

Deer Creek Semi-Annual Meeting Recorded Minutes

Location: Lower Lake Deer Creek Ranch

10:00AM Saturday, January 09th, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS: Matt Hellinger (P), Lee Sawyer (VP), Joe Rey Gonzales (Treas), Gabriela Vilorio (Sec), Mickey Milton (at large), Anthony Romero (at large). Treas & Sec unable to attend due to COVID exposure.

MEETING STARTS AT 10:03AM

Matt H. calls meeting to order at 10:03am

Matt H. calls to approve mins from previous meeting.

Lee S. makes a motion to approve minutes. Anthony R. seconds. All approve.

INTRODUCTIONS

All members in attendance introduce themselves and provide history of their time in Deer Creek Ranch.

FINANCIALS

Matt and Lee provide historical reference of operating costs and membership numbers. All in attendance review the P&L for 2020. Matt educates members on 90% reinvestment threshold to be able to submit simple, tax advantaged annual filing.

\$4,000 for Fish Restocking has been prepaid in 2020 for 2021.

Reminder that major expenses associated with the Community Center are no longer an issue or obligation for DCRPLA.

Total Expenses for 2020 were \$27,915.57 with a net income of \$3,093.78.

At the end of 2020, ~\$7,500 remains (net income plus remaining proceeds of the community center sale).

Park gates with new codes will be dispersed to currently paid members as they are updated to reinforce membership participation.

Matt reminds members of volunteer opportunity to obtain membership at no cost with a commitment to eight hours of annual volunteer service.

PARK UPDATES

Lee gives updates on projects, past, present, and future. Projects are done with the intention of having minimum ongoing maintenance. Lee has been working with Travis County. Rye grass exists now with the intention of spreading Bermuda grass seeds to help with spillway erosion from the Upper Lake. Private property adjacent to Upper Lake has been purchased and fenced. The water company has placed a gate on the easement to prevent vehicle traffic and erosion.

Stones placed by Upper Lake's road access gate to help neighbors with property adjacent to the entrance preventing vehicles running through private property.

Member, Gwyneth H. asks questions about pedestrian access and path to the fishing side of Lower Lake. Lee updates on erosion control and large stones placed strategically to allow for pedestrian access.

Matt gives historical reference on Upper Lake needing to be locked due to illegal dumping, vandalism and the lack of revenue to maintain.

Lee reminds members the County will require permits to make any "improvements."

2021 PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

Karen R. asks what the best way is to communicate with the Association. Matt response with that the email address dcrpoa@gmail.com is the best way to reach the Board members. Attending and participating at monthly Board meetings is encouraged. **A Google phone number is being set up to be available as well. The number is (512) 648-3975.**

Cristina J. would like to close the old bank account connected to previous road fundraising efforts. Lee motions to close the account. Patrice R. seconds. All approve.

Matt review future park project ideas. Official presentations by members on these projects to be presented and voted on at future annual meetings with members in attendance.

Vanessa L. would like to spread Blue Bonnet seeds. She has agreed to research and present project estimated costs to all members.

Daren B. would like to see brushes or native plants placed near Lower Lake fencing to help with aesthetics.

Kem M. would like to explore costs on planting Cypress trees, the logistics and if they are deer friendly.

Daren P. suggests native species of all plants and that it could become a project with birdhouses being built. He will look to make a presentation to members on this proposed idea at the next annual meeting.

Lee reminds members of the possibility of a car falling into Lower Lake if cars continue to park 8-10 feet near the lake bridge bank on Lower Lake's path crossing to the trail leading up to Upper Lake (addressed with placement of quarry stones).

Matt and Anthony R. propose improving camping pads with a fire ring being installed as noted in December's minutes.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Vanessa L. asks about monthly meeting locations. Matt responds that monthly meetings will be in the former Community Center during winter months and Lower Lake seating during Spring, Summer and Fall months. Normal meeting reminders continue to be posted to social media and text reminding services as have been done for years now.

LEE MOTIONS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 11:02AM. ANTHONY SECONDS. ALL APPROVE.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Mr. Archie Cheatham, a local builder with Ideal Custom Homes, was in attendance. Although he is not a resident of Deer Creek Ranch or surrounding communities, he misrepresented a lot owned by his company as being his residence. Mr. Cheatham has made a number of direct and indirect threats to the association that the board has deemed detrimental to the interests of its members. In accordance with Section 4 of the bylaws Mr. Cheatham's membership was terminated effective Jan 1, 2021.