

Deer Lake Association Fall Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10:00am
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
and Virtual via Zoom

Attendees (In-Person): Glen Flanders (President), Steve Holbrook (Vice-President) Robert Starkey (Treasurer), Krystal Rodriguez (Secretary), John Bailey (Member at Large), Steve Coleman (Bookkeeper), Dianna Coleman, Merrilou and Lou Long, Barbara Buxton, Albert Montoya, Larry Wiles, Dave Kelly, Adam and Christine Tolleson, Silas Suazo, Lisa Berniklau, Kyla Wood, Sara Money, Randy Wiest, Roseanne and Julia Starkey, Melissa Parra, Mike Schiffer, Robert Rodriguez, Kathleen Flanders, Roxanne Hennig, Jean Anderson, and Damacio and Margie Otero.

Attendees (Online): Ed Gibson, Eduardo Rodriguez, Dylan Starkey, Sharon Starkey, and Steve Starkey.

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Welcome (President, Glen Flanders):

- Welcome Remarks
- The Fall 2024 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

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 24, 2023. No corrections were recommended.

Motion to approve the Association Meeting Minutes was made by acclamation, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Coleman (Bookkeeper) gave the Treasurer's Report. The Association was briefed that a CD for \$20,000 was procured as approved at the October 2023 meeting at Bank of Albuquerque at an interest rate of 5.15%. The CD will mature in November 2024. The Profit and Loss Report (April 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024) was presented to the Association to summarize the income and expenses incurred within the last six months. The Association was reminded that we remain in the negative (-\$2,889.91) as of January 2024 as most of the dues (income) was collected in February/March 2023 which is not accounted for in this annual financial report. As of the date of the meeting the Board had received a third of next year's dues (about \$3,000), and \$770 in fishing permits which put's the Associations financial position in the positive by \$1,005.

Financial Audit: The Board reported that the annual Financial Audit of April 2023-March 2024 will be performed in April 2024.

The motion to approve the Profit and Loss Financial Statement as presented was made by Jean Anderson and seconded by Kyla Wood. Motion carried.

Fence Report: As voted on by the Association Members at the October 2023 meeting, the fence around the lower lake was removed prior to winter. The Board thanked those that helped with this task. The Board has been approached to see if the Association is interested in selling the old fence material.

Association Member, Larry Wiles, voiced that he would also be interested in buying a small amount of the excess materials. The Board acknowledged that some material will also be kept to maintain the fence at the upper lake. The Board requested the Association's approval to use its discretion to sell excess materials. **The motion to allow the Board to use its discretion and sell the excess fence material at a fair market price was made by Glen Flanders and seconded by Larry Wiles. Motion carried.**

Lake Maintenance: Last year the Board applied only half of the recommended chemicals for the size of our lake out of caution. This year, the Board would like to apply the full application recommended by Aquacide (2 applications of 100lbs each) which has an estimated cost of \$1,854. **The motion to apply a full application of the Aquacide chemicals was made by David Kelly and seconded by Sara Money. Motion carried.**

The use of grass carp was also discussed, which the Board and Association is receptive to. The challenge is finding a viable source to get the carp to New Mexico. It was requested that if anyone knows of a viable vendor for grass carp to provide the information to the Board.

Last year, the Board placed one barley bail in the upper lake to see if it reduced the algae growth. However, with the weed growth it was difficult to see if it made any difference. The Association expressed that they would like to continue to try this approach to try and reduce algae growth. **The motion to use five or six bails of barley in the lower lake was made by Melissa Parra and seconded by Sara Money. Motion carried.**

The aerators appear to be working. They run 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Glen Flanders has been leading this effort to ensure that the aerators remain in working order throughout the year. They will continue to be monitored but if any Association Members see that they aren't working please contact the Board versus trying to repair them on your own.

The Board does intend to stock Deer Lake this spring with fish. Last year (April 2023) the Association purchased 350lbs of fish for \$2,700. This year the same amount of fish will cost \$2,900. The Board intends to place an order after April 1st once we have a better idea of the amount of fishing permits sold. The Board challenged Association Members to support this cause either by purchasing licenses or donating funds.

