

DEERHAVEN CONFERENCE MINUTES

Deerhaven Campground, November 12, 2011

Bob Watkins called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Dale Lick then took the Chair and presented the minutes from the last conference (March 20, 2011) as printed in the bulletin. No changes were needed or questions asked. Dale declared the minutes approved as printed.

Bill Wegner took the chair to share his Manager's Report. About 43 projects were completed in 2011, many of those on workdays. Gary Bacon of Palm Bay was responsible for completing about 13 of those projects. Bill introduced Rob Tillis, who came on board several months ago as the interim Caretaker, as the new permanent Caretaker. Bill said that the Deerhaven Board is looking forward to completing the swimming pool in the coming year and is also looking to upgrade the cabins to improve accommodations to keep up with improvements like the new pool. Bill also wants to put double doors in the main building between the main room and the drink area to cut down on noise that comes from the drink area. A recent generous donation will cover the roof repair to the kitchen/porch area – work will begin next week. Plans are in the works to move the water heater from the kitchen pantry to the storage room above the pantry to increase pantry space. Remodeling has begun on the children's bathroom in the Nursery Building. In addition, changes will be needed to the way we chlorinate the wastewater to meet regulations for upgrading the system. It will help these and many other projects get done if families or congregations assist with projects on the Adopt-A-Project listing given in the bulletin.

Dale took the Chair to walk through his printed report. He reviewed the vision and mission of Deerhaven and stressed that the Board strives to keep these in mind in all that they do. The Board also works closely with the Florida Mission Center to try and do those things that make the campground better for the ministries of the church. User day numbers have increased 42% for mission center events and 54% for rentals since 2003. Numbers have been fairly stable the past few years. We hope to see an increase in the coming years to support the increased costs of the pool.

Dale presented slides showing images of the projected pool, including the beach entry, chair lift, volleyball area and 3 lanes for lap swimming. A 5-foot fence will surround the pool. It was pointed out that the sidewalk on two sides of the pool is narrower than the areas near the bathhouse. This is because more area is needed to accommodate people around the bathhouse. The Deerhaven Board has tried very hard to accommodate every age group and how they might use the pool. The pool will have 3 heaters that can be used when needed. Solar heating was considered but was not the best option. A small solar panel is being considered just to heat the showers – that would be a future project. The pool will be chlorinated as required by the state. A saltwater system could be considered in the future. The question was raised about how to keep animals out of the pool area. Security cameras will help monitor this problem and other possible security problems. Drains will be in the sidewalk under the outdoor shower area.

Six contracts have been completed and signed. The builder has filed bond papers, has received the State permit, and is working on getting the final permit from Lake County. As soon as the permit is received from the county, construction will begin. The builder anticipates 75 working days for construction from start to finish. The site will have a large fence surrounding the work area to make the work zone safe when groups are on the grounds. Currently \$142,000 is in the bank and there are commitments/pledges that bring us well over \$200,000 in money for the pool. The Board would like to get another \$50,000 in commitments to cover any shortages that may come as people are not able to complete pledged giving or as increased expenses arise or so projects that were not budgeted can be completed. Dale indicated that several congregations have given or pledged congregation gifts and he encouraged other congregations to make a gift or pledge for a yearly giving amount. The Board wants to come into each congregation so that members can feel that they are a part of the project. Dale will be calling pastors soon to set up possible congregation visits to answer any questions that their members might have about the pool.

Dale showed pictures representing a concept for refurbishing the bathroom areas in the cabins. Questions were asked about ADA requirements in renovations to the bathrooms in the cabins. Discussion ensued. Ideas and suggestions were offered. Dale indicated these are issues that will be covered as we look towards this project and that the Board appreciates the input of the members. The project is estimated to take about \$40,000 (\$5k/cabin) so this will have to wait until funds are available. Denny Miller drew attention to the Adopt-A-Project page printed in the bulletin.

Jane Watkins took the Chair to present the 2012 Budget. The income from rentals is down because Road Scholars (formerly ElderHostel) booked 9 weeks this year but enrollment was down so they had to cancel 7 of those weeks. Donations are down, perhaps because people are giving to the pool instead. Major expenses this year included purchase of a tractor and repairs because of aging buildings and equipment breaking down. Total expenses are pretty much on target as some expenses are over and some are under budget for the year. Utilities are down due to improvements that Mike Dodds made to decrease electricity usage. Worker's comp costs are up due to increased cost. In addition there has been an increase in food service and Deerhaven has paid more people to work in the kitchen. The 2012 budget has been adjusted to reflect that this trend will continue. Congregational assessments have remained relatively stable over the past three years. The 2013 budget for the FMC will be generosity-based, but this will not be true for the Deerhaven budget since it has such a heavy debt load to bear and because Deerhaven is run as a business.

Dale asked for a motion to approve the Deerhaven budget. Barbara T. Curtis so moved, the motion was seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

Dale asked the Deerhaven Board members to stand and then recognized them for their service. Currently four (4) Board positions are open for the 2012-2013 term and one position is open for

the 2012 term. Ballots were distributed. Bob Watkins took the Chair to accept nominations for the Deerhaven Board of Directors. Nominated were Dale Lick, Bill Wegner – Bill declined, Linda Braithwaite-Hesterhagen, Tom Hentz, Betty Yoder, and Angi Koontz. Bob closed the nominations. Betty Yoder volunteered to serve the one-year term of 2012. Bob asked for a vote to approve Betty for the 2012 term on the Board. The vote carried. Bob called for a vote for the remaining four nominees to serve the 2012-2013 terms on the Board. The vote carried.

Dale took the Chair and recognized Bill and Judy Wegner, Deerhaven Manager and Kitchen Manager for all the hours and work they donate to Deerhaven. Mike and Janet Dodds were recognized for their service as Caretakers until they had to leave due to family illness. Rob Tillis was recognized for the good job he has done transitioning into the caretaker position. Gary Bacon was recognized for all of his contributions to the grounds this past year. Charles Greenberg was recognized for all of his work, especially with graphics, for the pool project. And Bob and Jane Watkins were recognized for their support of the campground. Bob Watkins then recognized Dale Lick for all he does as Chair of the campground. Finally, Debbie Bartlett was recognized for her special service for Deerhaven.

Bob Watkins updated the conference on the health of Claribelle Crawford. She will remain in the hospital in Deland overnight for further testing but it appears her gall bladder and not her heart is the problem.

The Conference adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bartlett