**Goose Creek Lake Trustees, Inc.**

**General Session Minutes**

**November 11, 2023**

**Rec Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order by chairman Brandon Asher.

**ROLL CALL**: Brandon Asher, Leslie Miles, Ken Michler, Bill Young, Mike Mills, Mark Warren, Bill Johnson, Chris Senter, Don Krodinger

* Prayer was said by Ken Michler
* Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance

**OLD BUSINESS**: Brandon Asher

* Motion to approve October Minutes made by Leslie Miles, seconded by ?. All in favor? Unanimous yes. Motion passed
* Our October warrant sheets, has everyone had a chance to look over them? Motion made to approve warrant sheets by ?, seconded by?. All in favor? Unanimous yes. Motion passed

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**: Brandon Asher

* The board has been working on several projects today. Receiving updates on the pool, the audit and the engineers we have hired to work on our lagoons.
* This year the board will ask that each group and individual renting the rec hall for an event to come into the office and fill out the rental form and attach a deposit check for the requested date. Before and after each event the checklist will be gone over by staff to ensure that the hall is kept in order. This is for all groups and meant to keep our investment clean and usable.
* We had some phone polls that I’ll read to you now. On October 18, 2023 we did a beach project, there was a motion to pay HD Contractors $15,500 by Mike Mills, and seconded by Don Krodinger. It was a unanimous, yes.
* Also, on October 18, 2023 a motion was made by Leslie Miles that as requested by another property owner who is willing to donate their time to help another property owner clean up their lot, that Goose Creek will remove the trash lot violations from the property as long as that property is cleaned up to Goose Creek specifications no later than 11/20/2023. Motion was seconded by Bill Johnson. Yes from Don, Mike, Chris, Bill Young, and Ken. No from Mark Warren.
* On October 20, 2023 there was a motion made to purchase a new water pump for the rec hall not to exceed $350. Motion made by Chris Senter, seconded by Ken Michler. Motion passed unanimously
* On October 26, 2023 a motion was made to replace the tire on the black rover for $912. Motion was made by Bill Johnson, seconded by Leslie Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

We will now do committee reports and administration.

Property Owner asked: “Can you go over who is charge of what? Like you know, the last meeting we didn’t know who was going to be what.”

Brandon Asher: “Leslie you wanna start?”

Leslie Miles: “I’m in charge of land acquisition, and I’m also on admin. And I’m not sure if there’s anything else or not.”

Bill Johnson: “Communication”

Leslie Miles: “yes, communication”

Brandon Asher: “Or I could just read them off? Administration is Bill Johnson is the chair, Don Krodinger, and Leslie Miles. Don Krodinger is the chair of fines with Bill Young. Lake And beach is Mike Mills and Bill Young. Land Acquisition is Leslie Miles and Ken Michler. Communications is Don Krodinger and Leslie Miles. Maintenance is Chris Senter, Mike Mills, and myself (Brandon Asher.) Permits is Ken Michler and Mark Warren. The pool is Chris Senter and Ken Michler. Security is Bill Young and Bill Johnson. “

**ADMIN REPORT**: Bill Johnson

* Working forward with Pay HOA. A majority of all the information has already been uploaded to the system, we got rid of a lot of lines of information, its what we think the problem was, was too much stuff was being brought over to Pay HOA at one time and we lost a lot of information when they previously tried to do it. So, things are looking a lot better with the information that’s being put into the system and soon we will start testing all the billing this year going through pay HOA.
* This board and last terms board members started having employees make all property owner files turned into digital copies. We did this in fear of losing everything in a fire or another type of disaster. I’m told that 100% of this has been completed and the physical copies are now being stored in the vault below the office. Digital copies are backed up and also saved to a fireproof hard drive.
* We also ordered more Goose Creek clothing and swag that is available at the office whenever it is open.
* Current staff in the office is being cross trained to help security and permits, when help might be needed.
* We’ve had issues in the past where people might have surrendered their property with debt owed, and we always knew that there was no way to keep this information. If someone was to do that with their property, then come back and buy and its basically like their bill was at a zero. Pay HOA said we can tag that person in their system and it’ll let us know that this individual previously had owed money so we can maybe choose not to sell them more property or use that information for ourselves.

