

Gem Lakes Recreation Association Board of Directors October 9, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The Gem Lakes Recreation Association Board of Directors met on the morning of Saturday, October 9, 8:00 a.m. at the Pavilion.

Present:

Buddy Brinkley, Gary Bunker, Scott Flickinger, Gary Marozas, Vicki Murray, Dennis Saylor, Ed Seufert, and Johnny Spears.

Minutes:

The minutes from the September board meeting were approved without correction. A discussion ensued regarding "internet decision making." The board decided that the passage of motions via the internet will be appropriate only when called for by the President of the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Seufert presented the board with a summary report for May 1 through October 8. Currently, the association has \$67,603 cash on hand. Ed discussed his plans to create an End of Fiscal Year forecast and an Annual Budget. The proposed fiscal year was set at May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005. It was also noted that the association will spend more than it takes in during this fiscal year, due to the capital projects, but that the large cash balance will cover this year's deficit.

Recreation Manager's Report:

Johnny Spears reported on various "odds and ends" tasks that he worked on. He brought up the question of whether or not to install motion sensitive lights, and the board directed him to make a recommendation. Johnny also presented the proposed Work Day project list for later that morning.

Updates and Status Reports:

Fishing Dock - Gary Marozas reported that the lower fishing dock was complete and that the main, or upper, fishing dock is in progress. The total project cost is \$20,744. Several issues were identified, including installing a rail-to-rail chain at the end of the dock, adding 6 to 8 feet of extra length over the marsh, erecting appropriate signs, and checking out any possible insurance implications, the last of which Dennis Saylor committed to do. There was no update on the fish survey, as John Kilgo was out of town.

Other Old Business:

The new ladder was purchased and the new refrigerator is scheduled to arrive next week. Work slowly continues on the association web site, and the board agreed on a targeted end date of the first week in November. The cost of new picnic tables is \$200 apiece plus \$50 wood. The board would like to buy six additional tables, but the decision was deferred until after the Oktoberfest. The cost of additional metal folding chairs is between \$5 and \$10 apiece. The board authorized the purchase of 50 chairs at a cost not to exceed \$700. The bids for the swimming dock repairs were received. Agnew submitted no bid, while Buck came in at \$9,000 and Johnny Spears came in at \$6,000. The board agreed to award the contract to Johnny Spears.

New Business:

Regarding annexation, the board voted in favor of filling out the survey agreeing to joining the City of Aiken. There was also a discussion on the need to install an automatic gate at the main entrance to allow Aiken Public Safety patrols. The board will request James Brooks to make an inspection dive to assess the situation with the broken dam valve. Two scenarios are possible: either (1) cut the valve, drain the water, and replace the valve, or (2) put in a siphon. The board will contact Bob Rapp regarding the siphoning option. The issue as to when to drain the lake, however, was tabled. Scott Flickinger led a discussion on planning for the Oktoberfest on October 23. Various assignments were made based off on the "Oktoberfest 2004 Planning" agenda.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 8 a.m. at the Gem Lakes Pavillion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.