Aquacide also informed the Board of a dye that can be used to slow down the process of photosynthesis (darkens the water). For a lake the size of Deer Lake it is recommended to apply one 50 oz bottle (costs \$101) which will turn the water blue and may reduce the growth of plants. This dye is food safe and will not harm the fish. The Board would apply this dye prior to the lake being stocked with fish. **The motion to approve the use of a dye in Deer Lake this year was made by acclamation, motion carried.**

Fire Prevention: The Board has been sending out the communication received from the U.S. Forest Service to the Association Members via email. To-date, there have been no piles burned in Deer Lake and no further burns have been scheduled this calendar year.

Deer Lake Perimeter Fence Committee: Robert Starkey briefed us that now that the fence has been removed from the lower lake it is up to us landowners to try and make every effort to see if we can keep the cows out. The only way to do this is to maintain the perimeter fence. It was recommended that a Lake Perimeter Fence Committee be formed to walk the fence line, identify areas needing repair and make any repairs, if possible. It was recommended that the side parallel to HWY126 is the responsibility

of the Department of Transportation so if this area needs repair the Board should seek their assistance for this portion of the fence. The Association therefore can focus on the other areas. If any Association Members would like to help repair the fence line, please contact Robert Starkey who is the Board member heading this effort.

Lake Signs: Now that the fence around the lake has been removed, we need to ensure that the lake has proper signage. The Board has placed funds to procure new signs (new language and logo) in this year's budget. **The motion for the Board to use its discretion to acquire new signs for the lake was made by Lisa Berniklau and seconded by Barbara Buxton.**

Road Maintenance: The County has made great improvements to Aspen Rd in October/November 2023 by grading the road, making it wider and applying millings. It looks very nice. However, the Board has checked with the County and there are no additional millings available for other roads within Deer Lake. The Board has in-hand a permit from the U.S. Forest Service to maintain the upper part of Old HWY126. Association Member, Tim Chavez, was able to start the maintenance in October 2023 prior to the first snow fall but was not able to finish this project. The Board will contact Mr. Chavez once the snow has melted to see that the project is completed. It was noted that the Association approved a budget of \$1,000 and to date we have spent \$450. Currently the U.S. Forest Service does not have funds to subsidize the Association for this effort but in the future, the Board plans to reach out to them for some financial assistance. The Association is reminded that this road should only be used for emergency purposes and the fence at the top should be kept closed.

New Business:

- **Virtual Meetings:** We have had virtual meetings for one year now which have been used for Board Meetings, Committee Meetings and Association Meetings. It was noted that those attending the Association Meetings via Zoom have been five or less attendees. The cost of the license is going up to about \$160 per year. The Association was asked if they want to continue to keep the Zoom subscription and option. Most of those Association Members wanted to keep a virtual option available and therefore the Board intends to renew its Zoom subscription.
- **Deer Lake Merchandise:** Krystal Rodriguez briefed the Association that she had started the process to procure Deer Lake Merchandise (t-shirt, hoodie sweatshirt, hat, and decal) using the new logo. She was working with a company called The Image Creator which was recommended to her by Steve Coleman. Ordering procedures and options available will be communicated to the Association Members via email. At this time, the Board does not intend to keep an inventory of merchandise on hand. Members will have to pay for their order in advance, it will be ordered and then delivery will be coordinated for each order.
- **Summer 2024 Calendar of Events:** As advertised in the handout, the Board has scheduled various activities (social events and lake clean-ups) for this summer. The dates are being provided to the Associations Members in advance so that they can be considered when making summer plans. The dates are subject to change and any changes will be communicated to the Association Members via email and/or Facebook.
- **Speed Limit within Deer Lake:** Association Member, Mike Schiffer, asked what the legal speed limit is within Deer Lake. The speed limit is as posted, 20mph, and all members are responsible for adhering to it. It's up to all members to raise it to those that aren't following the limits.

Upon the explanation of the above details, the Board addressed the need to approve the 2024 Budget as presented by the Board which includes the expenses of those costs detailed above. **The motion to**

approve the Deer Lake Association Budget 2024 was made by Steve Coleman. All were in favor, motion carried.

Board Vacancies: There are two board positions that need to be filled which have a two-year commitment. Both Krystal Rodriguez and Glen Flanders have filled their two-year commitment. The Association was asked if anyone wanted to nominate or be nominated for these positions. No new names were identified. Both Krystal and Glen agreed to serve on the Board for an additional two years.

Motion to adjourn Deer Lake's Association Meeting at 10:48 am was made by Larry Wiles and seconded by Barbara Buxton. Motion carried.