**SECRETARY REPORT**: Bill Young

* Nothing to report

**TREASURER REPORT**: Mark Warren

* We have a CD at Belgrade Bank that is maturing and needs to be withdrawn from the account by the 17th. Jennifer is going to check for me and find out which Belgrade bank it is, which of their sites I need to go to, because historically when we’ve gone for those, we had to go to the site that actually had the CD to be able to cash it out and bring it back into our account. So, she’ll find out this week and then I’ll need to get over there by the 17th. Bill or myself are the only 2 on the board that are on that CD. So, one or the other or both of us will go over there and get that done. Depending on how our time works out, we’ll figure out who’s going to do it.
* We’ve had a collection agency going out and doing debt collection for us. To date as of September 23 they’ve collected $77,608.79 of our past due debt, which for those who may have heard the information as we’ve discussed it through some of our meetings, our debt is in excess of $1 million. It was roughly $1.2 million and now it’s down to $1.15 million. So, there is some collection done on it. Of course, we have to pay them a percentage, but it’s a heck of a lot better than we’ve been doing over the last, you know, ten years or so collecting debt. So, we’re moving in the right direction there.
* We have had an accounting firm doing an audit for us. They gave us just a little excerpt. One of the accountants was kind enough to do it. So, the letter he provided was to the Board of Trustees, “I am one of the auditors performing the audit of Goose Creek Lake Trustees, Inc financial statements for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2022. I was requested to write this letter to update you on the status of the audit. We began our engagement on Monday, November 6th, 2023 and I am pleased to report we are making good progress.” So, they started on November 6 of 2023, but they were actually contracted by us prior to that. Don’t want anybody to get the wrong impression that we just found someone in November. Says “your staff has been very kind and helpful with answering our questions. While we are making progress with the audit, we are also encountering some difficulties relating to record retention issues and bookkeeping errors made by former staff who were employed during the year under audit” He gave us verbally that in June of 2022 the information started to become more clear. The entries into the system were more clear. So those of you who have paid attention to the staffing changes that we’ve had, we had a multitude of staffing changes. Anything from the property manager through the bookkeeping people. We went through probably 3 bookkeeping people I believe and 2 property managers during that period of time. Now they say that the information is coming through more clear. Its more easy for them to find the information and for them to document the proper use of it. They go on to say, “However, we have left your current staff with the list of required documents and issues that need to be addressed in order to complete the audit.” Now that line in itself, that’s common. I’ve never seen an audit yet where they didn’t leave a list of things and say find this. Because we need to document this appropriately in the paperwork. So it goes on to say, “do to that outstanding list of items, we unfortunately do not have a timeline of when we expect the audit to be completed. Still, we are confident in your staff’s determination to address our questions and their ability to help us complete the audit in a timely manner. We look forward to continuing to work with your staff to complete this engagement.” They then gave us a contact number if we have any questions. On another side note, all of their information up to date and they’ve also told Jennifer about that as well and they have found absolutely no evidence of theft, which I think has been everybody’s biggest concern, no evidence of theft. The real problem that they’ve been seeing is that the bookkeeping’s been poor, the record keeping or the keeping of the records has been poor. Goose Creek needs to make a concerted effort to improve on that. Were on that road, were on that path, which is a part of the imaging information. Getting staff in order, getting staff that is working instead of playing when they’re at work. Were moving in the right direction. Its just going to take time, plain and simple.
* Now the paperwork that was handed out at the trustees before the meeting. We have allocated fund balances which last year if you remember or actually this year, we told you that we have, I don’t even want to call out a surplus. We’re in a position where over the last 11 months, so we’re at the end of October now, month 11. Through the last 11 months, there’s been more money coming in than there’s been going out, right. So, one thing that we’ve been able to do in that period is we’ve made each of our allocated fund’s whole. Our allocated funds if you go back over several years, have not been whole coming into this year. They’ve been short. They didn’t have the amount of money left in them that they should, because money was spent on other projects that needed to be done, but money was spent on other projects. That is actually allocated funds money. Which is fairly common. But what isn’t common is the inability to make it whole. This year we were able to make it whole. We’ve been able to bring those balances back where they belong. Allocated funds as follows:
* Roads- $368,000.86
* Trash and Sanitation- $91,345
* Dredging $264,123
* Lake and Beach $ -3819

We have the funds to make everything whole but that one. It’s a negative money because we’ve spent more money for that then we have collected for that. That’s why that one comes out as a negative amount.

Bill Johnson: “So would that just be zeroed out from this point forward as far as its an allocated fund, why are we negative? Wouldn’t we just be at $0? We don’t have to put money back into that fund which spent.”

