Steve Frank or Gabriel's parents supervising him.

Easter Egg Hunt-Steve-We will be at the LS Park at 9 am for set up on March 30. Saturday, March 16 from 11-2 anyone who can join Monica at the Clubhouse to stuff eggs is welcome. Steve will coordinate packing up tables and supplies from the clubhouse on the Friday before the hunt because the MVS is using the clubhouse Saturday morning. Bring shovels and a fold up tent to cover the tables in the event of rain. Bruce will ask Julie Earley if she could go shopping for toys for next year the day after Easter.

New Business

Spring Cleanup-this is set for May 4th. Anthony Martinez will lead the activity and Steve will assist.

Fourth of July-we discussed the logistics of getting the raft out of the water on the morning of the 5th of July; instead of doing it after the festivities on the 4th. We will be purchasing safety lights for the raft since it will be out in the water all night; and additional tow ropes.

April Newsletter-

Annual Meeting Review-Sue Fish

First member to join-Sue Fish

Clubhouse-Monica

Easter Egg Hunt-Monica

Letter from the President-Steve

Spring Cleanup-Anthony

4th of July announcement with "save the date" for the fun run on June 29th.

Deadline for articles to Monica is March 30. We'll plan to publish between April 8-10.

Donations-Bruce wondered if donating to the fireworks is tax deductible; or if the membership fee is tax deductible. We knew it had been brought up previously but tabled to ask Sue Sherer at the next meeting.

Bruce Earley is a member of a **rowing club** that is looking for more rowing opportunities. He wondered about partnering with the community club; and possibly Sunrise Resort. Launching can't be done from the public boat launch; Steve will introduce Bruce to the Sunrise Resort personnel.

The next meeting will be April 8 at Steve Frank's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.