

Deer Lake Association Fall Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 25, 2023
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
Virtual via Zoom

Attendees (In-Person): Glen Flanders (President), Robert Starkey (Vice-President), Krystal Rodriguez (Secretary/Treasurer), John Bailey (Member at Large), Steve Coleman (Bookkeeper), Jim and Jacque Mangham, Victoria Hines, Albert Montoya, Larry Wiles, Ken and Lou Long, Steve and Diane Coleman, David Kelly, Roseann and Julia Starkey, Silas Suazo, Melissa Parra, Mike Schiffer, Barbara Buxton, Jerry and Connie Wenk, Joe and Nadyne Bicknell, Christine Padilla, Adam Tolleson, Steve and Lisa Berniklau, Robert Rodriguez, Cheryl Bailey, Kathleen Flanders, and Judith Holbrook.

Attendees (Online): Kathy Tafoya, Eduardo Rodriguez, and Bobbie Bailey.

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Welcome (President, Glen Flanders):

- Everyone was welcomed to the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center (new location) and explained that for a two-hour rental it costs \$15. He requested feedback on this location for future Association meetings.
- The meeting schedule of holding the spring meeting on a Saturday and the fall meeting on a Tuesday evening seemed to be supported by most. The Board intends to follow this schedule going forward. The Fall 2023 Association Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evening on October 24, 2023.
- The Association approved the use of Zoom for all future meetings in October 2022. The annual Zoom license and equipment have been purchased and are being used at this meeting.

Introductions: All members present introduced themselves.

Association Meeting Minutes Approval: Members were asked for feedback regarding the Deer Lake Association Fall Meeting Minutes held on October 25, 2022. One correction was raised, which was to include Steve Holbrook in the attendees list. **Motion to approve the Association Meeting Minutes (with the one correction) by acclamation, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Steve Coleman (Bookkeeper) gave the Treasurer's Report. The Profit and Loss Report (April 1, 2022 to March 22, 2023) and the 2023 Deer Lake Association Budget were presented to the Association. He reminded the Association that the fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st of each year. The 2022 Financial Statement will be posted on the Deer Lake website when the financials are completed after March 31, 2023. Association dues need to be paid by April 1st of each year and are considered delinquent after May 1st. No questions were raised regarding the 2022 Profit and Loss Report nor the 2023 Association Budget. **Motion to approve the 2022 Profit and Loss Report as presented was made by Nadyne Bicknell and seconded by Jerry Wenk. Motion to approve the 2023 Deer Lake Association Budget as presented was made by Nadyne Bicknell and seconded by Jacque Mangham.**

Lake Management: There is currently lots of good snow up in Deer Lake so the Board is hopeful that the lake will be filled with water this summer.

- **Weed Control:** Two years ago, 100 lbs. of Aquacide (herbicide) was purchased (cost of \$725) and two application of 50lbs was applied by President, Glen Flanders. Two years ago a 50lb bag of AquaClear (bacteria prevention) was purchased and was never applied due to the lower water level. The Board plans to apply this AquaClear this summer. For Aquacide application, for a lake size of 1 square acre, it is recommended that two applications of 100lbs each (200 lbs. in total) be applied each year. This year (2023), 100 lbs. of this product costs \$838 delivered.
 - Members discussed the use of grass carp to assist with weed control which had been used in the past and was recommended to be considered in the future. President, Glen Flanders, investigated this prior to the meeting and the vendor which was used before no longer carries grass carp. He was told that the closest distributor for grass carp is in Arkansas which makes it difficult to obtain these fish for use at Deer Lake.
 - It was clarified that Aquacide is a pellet. Association Member, Larry Wiles, reminded the Board that he has an Association owned spreader that can help spread material no bigger than a marble if needed to apply the Aquacide.