Mark Warren: “The money from income this next year will zero that out, but it will not actually be zeroed out. It needs to documented that that money was moved from somewhere else into it to make it to zero.”

* Profit/Loss Statement for October 2023:
* Total Income- $17,587.30, fairly common this time of year. This time of year, very little money comes in.
* Total Expense- $187,000, so were spending appreciably more than were bringing in. We knew that would happen. We know that happens every year. There is a bell curve to all of this. We bring most of our money in in the first 3 months or so of the year and the last 3 months or so we spend considerably more than we bring in. Which is why in the past a lot of boards used to take money, they would put it away in a CD, then they could bring that money back out to sustain them through those months. It’s also fortunately a period of time where we have less staffing, less need for staffing, less grass cutting, less damage on equipment. All of those pieces and parts.
* Net Income- $ -176,139.11, there are some additional costs of doing, cost of goods and some other little miscellaneous things.
* Major expenses for that period of time: #1 Dredging $104,315, #2 Payroll $40,000, #3 Trash $13,248.32

Dredging we have 1 left for $220, going to bring that dredging almost to 0. Payroll was $36,756.32 for just payroll, but then you have payroll taxes, training expenses, workman’s comp, a number of items go into it as well.

Trash is definitely an expense if you consider the amount of money that we put into it and that month and you look at this $91,000, we’ll be down probably mid 70s at the end of the fiscal year.

Bill Johnson: “Now is the johnny on the spots and what not, is that billed under the same classification as trash?”

Mark Warren: “That is not, sanitation is where your Johnny on the spots is going to.”

Bill Johnson: “Ok, I was wondering because a lot of times we won’t get billed all at once or consistently and that’s why the amount goes up.”

Mark Warren: “We never have a consistent bill from O’Neill’s. If anybody’s interested last month for sanitation was $7855 which almost entirely went to O’Neill’s.”

P/O: “Does that mean you’re taking sanitation and trash separate?”

Mark Warren: “It is separate as far as the profit/loss statement is concerned. It is not separate as far as the allocated fund is concerned.”

That makes it easier for us to track

PO: “I always thought it should have been that way, but it wasn’t. For some reason they changed it years ago. I don’t know why.”

Mark Warren: “So, there are several things probably in here that work that way, that they’re spilt up for record keeping purposes, but for the funds, the actual allocated fund that all into one.”

* The next piece of paper that I provided to the trustees this time is a profit loss for December 2022 through October 2023, so the current fiscal year. Current fiscal year total income was $2,514,842.53 so far. Total expense and that period of time was $1,824,267.76, which for net ordinary income though. So that’s just regular expenses and then the total loss and the income takes us to $681,000 and some change. Bottom line, because there are other things that go in here too. If we have a rental, repairs and some other interest expenses and some other income finite numbers, but we come to a total of $684,549.06 on our net income.

-Number 1 of that, the highest expense of that has been our payroll. Year over year it’s been our highest expense, just for payroll, just the money that we’ve paid out to our employees, it’s been $481,401.47.

-Number 2 is the pool expense because we obviously, as everybody knows, we did some major work on the pool this year that was $466,136.19 bills to date.

-Number 3 was dredging, again major expense that we have. We all knew it was coming. We all know we had to do it. To date that’s been $371,315.

-Then the number 4 was trash at $91,000 and some change.

So, if you look at the payroll and I’d like to go through this one every time. If you look at payroll

-Number 1 in payroll is security. Security this year and this is lower that it’s been in years past for my memory was $195,123.86. That’s just monies paid out to our employees.

-Number 2 was our general fund which is our admin $154,588.23.

-Number 3 was maintenance at $114,077.19.

Again, these numbers, it doesn’t surprise me, the breakdowns on them. It does surprise me honestly that we were able to be at a positive note and be able to make those allocated funds whole. I didn’t expect that to happen this year. I’m very happy that it did. Obviously since the majority of the property owners decided that there wouldn’t be any increase in income this year. Its important that we were able to do that last year because we have some huge expenses on the horizon, number 1 of which is going to be the lagoon repairs or replacements depending on what the engineering firms and the governing bodies allow us to do.

