

\*Gem Lakes Recreation Association Annual Meeting \*

\*April 21, 2008\*

\*The Pavilion\*

President Gary Marozas opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the approximately 40 members present.

/Approval of the Minutes from 2007 Meeting/ – Secretary Gary Bunker read the minutes from previous year's Annual Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was moved, seconded, and approved.

/Recreation Manager's Report/ – Manager Johnny Spears discussed the continued high use of the recreation facilities. He asked residents to be vigilant in looking out for vandals and announced that the next Work Day would be on May 17, 2008.

/Security Manager's Report/ – Bill Mathison reported that vandalism this year has been low, that response time from the City of Aiken to calls has been good, that hired security has been accordingly reduced, and the security cameras are working well. There are future plans for the installation of internet cameras. In response to a question, it was noted that trespassers can be issued a notice, but also that repeat offenders are rare.

/Wildlife Manager's Report/ – John Kilgo discussed the recurring beaver issue, noting that we will always have beavers in our lakes given the local geography. After consulting several trappers, he determined that no further action is warranted at this time.

/Treasurer's Report / – Outgoing Treasurer Ed Seufert reported that estimated receipts for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to date totaled \$71,195 and the estimated expenses totaled \$69,191. Total estimated financial assets are \$24,324. Seufert briefly discussed the proposed 2008-2009 fiscal year budget, which forecasts \$70,000 in receipts and \$71,230 in expenses. A question was raised regarding substituting a cell phone for the land line at the lifeguards' shack, but Spears pointed out that a land line is required per SCDHEC regulations. A motion to approve the proposed 2007-2008 budget was moved, seconded, and approved.

/President's Report / – President Gary Marozas discussed recent improvements, including the new concrete steps at the pavilion, the re-sanded beach, the cleaned out sewer system, the new picnic area and grill, and the additional portable grill that can be used when the pavilion is used by two parties. Future plans include a

second picnic area and grill, four new ceiling fans at the pavilion with four more to be added later, upcoming bingo and movie nights, a new screen for the movie nights, and a fishing rodeo. Marozas reminded residents of the upcoming Memorial Day picnic that will start at noon on May 24. He introduced County Councilman Scott Singer, candidate for SC House District 81, who made some brief comments.

/Elections of Directors/ - The membership unanimously re-elected Buddy Brinkley, Bill Mathison, and Bob Mell to the board, along with new board member Karen Skiff who is replacing outgoing treasurer Ed Seufert.

/New Business /- A motion allowing the GLRA board to assist GLOW with their signage project for the Town Creek, Hartwell, and Savannah entrances was moved, seconded, and approved. It was noted that the board is working with developer Steve Kisner on improvement projects around the recreation area, including a SCDHEC mandated dam clearance project, and that these projects will be discussed at the May 10 board meeting. Residents were reminded of the May 17 Work Day and that their time and labor would be greatly appreciated.

/Questions and Answers/ – Marozas clarified that use of the new grill is on a first come / first serve basis. The board was asked to initiate a project on the Springwood/Lakeside and Springwood/Recreation Area steps. It was pointed out that the swimming lake water quality greatly improved with the new drainage system. Drainage on the fishing lake was briefly discussed. In response to a question regarding weed control, Kilgo stated that lowering the lakes during the winter hasn't been as successful as originally planned, and that the use of herbicides may be necessary. Marozas stated that the board will work on replacing deteriorating boards on the walkway, though one member suggested that the City of Aiken may be responsible. Marozas agreed to look into that last suggestion. One resident expressed concerns regarding concrete step cracking from tree roots. In response to a question on biting fish in the swimming lake, Marozas said that they are brim.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bunker

Secretary, GLRA