Motion to apply the Aquacide as prescribed (1 square acre = 2 applications of 100 lbs. each) was made by Larry Wiles and seconded by David Kelly. Motion carried with one opposed. This would increase this expense to about \$1,700 this year. The first application will be made in early spring before weed growth begins and the second application during the peak of summer. The Board will notify the Association via email when the Aquacide will be applied.

- Additional discussion was held by the members regarding the use of barley bales for algae control. The Board, along with the suggesting Association Members, committed to investigate this option for future use.
- **Gate Valve:** The Board along with the help of Association Member, Larry Wiles, have tried to find someone to look at the valve and have been unsuccessful. The valve does not appear to be leaking. Therefore, the Board plans to leave the valve alone. If the lake fills with water this year we can try and validate if there is any water leaking from the valve this summer.
 - If any Association Member happens to know where the key to this valve is, please let the Board know.
- **Pump Maintenance:** There are three aerators in the lake. One of the aerators appears to not work when the other two aerators are working. President, Glen Flanders, with the help of Association Member, David Robertson, plan to investigate the cause of this issue now in the spring. If issues are identified this will need to be repaired with Association funds.
 - It has been noted that Association Members may be accessing the pump house trying to help or out of curiosity. Please do not access the pump house without permission. If there are concerns, please contact the Board.
- **Fence:** It would be nice to have a fence to keep the cows out (approximately 1,200 linear feet).
 - Association Member, Eduardo Rodriguez, suggested installing T-posts along with cow proof fencing to reinforce the current fence. Other Association Members discussed that T-Posts are not long enough nor are they aesthetically pleasing.
 - Discussion occurred regarding increasing the dues or applying a special assessment to cover the expenditures of a new fence. President, Glen Flanders, felt that if this were to be done it should be at the October 2023 meeting so that more Association Members could be involved in the decision.
 - Association Member, Jim Mangham, mentioned that he believes that the area in and around Deer Lake is not open range for the ranchers and they need to keep to their allotments for grazing their cattle. He suggested that if there was an attorney within the

- Association that was willing to help research this topic it could be advantageous to the Association and the efforts to keep the cows out of Deer Lake and in their allotments.
- President, Glen Flanders, requested that a committee be formed to research potential fence options which will be presented to the Association to aid in a future decision. Volunteers were requested for this committee and the following members volunteered: Glen Flanders (Board Liaison), Judith Holbrook, Larry Wiles, Randy Wiest, and Jacque/Jim Mangham.
 - At this time the fence will stay as is for the 2023 summer with no further repairs being made due to a shortage of supplies.
- **Fish Stocking:** There was no fish stocking in the summer of 2022. There is a high potential for the lake to have water this year. Two years ago, the Association purchased 155lbs of trout (9 inches – 12 inches) with a permit and delivery. This year to purchase 155lbs of trout including permit and delivery would cost \$1,457.
 - Association Member, Jim Mangham, mentioned that there is no one present to police who is fishing. Further he mentioned that Deer Lake doesn't need to be a fishing lake but rather keep it well maintained and clean for those to enjoy the scenic view of the lake. Association Member, Victoria Hines, expressed that all members should be given the opportunity to provide input as to whether Deer Lake should be a fishing lake or not. Many generations have enjoyed fishing at the lake over the years which was validated by many of the members present at the meeting.
 - If the Association chooses to stock the lake, the Board will send out a mailing to all Association Members soliciting the sale of fishing licenses. The money collected from the licenses will be how much fish will be purchased this year so there will be no additional cost to the Association if it is decided to stock the lake this year. **Motion to approve a fish permit mailing and stock Deer Lake with fish based on the number of permits sold was made by Steve Coleman and seconded by David Kelly. Motion carried.** Association Member, David Kelly, clarified that he would prefer the lake be stocked as soon as possible depending on the snow melt.
 - **Wells:** Three Association Members have contacted the President, Glen Flanders, about drilling a well to fill the lake. Lloyd Ingram gave the Association a low-ball estimate of \$40,000 to drill a well for the lake's use. Further, the State Engineers Office was contacted by President, Glen Flanders, and the message he received was that the days of filling lakes and ponds with well water are long gone. For this to proceed, two options are available (1) Some Association Members would have to surrender their water rights or (2) The Association would have to file for an appropriation application (long and drawn-out process). It was advised that our time would be better spent improving the watershed into the lake. This is pretty much a no-go effort, and the Board does not intend to pursue this any further.