* The board is working on budgeting for next year. We’ve met the last 2 Wednesdays, we will be meeting again this coming Wednesday and if we can come to an agreement and get all the numbers straight by then, maybe we’ll be done with budgeting. But I’m going to bet that we’ll meet at least one more time. We have to have that budget in place by the beginning of December. So that’s obviously our goal. We’ll meet however often we have to make sure that happens.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**- Chris Senter

* Continuing to work on the culverts and ditches, by getting the leaves out.
* Doing hot tar sealing on some of the roads, so keep an eye out for them.
* Do your best to keep your leaves out of your ditches and culverts.
* If you see something that needs addresses, please stop in at the office and fill out a work order form and we will try to address it as fast as we can.
* Both of our compressors have stopped working at the shop. I’d like to make a motion that we spend not to exceed $500 to have at least 1 of those repaired.

Mark Warren: “What does the rest of the board think about repairing both? I would honestly rather have both of them repaired rather that have one that just sits. Do you know the horsepower on those, Jennifer?”

Larry: “5 horsepower”

Mark Warren: “the compressors are 80 gallons. But there 5 horsepower’s.”

Jennifer: “At this point they have no compressor.”

Chris Senter: “I would at least do 1 for now just to get us up and going and then we can address the second one if need be.”

Brandon Asher: “So Chris and I talked about this before the meeting this morning, I was the bad guy and said let’s fix one for now. He (Chris) has some knowledge with those motors. He was going to take a look at the other and hopefully he can get the other one fixed. If not then we can address the second compressor, if he can’t fix it himself. But that’s where I left it this morning.”

Bill Johnson: “For the motion for $500 is just a number you’re throwing in the air or?”

Larry: “It’s about $450 or more for the motors.”

Chris Senter: “The motors is what needs to be replaced.”

Mike Mills: “See what the price of the new one is for the second, we’ll see what the price is going to be to fix the second one. If it’s going to be up there too much, we might look at replacing the same to reflect to repair both at $500 total.”

Chris Senter: “I’ll make a motion that we repair both not to exceed $1000.” Seconded by Mike Mills. All in favor, unanimous yes. Motion passed.

* I have another one here for the repair to the backhoe, we went out for a bid. We only got 1 back from John Deere. Id like to make a motion for them to come out and do the field repairs. The price is $10,324.40.

Mark Warren- “We went out for bids on that? We got one bid back, we went for multiple bids I’m assuming correct?”

Chris Senter: “One person was unavailable to do the time to come out and give us a bid. Another one, we didn’t hear back correctly for another one.”

Jennifer: “The other one we gave the time limit as of Wednesday, we need this back from you. They failed to provide a bid. 2 failed to provide and bid and 1 did.”

Mark Warren: “So we are covered, we did cover the 3 requirements that we go for 3 bids?

* Motion made by Chris Senter, seconded by Mark Warren. All in favor, unanimous yes. Motion passed.

**SECURITY**- Bill Young

* For the Month of October 2023:
* 1 Break-in
* 1 Alarm go off
* 8 dog violations
* 2 broken gates
* 6 arrests
* 6 EMS calls
* 3 warrants served out here on the lake
* 54 assists and escorts
* 2 violation issues and fines
* 3 fire calls

Mark Warren: “So build on those escorts, are they primarily medical, fire?”

Bill Young: “Sheriff’s department wants them when they come in, they want us to escort them because they know exactly where to go, especially if its like an emergency or something. We can get there faster.”

Mark Warren: “Would you feel comfortable telling us which is the majority of those?”

Bill Young: “No, I don’t see why you mean break it down the majority. Break it down?”

Mark Warren: “Not necessarily break it down as far as this is concerned, but at least provide that I mean, its mostly medical. I’m sure people would appreciate understanding that. If its mostly security issues, you know they wont obviously they want to know that’s not be a big concern.”

Bill Young: “I would say its 50/50, medical and security”

* We will break it down next time a little more. Where people watching how many we go to. We get the call, we know what it is because were so as we get to call our vehicles right there the gate, the gates are open, were blocked the other one from the line coming in and so they can just go straight to it. Especially when there’s an emergency, you know medical emergency. We block everybody off where they go straight in. It makes it faster for them, the investigator.

P/O: “What if we don’t have a rover?”

Bill Young: “We got 3 rovers we can use. We got our 2 black, our black and white and the red truck, if necessary, we will use one of our own vehicles.”

Jennifer/Sherry: “We do it.”

