

Gem Lakes Recreation Association Board of Directors

November 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The Gem Lakes Recreation Association Board of Directors met on the morning of Saturday, November 8, 2008, 8:40 a.m. at the pavilion.

Present:

Gary Bunker, Gary Marozas, Bill Mathison, Bob Mell, Vickie Murray, Rick Samundsen, Karen Skiff, and Johnny Spears.

Minutes:

The minutes from the October board meeting were approved. Gary Bunker reported 418 signed in at the Oktoberfest, and given a certain percentage that didn't sign in, approximately 450 to 500 residents and guests attended. Karen Skiff will compile the Oktoberfest e-mail addresses and send them to Susanna King.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Skiff presented the October financial report. Total income for the month was \$3,162 and total expenses were \$6,780. Total income this year included \$64,442 in current year dues and \$8,306 in prior year dues. Total current assets are \$49,843, including \$31,562 in the bank balance and \$16,853 in the money market account. The largest September expenses were for Oktoberfest, the bookkeeper, outside services, and maintenance.

Skiff reported that the number of residents owing current year dues dropped from 46 last month to 30. Receipts are still coming in from Oktoberfest. Counting past dues, the board has exceeded the budgeted amount for dues revenue. Wildlife Manager John Kilgo request that the board end the dues waiver granted to him for his services. The board passed a motion honoring his request.

Recreation Manager's Report:

Johnny Spears reported reservations for the pavilion continuing into December. Several of the concrete blocks around the fire pit were vandalized and broken up. He is looking for an appropriate lock for the tennis courts that won't walk off.

Security Manager's Report:

Bill Mathison reported no serious incidents during Halloween. He discussed an encounter with a suspicious vehicle parked near the recreation area gate. The board agreed the additional vigilance is required.

Wildlife Manager's Report:

Buddy Brinkley and John Kilgo have the action to investigate beaver activity on the lower (fishing) lake. The board will intervene only if association property is impacted.

Lake / Property Manager's Report:

The board discussed various options for repairing the Springwood Drive walkways. Rick Samundsen has the lead for obtaining estimates. It was determined that while Carolina Utilities built the bridge, the City of Aiken claims no responsibility for its upkeep.

Webmaster's Report:

Photos from the Oktobefest have been added to the website.

Old Business:

Negotiations with Steve Kisner on Improvements – Bob Mell reached an agreement with Steve Kisner for \$300 per lot sold, or \$10,200 total for the 34 lots. (Two lots have been sold to date.) The board will contact a local attorney for assistance in closing the deal.

New Business:

Oktoberfest Observations – The board reviewed the preparations for the Oktoberfest celebration. While overall it was the most successful Gem Lakes Oktoberfest to date and the weather cooperated, several points of interest were noted: (1) More volunteers are needed. Tapping GLOW and setting up specific party committees were discussed as options. (2) While the total amount of food available was adequate, more hot dogs are needed next year. (3) Trash needs to be emptied real time. Trash removal was better this year than in previous years. (4) The golf cart for transporting the elderly worked well and will be continued next year. (5) Several complaints were received regarding the pumpkins for being too hard and ugly. (6) The Gem Lakes t-shirt vendor didn't materialize. (7) Not enough forks. (8) The prizes for the pumpkin carving contest were disorganized.

Christmas Gathering – The function this year will include a hayride and Christmas carols throughout the neighborhood. This will be the main item for discussion at the December board meeting. The scheduled date is Saturday, December 20 at 5 p.m.

BBQ Pit – Bill Mathison has the lead to construct a new BBQ pit near the pavilion by next spring.

Work Day Items:

The board passed a motion to procure a dedicated gasoline powered brush cutter for no more than \$600.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at Golden Corral on Saturday, December 13 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.