



Deer Lake Newsletter

November 10, 2006



Board of Directors:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD

Greetings from Deer Lake,

Winter is rapidly approaching! If I look out the window, I see the ground is (nearly) covered with snow, Eureka Mesa is partially obscured by clouds and snow showers, and a few more flakes are falling. It's that time of year again. The Deer Lake picnic and the fall membership meeting are history. There was a good turnout at the picnic, and the weather was great. Thanks to the Starkeys for providing the space for the picnic, as well as for making sure it was trimmed and electricity was available to keep the food warm.

Attendance at the fall membership meeting was pretty sparse. Maybe it was because it turned out to be the same time as a Lobo football game. Ms Karen Lightfoot, NM Forestry, and Ms Emily Geery, SWCA, gave a very informative presentation on the Firewise Community program. Following that, we had a business meeting. Ed Case, Delbert Arnell and Diane Bailey agreed to serve on the nominating committee to secure candidates for next spring's board election. Terms are expiring for myself, John Bailey and Damacio Otero. If you are interested in becoming a board member, or if you'd like to nominate someone as a candidate, please contact one of the committee members.

Look for information elsewhere in this Newsletter on other happenings at the meeting, as well as updates on Aspen Road improvement, how to submit a classified ad for publication in the newsletter, and other projects and initiatives.

The Deer Lake web site has been completely revised in an effort to make it more attractive and to provide a useful source of information for members. Check it out. If you have suggestions for additional items to include, send an e-mail outlining your recommendations and comments to info@deer-lake.net. The URL for Deer Lake on the web is <http://www.deer-lake.net>. You'll find important dates, this newsletter and other information concerning Deer Lake there.

See you at Deer Lake.

Larry Wiles, President



The Deer Lake Hillbillies

Starring Damacio Otero as Jed, John Bailey as Jethro, Margie Otero as Granny and Mary Case as Elly Mae in the "Labor Day Picnic" episode.

YA'LL COME BACK NOW, YA HEAR!

DEER LAKE WEB SITE

Every Deer-Laker should visit our new website...It is Very Good...! [Dave Kelly]

The Deer Lake web site (<http://www.deer-lake.net>) has been given a major overhaul, with the intent of providing useful information to our members. Ideas for additional items to include are always welcome. You can provide your suggestions and comments by e-mail to info@deer-lake.net. It's critical that we keep the information on the web site current and useful for everyone.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

THIS IS NEW!! You will now be able to advertise personal items in this Newsletter. Below are the guidelines for submitting classified Ads:

- 1) Ads will appear as classifieds in a regular newspaper.
- 2) 25 word maximum.
- 3) Ads may be utilized for selling land, ATV's, personal property as well as Births, Birthdays, Congratulations, Anniversaries, etc.
- 4) Pictures cannot accompany ads at this time, due to the increase in printing costs.
- 5) Ads will appear in Courier print, 10 to 12 pt, depending on space available.
- 6) Diane Bailey will be the point of contact for receiving ads (email to ads@deer-lake.net , or call (505) 298-3254).
- 7) Ads will cost \$5.00 each and payment must be received prior to newsletter publication dead line. That deadline for the next mailing will be Feb. 28, 2007.
- 8) Ads cannot be used for political statements, complaints or any negative feedback
- 9) Ads will be published at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the ad is rejected, the ad cost (\$5.00) will be refunded.

LAKE STATUS

This was not a good year for the lake. Due to the lack of spring runoff and the extended dry period for the first half of the summer, the level of the lake is very low. The aerators were turned off in mid-summer as it was apparent that they were not doing much good, with the water level so low. They are now back on to prevent complete freezing of the lake's surface, allowing the grass carp to survive the winter. It is estimated that there are from nine to twelve grass carp currently in the lake. Assuming normal runoff, we will resume vegetation control efforts next spring.

ASPEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The Sandoval County Road Department has begun clearing the right-of-way along Aspen Road. This will allow for widening and grading of Aspen Road, making it possible for emergency vehicles to respond to that area as well as improving access of residents along Aspen Road.

WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Fence around the lake)

Work on completion of the Deer Lake Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project continues. A major part of this project involves constructing the fence that will surround our Lakes. We had a great turn out for the latest Fence Work Day (Oct. 7th), where we erected another 50 sections of fence. Special thanks to Hugh Howey's family for donating the use of their Bobcat to dig the post holes. This saved the association a considerable expense, and made the work go smoothly. Also, thanks to the fence erection crew members, Delbert Arnell, John & Diane Bailey, Ed Case, Steve Coleman, Dave Kelly, Marty Langler, Damacio Otero, Angelo Sanchez, Silas Suazo, Ray Watson, George Wenk and Larry Wiles. Since the completion of this fence is our current 'push', we have decided to combine installation of the next segment of fence with next spring's lake cleanup day. This date has been set for *May 19, 2007*.

WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Deer Lake has been an active participant in completion of the Cuba Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The process of developing the plan has been completed, and finalization of the plan is in its final stages. The Cuba Area CWPP is a comprehensive mid-level document that describes the condition of and wildfire threats to the communities in the Cuba area. When the CWPP has been fully completed and signed, it will be available on the Internet. A link to the CWPP will be available on the Deer Lake web site, <http://www.deer-lake.net>. Deer Lake participants in development of the Cuba Area CWPP were Ed Case, Wayne Hertel and Larry Wiles.

REVISION TO OUR "DOCUMENT OF PLANNED SUBDIVISION"

This committee has met once. At that meeting, it was decided that it's necessary to search the documents in the Sandoval County and Rio Arriba County clerks' offices to determine exactly what version of the document is the latest on record there. This search must be done manually, and will be very time intensive. Hopefully, time will be found this winter to complete the searches, which will allow us to continue with the revision effort.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

The cost of obtaining liability insurance continues to escalate, however, due to the good efforts of John Bailey, he was able to obtain a policy with State Farm Insurance that doubles our coverage from our previous policy for a cost that is marginally higher than our previous policy renewal amount (at half the coverage). Our highest single annual recurring expense continues to be our liability insurance cost. The present policy is modeled after similar homeowner/condominium owner association policies, and provides liability coverage for the association, its members and officers.



DUES STATUS

2005 Dues Status: 176 of 177 Lots Paid. 1 Delinquent Lot.

2006 Dues Status: 177 of 178 Lots Paid. 1 Delinquent Lot.

Dues payments for the last two years have increased significantly. Thanks to all for your prompt payment. The new Constitution and Bylaws of Deer Lake Association require that late fees and liens be filed for delinquent lots. A claim of lien has been placed on the 1 delinquent lot for dues, late fees, and filing fees in the county clerks office of Sandoval County, NM on October 19, 2006.

2007 Association Dues are due on April 1, 2007 and become delinquent on May 1, 2007. Dues are \$30.00 per originally platted lot annually. Invoices for 2007 dues will be mailed in March 2007. Dues can be sent to:

Deer Lake Association
P.O. Box 35076
Albuquerque, NM 87176

If you have moved or sold your lot, please notify one of the Deer Lake Association Board members so that our records may be updated.