Bill Johnson- “Yeah, a lot of times if no one is on duty as a rover, we use the office staff, or if its after their time where there already gone, they can also attempt to call someone in. We give that call in pay or what have you to assist as needed.”

Bill Young: “We have our security staff on standby at night, they take turns, they get a call, they come up during the day if were short handed on vehicles. Jennifer and Sherry have done it many times, so we’ve got plenty of help to get people and if they need medical help”

Jennifer: “the fire department helps me find where I’m going. I get lost alot”

Bill Johnson: “Aren’t we also taking one of the rovers to get some repairs and stuff done?”

Bill Young: “Were taking the white one to have the transmission checked, so its under warranty so we wanna get it in there. Its transmission is slipping. Its set up for 8am Wednesday.”

**POOL**- Chris Senter

* The pool has been winterized.
* New cover has been installed
* The leak will be taken care of when it is opened in the Spring
* The cover is a flow thru cover so when it rains it will just go thru it. So, it will be green next year anyway, when it will look worse and as soon as you hit it with shock, its going to clear up. Soon as they open it up, we shock it and everything. That the greenness is going to come off. It’s all still under warranty.

P/O: “What was the final tally that came out of general fund for the pool?”

Mark Warren: “I’m sorry I missed that; I don’t have that information in front of me. I can get it for next meeting. I would like to say considerably less than what was originally was.”

Bill Johnson: “I think it was like you said somewhere around $70,000 or $80,000 I believe. We had previously talked a little bit while you’re on the pool about the furniture. Are we going to try to get that bought this year for the next year or are we going to wait until the last minute and not have furniture? Does anyone have suggestions for that one?”

Jennifer: “It’s on Chris Senters list, I made a list for him for Wednesday. Its on the wish list budget.

**PERMITS**- Ken Michler

* 20 open building permits- all in various stages of progression on those
* 2 permits to look at for the lake
* 1st permit is #9085- its for a dock, floating dock with the plastic encapsulated foam inside. Galvanized steel and it says it’ll be 38 feet out from the shoreline, width is 23 feet being installed by Midwest Docks. Is there anything else we need to look at on that? Its got some pretty nice drawings in here, looks like its got all the measurements in there. Everything is 24 for the property lines. Its not going to be in a permanent position, he’s going to have it moved later. He’s got a dock that he is selling, so he later I assume going to move it toward his existing dock is now you’re looking on the paper, there’s an existing dock and a new one and it says that this is a temporary position.

Bill Johnson: “For this dock it looks like everything has been met as far as requirements go, there will be no electric, so we don’t have to make stipulation for that it be inspected for that.”

* Motion to approve permit #9085 made by Bill Johnson, seconded by Chris Senter. Unanimous yes. Motion passed.
* Next one is permit# 9094 on the same dock. I guess he later decided he needed a way to secure that temporarily, so he’s got in here for a 6 foot by 2 feet by 2-foot concrete block to set on the shoreline to attach that dock to the temporary dock we just talked about. It’s really just an addition. These were the same dock. I vote that we approve it.
* Motion to approve permit# 9094 made by Mark Warren, seconded by Mike Mills. Unanimous yes. Motion passed.

Bill Johnson: “For recording purposes you probably want to let them know who’s making the motion and whose second.”

Bill Johnson: “Would you be so kind as to introduce your new permits staff, please?”

Ken Michler: “Oh, my permit staff. I know that in permits is Leslie and do I have a 3rd? Our employee descending order we got Molly. Molly is our new permit person and I’ve met her a couple times and have not had to work with her yet, but she seems very nice. Welcome Molly. Please remember to be nice to Molly. Do you want to stand up and take a bow?

Molly: “Do I have to bow? Hi!”

**FINES**- Don Krodinger

* 1 Dumping
* 2 ATV- one of which has been an ongoing issue, same subject getting fined every month.
* 1 Animal
* 2 Vehicles
* 1 Card Fob complaint that we ended up just writing a letter for
* As far as trash lots, just so you know even though we’re not reading off a number any trash lot that is pre-existing. If it has not been resolved, they’re still getting fined. I don’t have a number on that, but they’re getting fined every month until it is taken care of.

Mark Warren: “So looking at this thing, didn’t we last month and for several months have a tally sheet that was supplying us with information. Can we get back to that.”

Jennifer: “We have a new person named Molly and she will, Yes.”

Mark Warren: “It’s a matter of providing guidance going forward to new people, not just we have a new person.”