Fire Management: Vice-President, Robert Starkey, reported that he attended the U.S. Forest Service briefing on the pile burning prior to it commencing. He felt that the Forest Service had planned everything out in detail and used sophisticated equipment, to ensure the burn was successful. The Forest Service plans to monitor the piles till summer (June-July) to ensure there are no flareups. All pile burning has been completed for this winter and any remaining piles will be burned next winter. For the piles that were burned and have any debris remaining the Forest Service intends to masticate and remove what is left. For those that have Facebook, the Forest Service has joined the Deer Lake Estates page and has provided detailed and informative updates.

Road Management:

- **Millings:** It will be some time before Deer Lake gets additional millings from the County. Association Member, Sarah Money, reached out to the Board and asked about purchasing millings to finish up the roads within Deer Lake. President, Glen Flanders, reached out to the County and they were not aware where the millings could be purchased. The Board will continue to pursue this effort with the County.
 - Association Member, Jim Mangham, started a petition at the meeting and requested that those present sign it so that it can be used to support this effort with the County to see if the roads can be graveled.
- **Old HWY 126:** The U.S. Forest Service has confirmed that this road is on their Road Management Plan but they do not have the resources to service it. Mr. Petracca of the Forest Service continues to remind his supervisor, Ms. Lisa Archuleta, of Deer Lake's request to maintain this portion of the road but little progress has been made. Once the Forest Service management responds, the Board is hopeful that approval will be granted to subcontract this work out. The Association cannot do anything until the Forest Service approves.

Board Vacancies: There is a one-year term position available on the Board since one position remained unfilled last year (March 2022). Secretary/Treasurer, Krystal Rodriguez, has agreed to stay on the board to fill this position for an additional year despite her two-year commitment coming to an end this March. Association Members were asked if anyone objected to this, and no objections were received. There are three two-year term positions available on the Board (Robert Starkey, John Bailey, and Krystal Rodriguez). Volunteers were sought to fill these positions. Judith Holbrook, on behalf of her husband, Steve Holbrook, nominated Steve who was not present due to illness. No other volunteers came forward to serve on the Board. Therefore, Robert Starkey and John Bailey agreed to continue serving on the Board for an additional two-years. **Motion to approve Steve Holbrook, Robert Starkey and John Bailey as Board Members for a 2-year term was made and all Association Members present were in favor.**

New Business:

- **Memorial Plaques:** If any Association Members would like a family members name who recently passed away to be put on the Memorial Board at the lake, please contact the Secretary, Krystal Rodriguez (krys.rodriguez13@gmail.com) with this request. Provide the name of the individual as you would like it spelled on the plaque and their date of passing.

Motion to adjourn the Deer Lake Association Meeting at 11:22am was made by Steve Coleman, seconded by Diane Coleman. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM:

A correction to information given to the Association on March 25, 2023. After contacting Aquacide on March 28, 2023, to order the Association approved Aquacide product, correct application rates were discovered. Aquacide is not a pre-emergent weed/plant killer, it is to be applied after weed/plant growth is seen. Therefore, the first application of 100 lbs. Aquacide will be made when growth is detected, and the second application of 100 lbs. approximately 4-5 weeks later. The 50 lbs. Aquaclear product (bacteria for muck breakdown) will be applied 4-5 weeks later (or mid-season). We were assured there is no conflict with fish population contact with Aquacide products. As said in the March 25, 2023, Association meeting, an email will be sent to Members informing them of application dates. If any Member would care to have a copy of the product labels for review, please contact Glen Flanders Board President for that information.