

# MINUTES

## CUTTY'S DES MOINES CAMPING CLUB

Annual Meeting

July 12, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Ron Haynes, Travis Mollendor, Carrie Bennett, and Dale DeBolt.

Club president, Ron Haynes called the election closed before starting the meeting.

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved, motion by Travis Mollendor and seconded by Carrie Bennett, all in favor.

Carrie Bennett gave the Treasurers Report regarding account balances as follows:

Vision Bank-Operating Account	\$ 44,820
Vision-Holding Money Market Account	\$165,820
Vision-MLP Money Market	\$212,094
Community Choice	\$ 72,102
West Bank	\$251,328
TOTAL	\$745,850
Payable Status due 7/20/2015	\$ 28,710

A motion to accept the treasurers report by Travis Mollendor, seconded by Dale DeBolt, all voting in favor.

Ron Haynes gave a state of the campground report:

2015 Annual Meeting State of the campground Report.

I can't believe it's only been a year since we last had an annual meeting. So much has happened. We finished our 2014 fiscal year with a record profit of \$146,952 dollars. This money has allowed us to make many changes in the park. Of course the indoor pool problem had to be solved and

the Board decided to make all the improvements on the building that needed to be done. We still have the roof and some concrete work left. The result is a beautiful building that will meet our needs for many years. We also replaced door and windows in the gatehouse fixed panels and replaced rotted wood. With the new paint it represents Cutty's well as the first thing people see when they drive up. We continued the road improvement plan with the road in front of the Chalets and the strip in front of the west seasonal to help with the erosion problem. We replaced the carpet on the mini golf. This was desperately needed. Some of things the Board did can't be seen so easily but we bought a new chipper to replace our 1969 worn out unit. This helped to allow maintenance to do a super trimming job on our trees and the park looks great. Other items like new tires on bob cat and batteries for golf carts again not seen but needed. You may of noticed that we had a large number of sidewalks lifted and ground off to eliminate trip hazards. We also have been paying off the MPL#2 we now have only 3 months left and \$97605.00 left and you can see from the treasures report we have the money in the bank.

Part of the job the Board has given me is to develop a five year and ten year park improvement plan. I have been contacting many companies to get prices on doing different projects in the park. Large projects including upgrade or replace streetlights, Internet, hot tub bath houses & road. Many smaller projects like sound dampening in this room, better sound system for Main Street, repairing lakeside movies building a community fire pit and many other suggestions made by you the members. If any of you have projects you would like to see just come up to any Board member after the meeting let us know what you would like to see.

Recently our road has been closed due to water. The watershed issue seems to be at a standstill right now as the City of Grimes is doing an \$80,000 study to see if there is a problem or what needs to be done. We don't know how this will come out but we are saving money for that roads improvement.

I have been getting a lot of questions on how our elections are handled so I thought I would quickly go over the process. First of all the procedure we use has been reviewed by our lawyer and those procedures comply with the requirements of the Revised Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act and the Club's Bylaws.

The first step is that the first of the year the Board votes on the date resumes must be in and the books of eligible voters closed. This is usually the first Monday after Memorial Day. This date is posted on the internet and then posted on Main Street. The Board also must vote on a date for the Annual meeting. This date must be within 50 days of the closing of the Books. This again is usually the Sunday following the Fourth of July weekend. This is also posted with the resume date.

The Ballots are made up and sent to eligible voters. The Candidates must be listed in alphabetical order by last name and incumbents noted. An envelope including member # is provided to return the ballot either by mail or into the office by the deadline of the annual meeting starting.

It takes a team of six volunteers to count the votes. Each candidate may have an observer in the counting room to oversee the counting of ballots. The counting is supervised by an Election Chairperson. The ballots are handled by five volunteers the first checking the member number on the envelope to the eligible voter list to make sure only one ballot is counted for each eligible membership. The second volunteer then opens and separates the ballot from the envelope to ensure confidentiality of the vote. Next three volunteers then tally the votes on three separate sheets. Periodically the Chairperson stops the counting process to make sure all three tally sheets agree. Then continues until all votes are counted. The election committee then meets at the clubhouse to add any votes turned in before the deadline. The Election chairperson then brings the final results to the annual meeting and the results are read. The results are then posted on the member's only portion of the web site. This procedure was set up to make sure all eligible members get their fair chance to vote.

In closing I want to thank the Char and Travis for all the help they have given me and the support and extra work they do for the club. I would also thank all staff and camp workers for their efforts this season. Of course maintenance who keep working as we keep asking them for more park improvements. I would like to thank all volunteers from meals, activities, election committee, all those that do many things to help make this campground as great as it is.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS:**

**Ron Haynes 277, Dale DeBolt 168, Mike McAllister 161, Julia Chestnut 135, Keith Beasley 63, and Jerry Bitting 41.**

**There was a MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING by Dale DeBolt, Travis Mollendor seconded the motion, all voting in favor.**