Jennifer: “We’ve had multiple projects going on. Lots of projects. Up in the 40s.”

Bill Young: “I just know what he just read from that sheet. There are several things that are on there, type things that are on there more than once. And if we have items that are more than once, its good to give tallies on those different types of items.”

P/O: “I know we hear all the time that security doesn’t really have, they can’t really do much as far as they don’t have policing authority, correct? So, when they pull somebody over, I’m assuming they do that once in a while. Do they give them a ticket, do they fine them? How does that work.”

Mark Warren: “Our security does not have the authority to provide a fine. Security has the authority to provide a violation, which is a piece of paper that identifies what the p/o or guest may have done that is outside of our bylaws and covenants at that point in time. Then it’s turned into the office and the office provides it to the fines committee and they meet monthly so that they can go through those individual items and determine whether that person should receive a warning, a fine, or that employee should have a discussion with someone to understand that it wasn’t something they should have taken action on.”

Bill Young: “What we do is get the license plate off the vehicle or if we know who it is to them then we’ll get like you said we’ll write a violation. Were going to go to the finance committee and were not going to take a chance at trying to have our officers put all like to say were not policeman and but that’s kind of where we go.”

**LAKE AND BEACH**- Mike Mills

* Dredging is continuing here again. It should be completed by the end of the year. He is having a little harder time right now because he’s down in some deeper mud. The lake is as we all know is as low as I’ve seen it. But the good news and that is, is maybe he’ll get deeper for us.
* We did do some work down at the beach. It was brought up earlier, we put it out for bid, I think I believe we received 2 bids, 1 refused and a couple others that did not give us any bid at all. But anyway, above the beach area we dug out the ditch deeper. We lined it with rock, we tore out the sidewalks. We put in 2-24in culverts into the 12in culverts that were in there so it would carry the water and quit washing the sand back out in the beach. It actually looks pretty good. It should carry any amount of water that we get now so we’ll see what happens there. Were going to put a couple more loads of sand back over the dirt that was drug out on the beach, so we don’t have a bunch of mud out there for this winter. And then next spring we will re-sand the beach.

P/O: “Was a lot of that work donated or volunteers?”

Mike Mills: “No, I will say this, he did do some extra work that was not on his bid, so we did get a little extra out of that we didn’t have to pay for it.”

* The silt ponds, we’ve been we still on board to try and get our silk ponds worked on, but we have to wait for the DNR and the health or other agencies to give us a report on that. Depending on where we are on cost on those, they may be pushed off because of the lagoon cost. So, we’ll have to see where we’re at.
* Please try and keep your culverts cleaned out and your ditches cleaned out. Theres a ton of leaves this year and we don’t want them in the lake.
* Another note, just to quench any rumors that were going on earlier this summer, it was brought up by someone that they possibly got e-coli from our lake. So, we had an independent agency come in and do some testing on our lake. We got the numbers back on that and basically E-coli is nonexistent in our lake. The numbers they got in one spot was 4, the other number they got was 15. Over the number 135 is where they said that you should probably start checking monthly. 235 is the number where they say that you’re at risk to possibly catch e-coli. So basically, the guys laughed at our report and you guys have nothing to worry about with e-coli in your lake. So, anybody that wants to spread that rumor, tell them it’s false.

**LAND AQCUSITION**- Leslie Miles

* We have 2 pieces of property that we’re just waiting for the deeds to come back.
* I want to also welcome Molly because she is going to be working with me on Land Aq. So welcome Molly.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE**- Dean Morton

* Nothing to Report

**COVENANTS COMMITTEE**- Bob

* I would like to find out what you guys what us to work on and if we have an appointed liaison that was gonna work with us, that was a rumor so.”

Brandon Asher: “I think its Leslie.”

* If you could giver her some direction and then at our next meeting if you could come and tell us what the board may want us to kind of work on.

Brandon Asher- So earlier I left this out when I was reading off who was doing what thing. The covenants committee’s liaison is Leslie, the fire department will be Senter and I will be working with Dean for the election committee.”

Jennifer: “Bob, what time is that meeting?”

Bob: “It’s at 10. We’ve been having it downstairs under the office. Should we continue that throughout the winter months? Ill get with you and let you know.”

Leslie Miles: “So the next meeting is December 2nd according to my calendar. That’s the 1st Saturday, OK?”

Bill Johnson: “And we’ll work towards getting you guys some guidance. Do something after we fix our budget and the billing and everything like that.”

