

February 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The Gem Lakes Recreation Association Board of Directors met on the morning of Saturday, February 7, 2009, 8:50 a.m. at Golden Corral.

Present:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the December board meeting were approved.

The board also requested the secretary to prepare a newsletter prior to the annual meeting. Submissions are due to Gary Bunker by mid-March.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Skiff presented the financial report. Total current assets are \$39,670, including \$22,735 in the bank balance and \$16,935 in the money market account. In addition, there is \$13,738 in accounts receivable (dues). January income was \$854 and expenses were \$1,376. Revenues are over \$5,000 greater than the budgeted amount for the year due to the aggressive pursuit of prior year late dues. There are 33 owners who still owe dues (both current and prior year). It was noted that some late dues are being paid off in partial payments. A motion was made and passed to transfer a portion of the bank balance to the money market account. A motion was made and passed to move forward with the Springwood bridge project. A motion was made and passed to send a final notice via registered mail to those owing back dues of two years or greater prior to placing liens on the properties. The board also discussed the upcoming insurance renewal.

Recreation Manager's Report:

Johnny Spears reported that two light fixtures in the pavilion have been vandalized. There are currently two light fixture spares in storage. There is a need for new garbage can covers. The board agreed that airsoft and other guns on the property will be confiscated and the board will meet with the offender's parents. The board also agreed that participation on any crime watch program will be for the sole purpose of reducing crime, and not to assist the City of Aiken in any code enforcement issues.

Wildlife Manager's Report

Buddy Brinkley reported that John Kilgo will conduct the fish survey this spring. Spears observed that beavers are active on one of the smaller lakes. Several deer have also been spotted in the neighborhood.

Lake / Property Manager's Report:

Brinkley reported that the swimming lake will begin to be refilled later in February. The lowering was effective this year due to the cold, and the weeds were pushed back significantly. No lowering occurred on the fishing lake due to resident opposition – an item that will be placed on the annual meeting agenda. Some of the fishing pole holders on the fishing docks need to be replaced.

Old Business:

Negotiations with Steve Kisner on Improvements – Bob Mell reported that contracts have been placed on three of the new lots, though none have yet been closed.

BBQ Pit – Work was completed on this project. The board discussed whether or not the structure needed a brick or stucco finish.

New Business:

Board Rotation – Secretary Bunker will be rotating off of the board this year. Board members are requested to look for a replacement board member by the upcoming annual meeting.

Work Day Items – The stairs to the lower fishing dock need to be dug out. Also, the work required on the upper lake dam will be extensive and a contractor may need to be engaged.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the pavilion on Saturday, March 14 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.