

DONNELL LAKE
CONSERVATION CLUB
MINUTES 9/7/24 - **REVISED**
9:00 am

Members Present: Jeff Corey, Gina Bergstrom, Kevin Cartwright, Angie Steinman, Sheila Witous, Kim Barnbrook, Gerri Sly, Garrett Libertowski, Lori Allen, Doug Hertel (via phone)
Members Absent: Dave Louthan, Sue Golden, Jean Olson, Pat Frame
Also Present: Dave Bergstrom, Miriam Cartwright, Don Jollay, Anita Lebling, Lauren Hertel, Tammy Wilson

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of 8/3/24 were approved.

OPEN ISSUES

Upcoming Events

9/7 Beer & Brats-Dave Bergstrom. Everything is set to go. 4 pm tonight.

10/25 Halloween Party-Gerri said Jamie Herendeen is unable to organize the event this year. We are looking for someone to step up, possibly a non-board member. We have to know by 10/1 so the band can be cancelled.

10/26 Trunk or Treat – **Lauren Hertel asked for access to the clubhouse bar area and bathrooms.** There will be hot dogs, popcorn and drinks offered at the club for trick or treaters from 4-7 pm. Kevin made a motion to give Lauren \$250 to buy supplies. We approved the motion. Myrna and Sue have offered to help.

Clubhouse Maintenance –Dave Bergstrom

Dave provided two options to repair the leaks in the pavilion roof; a repair of \$450 or a replacement of \$3,000. Jeff said he doesn't think the repair is covered under our insurance. We voted to approve the replacement with Devin for \$3000. Kevin suggested removing trees in back of the pavilion to prevent further damage.

Dave said that Aardvark Pest Control will spray for pests three exterior times and one interior time for free. He will charge \$30 for fogging the yard. He asked for a sign to be put up at the club for advertising. Gerri said per the fund raising she did for the poker run, we are only making signs for cash contributions. If Aardvark wants a sign they will have to make a donation. We will put a shout out on the community Facebook page for Aardvark.

Dave suggested getting some new tables for the silent auction. The ones we have are rusting out. Also, he would like to refigure the entrance to the basement. **He will get designs and quotes for the board to review and make a decision.**

Swim Lessons-Miriam

Miriam spoke with the YMCA. They can offer lessons the week of 6/30-7/4. The location is Devin's shoreline. There will be four age groups with 8-10 kids in each group. The 6 months to 2 years will cost \$75 and the older kids will cost \$95. There will be a teacher and a lifeguard. A parent must attend with their under 2 year old. We need to check on insurance coverage for this. The Y will have their own liability forms. We will put a message out to membership in the spring to sign-up and then decide if/how much the club will contribute to the cost. **Lauren Hertel will make up an information sheet to hand out at the Trunk or Treat.**

Youth Extension-Lauren /Hertel

Lauren asked for volunteers to help develop a youth program. Gerri suggested sending out a questionnaire to see who is interested. Lori Allen and Garrett Libertowski volunteered.

Landscaping-Gina

Gina provided three quotes for landscaping the front of the club. It was decided not to remove the rocks and continue spraying for weeds. Gerri will talk to Katy to get a landscaping plan. We could plant bushes ourselves. A committee was formed of Gina, Sheila and Kim. Kevin knows someone who does tree stump removal. **The board approved up to \$400.00 for the removal.**

NEW BUSINESS

Cashless Payments-Doug

Doug suggested getting a terminal for cashless payments at the front desk. Oftentimes people don't bring enough cash with them to pay for merchandise or pull tabs, etc. He believes this could increase sales. Gerri had contacted other lake associations who have tried this and it didn't work very well. Anita will look into a Paypal type option. We need to publish more often that we take cash and check only.

Locks for Clubhouse-Doug

Doug suggested getting a keyless lock system for the main door to the club. Every approved member would have a code. We also would re-key the other doors. We could give a temporary code to members who rent the hall. **The board approved \$400.00 for replacing entry locks/door knobs. Doug will purchase and complete the installation. The replacements should be a Kwick Set with SmartKey capabilities so that keys can be updated when needed and a keyless pad for member entry. Access will be decided at the next meeting.**

Wi-Fi-Gerri

Gerri looked into getting Wi-Fi for the club. MEC will install a device for free, then it would cost **\$70 monthly. The service can be put on a seasonal hold for \$15.00/month.** It would cost \$510/year. It can take 49 users. A fiber optic cable would be run from the road to the club. We voted yes.

Sponsorships/Donations-Gerri

Gerri is looking for people to help Sherry with this area. Since she has taken on the Presidency she won't have time to do this as well.

Link to Meeting Minutes-Gerri & Anita

Members to approve meeting minutes through email prior to the next meeting and copies will no longer be printed and reviewed as a standing agenda item. We will post the approved minutes from the previous month on the website instead of emailing it out to everyone.

Ballot Corrections-Angie

Angie inadvertently put Anita on the re-election ballot. She is resigning from the board, but will continue to help as she has been. We will have one open spot to fill at a later date.

The question arose as to terms for board members. Anita and Sheila will look at our by-laws and suggest corrections, if necessary.

Financials – Jeff

Balance of Accounts:

Operating Account	\$22,597
AED	807
Capital Improvement	5,137
Fireworks	3,495
Raffle Account	<u>28,063</u>
	\$60,099

Jeff would like to raise our capital improvement fund to \$10,000 and create a separate bank account for the raffle money.

We netted \$7800 from the Corn & Sausage Roast.

Public Comments – Non-Board Members

There were no non-board comments.

DLCC Board Member Comments

Kevin mentioned that Dan Buzalski offered his yard for shooting off the fireworks. Some were uncomfortable with debris falling into the lake. For now, we will stay with Rutherford's property. He also brought up the idea of a drone show. Kevin will look into it.

Doug Hertel bought a “puck” system for our meetings. It enables members who can't physically attend meetings to hear the conversation better.

Gina brought thank you notes for donations for the CSR silent auction. Members picked ones they can hand deliver. The remainder will be mailed.

The next meeting is 10/10 at 6 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.