Bob: “We don’t want to spin our wheel on something that you’re not even going to consider.”

**POVA**- Barb Stepney

Deer Hunting Season, hurry

BARB- The longer I talk, the more Bambi’s mothers I will save.

* It is getting to be winter; we don’t have much going on. We do have our final event of the calendar year, which is the children’s Christmas party. Its on December 16th from 2pm to 4pm. Right here in the rec hall, Santa comes, we have puppets, and we serve light refreshments. Its not a meal. We just have cookies and ice cream. And of course, there’s an abundance o candy. Sign ups are in the office right now, for the whole month of November, so just sign up the kids and we’ll go from there. We do shopping for each kid that’s on our list and so Santa gives each one of them. Again, I said always a fun event and everybody’s welcome to attend. Even if you don’t have little ones. It’s always fun to watch the celebration.

Mark Warren: “I didn’t hear deadline for sign-ups, Barb?”

Barb: “The month of November, so November 30th. Next year we’re going to try something a little different and put it out somewhere so that people can sign up online because you know, the office is open on not a sporadic basis but a limited basis. And you know some people they get down here on Tuesday and they can’t sign up because there’s nobody there.”

Jennifer: “You can put it in the gaurdshack? A clipboard?”

Barb: “Yeah, well I’m thinking we need to get to new school; you know. We need to start using you know the Internet a little bit better so that more people can avail themselves on these things.”

Ken Michler: “I’m going to check with the director. I know its on our list. I just want to make sure that they strike. We talked about the other day. What day did you say it was?”

Barb: “It’s the 16th. It’s the third Saturday of December according to my calendar. He’s a part of the puppet show, or stage hand or something.”

* We had a potluck this last week, which was a nice turnout. We met a lot of new people. Its always interesting to see how many new people they’re.

**BEAUTIFICATION**- Barb Stepney

* Had a busy week
* Took 940 cans in
* The treasurer indicated that we have exceeded the 5-ton mark, which is a couple roll-offs. Everybody is contributing their fair share to the can collection.
* As most of you know we get all of Parsons Pubs cans and most of the time they are even crushed for us. The other 2 establishments generate a few cans. But the pub generates a lot of cans. So that’s a good customer we have there and Joe and I tried to return the favor and drink a couple down there.
* Decorating, we will pick a nice day and maybe put something on Facebook for people to come and help us. We do Christmas decoration is various spots around the lake and that’s always a fun event.
* We still have a few more flower beds to put to rest for the winter and we will try and get those while the weather is cooperating.
* Had a game night after the pot luck, I won $.75. We played dominos and we played ship, captain and crew. We were playing for money, wasn’t gambling it was just a gift.

**FIRE DEPT**: Doug Smith

* Fire Tags and 911 signs online to buy
* A P/O donated a bunch of wood for us, we’ve been splitting wood for a week.
* Question about the security boat? Is it going back in the water or is it out for the winter?

Jennifer: “It’s been winterized.”

Doug: “Is there a reason why its going to stay out? It’s always been in the water.”

Leslie Miles: “One of the issues is according to our insurance, we have a lay up from 11/1 to 3/1.”

Doug: “Just curious, it’s been in the water for years, just more of a safety thing.”

Mike Mills: “So you’re not going to mail out any reminders for our bills for the fire tags? Were all going to be online? Just want to clarify that. So, because there’s going to be a lot of people that are looking for their fire tag, and they’re not going to get it. They may not pay them is.”

Doug: “I’m not aware of that. So is that something that we put in a packet I guess with you guys.”

Mike Mills: “well in the past we all we always when out whenever we sent out the…”

Doug: “should be in the newsletter. Is it not.”

Ken Michler: “I can also post of the Trustees page if you want to give me the information.”

Mike Mills: “in the past the fire tag went out or the billing went out whenever we sent out the assessment dues.”

Doug: “Yeah, still should be there, is it not?”

Mike Mills: “I just want to clarify because it sounded like you weren’t. We weren’t going to get that.”

Doug: “No, you should still get it. You can still come over there, there’s a dropbox. Just gonna try and make it easy, ok?”

Mike Mills: “And then the pricing still the same or how you guys’ pricing.”

Doug: “$40 per lot, were just getting away with the difference.”

