

Deer Lake Association Membership Meeting
October 21st , 2014, 7:00 PM
Bohannon Huston, Jefferson and Masthead, NE, Albuquerque, NM
Board Members Attending

President- John Boutz	<u> X </u>
Vice-President- Chris Money	<u> X </u>
Treasurer -Dave Robertson	<u> X </u>
Secretary- Dave Kelly	<u> X </u>
Member-at-large-Wayne Hertel	<u> X </u>

Call To Order: John Boutz called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Agenda:

1. Introduction of members present (26 members were present)

2. Program

Officer Desi Ortiz, of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, discussed the off-highway vehicle program, which he leads for the entire state of NM. Officer Ortiz handed out a pamphlet called "Off-Highway Vehicle Guide and Places to Ride in New Mexico", which also covers rules and regulations for the use of OHVs. This same information can be obtained at the website www.B4uRide.com.

Officer Ortiz made it a point to cover specific rules regarding youth riders of OHVs between ages 6 -16, stating that this age group MUST have the following in order to legally drive an ATV (OHV) on Public Lands:

- Complete a training class and receive an operating permit (see above website for info.), or call 505.222-4727
- Wear a helmet with goggles (or helmet with visor)
- Be accompanied by an Adult

Questions were asked by the membership regarding traveling short distances on Hwy 126 with ATVs (such as from the back access of DLake to highway 70, toward San Gregorio Lake). Mr. Ortiz's general response was that as long as you are traveling on the shoulder and not blocking automobile traffic in that lane and you are traveling in a safe manner, there should not be a problem with that type of use.

However, he qualified that not every law enforcement officer will interpret the rules in the same way and could choose to ticket such use of ATV travel on paved roads.

Officer Ortiz provided his personal phone number, if anyone had questions for him, which is 505.321-0858

Officer Ortiz provided good information and was well received.

3. Minutes of March 18, 2014 Spring Meeting

Dub Girand - moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Loyd Wood - gave a second. Motion passed on a show of hands.

4. Treasurer's Report –

Dave Robertson presented the treasurers report. Dave has done a great job of collecting delinquent dues from property owners. We are down to having only two property owners that owe past dues.

Dave brought up the need to increase the fines for those not paying their dues on time, as an incentive for people to pay in a timely manner. Larry Wiles reminded us that such a change in the fine amounts would require an amendment to our by-laws, which requires a formal notice (30 day written notice prior to the next membership meeting) to all members, which explains the intended changes to the bylaws. This notice must also include an absentee ballot that can be mailed, in the event the member can't attend the meeting where the proposed amendment will be voted on.

Steve Coleman made a motion to amend our by-laws that would increase the late fee from the current \$5 per month to be \$10 per month, to be assessed for every month the dues have not been paid.

Further discussion was had that pointed out the added mailing costs of sending the notices by registered mail. This discussion resulted in an amendment to this motion, by Sarah Money.

The amended motion to change the by-laws reads: "Amend our by-laws to increase the monthly late fee for non-payment of dues from \$5 per month to \$15 per month". This amended motion was seconded by Joe Bicnel. The motion passed by a show of hands.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented, was made by Joe Bicnel and seconded by Dub Girand. The motion passed.

5. Lake and Fishing Report :

Dave Robertson reported that this was a good year for fishing. The water level suffered during mid-summer, but the late summer rains helped significantly. Discussions regarding fines to be imposed for those who fish without a license, as well as rules regarding night fishing were had. It was decided that the Board would present their recommendations at a future membership meeting.

Signage around the Lake:

Dub Girand stated he would propose ideas regarding signage changes (additions) around the lake in the Spring meeting (2015).

Grass on the North bank:

Dub Girand indicated he would like to apply some grass seed along the North bank of the lake, in the Spring, to help with erosion due to the steepness of that bank. Further discussion and consideration will be made during the Spring meeting.

Well for the Lake- Information:

Dave Kelly reported on his visit with the State Engineers Office, located at 5550 San Antonio Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM. , to inquire regarding the possibility of drilling a water well next to the lake for the purpose of supplementing the lake water level during periods of draught. The visit was made on July 25, 2014 and he spoke with Ms. Elizabeth Civantes (Supervisor of the office). The end result of that meeting was that she would not authorize the drilling of a well for this purpose, but stated that we could pursue this request to the engineer for the Jemez Watershed, Mr. Wayne Canon (Water Resources Supervisor Water

Rights – District 1) wayne.canon@state.nm.us , who makes final decisions for such requests. She also stated that we could purchase water rights from anyone who owns them within the Jemez Watershed. That would allow us to drill a well for this purpose. This issue has not been pursued any further.

Dock Decking and Placement Plan :

Chris Money reported he will purchase the materials needed and plan to have the docs installed in the Spring of 2015. The purchase of these materials was authorized in the Spring 2014 membership meeting.

6. Memorial Name Plaques :

Dave Kelly stated he would like to update the plaques on the memorial board on the South side of the lake. He requested that anyone wishing to add a plaque should provide him the Name, Month/Year, of the deceased Deer Lake property owner. Dave will place the order and see to mounting the new plaques. It was also clarified that the Association will cover the cost of these plaques. Information for adding new plaques can either be emailed to Mr. Kelly at dekelly@sandia.gov, or mailed to 9416 Layton ct. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

7. New Business :

Everyone present expressed a big thanks to Nancy Robertson for her excellent work on the preparation and mailing of our Newsletters. She has done a great job with this!

8. Adjournment :

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Robertson, at 8:40pm. It was seconded by Betty Robertson. Motion passed.