

DAIRYLAND OUTDOOR VETERANS RETREAT

Meeting Minutes

July 9th, 2024 6 pm

I. Call to order

Chairman, Rod Wilson called the meeting to order at 6 pm

II. Roll call

The following people were present: Rod Wilson, Jodi Schmidt, Don McConkey, LeeAnn McConkey, Gwen Schaaf, Amy Honakla, Doug Willert, Tyler Bridley, Heide Johnson, Merle Myer, Jeff Johnson, Dianna Olsen, and Steve Olsen. Guests: Scott Larson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Heide Johnson made motion to accept the minutes, Tyler Bridley 2nd motion carried.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Rod Wilson stated he and Dale Anderson were thinking if it would be possible to have a Building Committee. It was agreed that a committee will be formed of Rod Wilson, Jeff and Heide Johnson, Donnie and LeeAnn McConkey and Dale Anderson. A meeting is scheduled for July 23 at 6:00 pm at DOVR. Heide will take minutes. Dale will bring other blueprints and drawings to the meeting.

Rod explained that Hill construction may have to charge us more due to the location being so remote. He also explained that the building will be roughly 2500 cubic ft, same as the current office/shower site.

Amy asked about how the building will be heated. Rod stated in floor heat.

LeeAnn knows of plumbers that are willing to help out.

Building will be done in stages.

Donnie suggested that we need to be careful of spending, as another cabin is an important concept to continue to think about. And that we should consider positioning the Gathering Center to be able to add on if need be down the line.

Heide stated that she is getting calls for reunions to be held at the retreat. Once we get the Gathering Place completed, the additional revenue to rent out the space will be rewarding.

Discussion regarding the occupancy of the building. It was determined that we would stick with 150 count.

Discussion regarding the Cozy Corner Bar top. Jeff, Donnie and Rod will work together to get that bar top delivered to the retreat. Merle also volunteered to help if needed.

V. **Treasurer Report:**

Don McConkey reported that we have a bank balance of over \$\$80,000 as of 06/30/24. Don gave copies to all board members of deposits, expenses and CD balance.

Donnie is using Quickbooks instead of spreadsheets and it seems to be working.

Discussion regarding past chairman Ron Deyo health situation and also that Kenny Anderson another past board member passed away. Heide requested that flowers be ordered.

Donnie also brought up the savings for military members with the USAA insurance and the cost savings .

Motioned by Jeff Johnson and 2nd by Steve Olson to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

VI. **Secretary's Report:**

Jodi reported that thank you cards were sent out to Tom and Donna Weiss, Charles and Gayle Profit and ECE. Travel policy was discussed and approved to change mileage rate to .30 a mile and lodging to \$125.00 a night. Jodi will update travel policy. Heide Johnson approved the report and Diane Olson seconded motion carried.

VII. **Unfinished Business-** non to report

VIII. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Marketing:**

As of today CAMP SPOT has \$3,200.00 in bookings from 6/1/2024 through 06/30/2024. Heide stated the Holiday weekend was very busy and we are getting busier and busier.

Heide also talked about CrowdSourcing. Discussion was had and it was decided that Heide will look more into Crowd Sourcing and bring it back to the table.

WEBSITE, Tyler would like at least 10 testimonials from past and or present board members to add on to the WEBSITE. Would be great information to have out there. Board members were asked to send something to Tyler via his email.

NEWSLETTER. Amy and Gwen had nothing new to report

B. **Fundraising:**

1-Prime Dinner-Letters were sent out to last year's guests about reservations and early birds, so far 24 have confirmed. After the deadline, it will be open to the public. Volunteers will be given the opportunity to pay \$40.00 per ticket to get into the drawing, if they opt out of drawing the meal for free as long as they work the event. Event is Oct 12th at Northland Community Center. Donnie mentioned that our accountant would like tickets if available.

2-Meat Raffles-LeeAnn mentioned the Local as a spot for meat raffle and Diane is checking with Brandi's. Heide stated that you can coordinate and have a meat raffle wherever you want, it's your responsibility then to gather volunteers and coordinate meat pick up and payment. Work with Heide only to get notice out on FACEBOOK and Donnie to pay for the meat.

4- Golden Ticket-Tickets are available at MLT, Hillside and Moose. Drawing at DOVR on October 19th. 300 tickets and so far only 36 have sold.

5-Big Ticket Prize-Sept 1, will be \$20 per ticket. We need to push the tickets as we do not have a very long window to sell and we need to sell at least 700 to break even.

C. **Sponsorship:**

SPONSORSHIP: Gwen and Amy are co chairing and have letters ready to go for mailing, however would like some historical information to include in the letters. Heide can work with her on past presentations and pictures and Donnie has ground breaking pictures and history of the Dam to share. Gwen asked that she also be included in on the BLG Committee so she can speak to the progress

D. **Building Maintenance:**

Does the playground need to be moved? It is in a sunny spot and if the Gathering Place will need the space. Rod didn't believe that it would have to be moved.

Scott Larsen, our caretaker stated that the 4th was a great weekend. People asked about staying permanently and he explained it is only a 14 day maxim. He also stated that fireworks were lit off on the other side. The guest asked all residents if it was ok before they lit them off.

Heide expressed her gratitude to the fantastic job that Scott and Brenda are doing at the site. Everyone agreed how great it is to have them there.

Picnic tables need attention.

Ice Machine location was discussed and Donnie, Rod and Jeff will work that out to get it hooked up preferably before the UTV raffle in September.

E. **Garden Report:**

Diane wanted to acknowledge Jeff Johnson and grandson Beau for the help they gave for getting the mulch in order, and also thanks to Sonya and Wendy for their weeding help.

Donnie will bring his fork lift over to the retreat to help with the pavers and the bench to get them in place. And help with grey tap rock. Donnie also had the name plate ready for the bench.

Goal next year is to work on an arbor and tree around the bench area. Rod's son-in-law is assistant on the best tree for the area.

IX. **New Business:** no new business to report

X. **Adjournment**

Merle Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm, 2nd by Heide Johnson. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 13th at 6pm.

submitted by:

Jodi Schmidt

Jodi Schmidt, Secretary