Bill Johnson: “Can I suggest, to allow us to share some information on our winter mail out or whatever it is called. If you type up something previously, you guys have kind of said were going to separate church and state, you know what I mean. So, if you can give us some information, were already mailing it out. Provide them with your website or whatever the amount requested to be. We’d like to share that for you.”

Doug: “Yeah, just what do I need to talk to you?”

Bill Johnson: “Jennifer is going to be the creator of the newsletter.”

Doug: “When do you need that done by?”

Jennifer: “Yesterday”

Doug: “Well I guess ill go over there and type something.”

Bill Johnson: “For clarity’s sake, like you said, its going to be $40 per lot regardless if it’s improved upon or residential.

Doug: “yes, trying to make it easy. Just one flat fee.”

Brandon Asher: “Last year was $25 and $40 and now it’s just $40.”

P/O?: “So I got a vacant lot and your gonna charge me $40, what do I care if it burns?”

Doug: Yes sir, you’re still getting a bill, I mean.

P/O: “I’m just asking.”

Doug: “Which is fine. It is what it is, you know, we understand that. But if your neighbor burns and it goes onto your lot, you’re I mean still liable for it. You’ll be charged for every truck up there and every guy out there.”

P/O: “If they say I’m burning on my lot and there’s no problem at all.”

Doug: “Then your good, it is what it is. Ya can’t make nobody buy a fire tag; it is what it is you know.”

P/O: So if I buy 2 fire tags and not the 3rd one but I got 3 lots, I’m still covered on the 2?”

Doug: “It goes by lot, yes.”

Mike Mills: “If I remember correctly, you’d be charged by the hour, if you didn’t have a fire tag the fire department would charge you per hour that they’re trying to extinguish your lot.”

P/O: “Is that consistent with what other fire departments do?”

Doug: “We are very cheap.”

P/O: “So everybody does this kind of flat fee?”

Doug: “Yes, Big River down the road is $85 per lot.”

P/O: “They do it per parcel. There’s a big difference. The county combines adjacent lots as a parcel.”

Doug: “I own 2 lots at Cedar Lake, and I get charged for both lots.”

P/O: “Well, the other districts go by parcel. By lots is your guy’s choice.”

Chris Senter: “I have something else for you guys, if you have an open fire so your burning leaves or brush and it gets off of your property you are the one that’s liable for your neighbor’s property that you damaged. So, you have to have fire tags for the insurance or it can actually be a federal offense or a felony.”

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**: Tom Martin

* Next Saturday at 10, over in the pavilion, its supposed to be nice out there.

Jennifer: “Tom do you wanna use the basement? You want to use the library up at the office?”

Tom: “Oh, I’d rather not.”

Brandon Asher: “So next Saturday at 10 in the pavilion if its cold the Rec Hall.”

**GOONS**: Bob

* We don’t have anything really going on throughout the rest of the year, Working with POVA. We are getting ready to set up a meeting with POVA and the Muddawgs about playground equipment and so we would like to know what you guys would like to replace. Is there something that you all know anything about? You want us to replace something that’s something that’s not being used, like the one slide with rollers and that things seems dangerous.

Brandon: “Yea that seems a bit dangerous, I’m pretty sure it’s a little rough.”

Bob: “Would you like that one replaced? Well, that gives us a little bit of direction to present to you. Well then let us know, were going to be getting together soon and then just let us know what you know. So, we give you what you like, what you guys.”

Brandon Asher: “if you guys have looked at it and have a general idea let us know.”

Bill Johnson: “I’d like to suggest to the board that lake and beach has money that we put into their budget I think would be nice if we could actually discuss with these groups and possibly budget the item for this year to be able to help so the lake and the community are all going together and possibly be able to do something bigger than just what the volunteer groups can do. Our projected income somewhere in the $20,000 range. Granted you don’t want to spend it all because we have to buy numerous loads of sand and different projects but I think we should look at budgeting something in there this year for projects like this.”

Bob: “Yeah, that would be great. That would help us get a better piece of equipment.”

Brandon Asher: “I don’t see why we can’t look into it.”

Bill Johnson: “But were working on the budget the next couple weeks and should have it lined out, so hopefully we can put some more money into that kitty.”

**MUDDAWGS**:

* We have a Cornhole Tournament- I don’t have my schedule with me. In December
* We have our New Years Eve party

Brandon Asher: “When is the New Years party?”

?: “December 31, I’m not sure. Ill have to get back to you on that one too.”

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Johnson, seconded. All in Favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**