

Deer Lake Association Fall Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:30pm
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
and Virtual via Zoom

Attendees (In-Person): Glen Flanders (President), Robert Starkey (Treasurer), Krystal Rodriguez (Secretary), John Bailey (Member at Large), Steve Coleman (Bookkeeper), Merrillou and Lou Long, Barbara Buxton, Larry Wiles, Dave Kelly, Silas Suazo, Steve & Lisa Berniklau, Sara & Emily Money, Randy Wiest, Roseanne Starkey, Julia Starkey, David Robetson, Betty Robertson, Dylan Hamp, Larry & Kathy Tafoya, Patrick Trujillo, Dianne Drago, Joe & Nadine Bicknell, Cheryl Bailey, and Kevin Tracey.

Attendees (Online): Ed Gibson, Eduardo Rodriguez, Helen Hering, Jim & Jackie Mangham and Melissa Parra.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Welcome (President, Glen Flanders):

- Welcome Remarks
- The Spring 2025 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025.
- All Association Members present introduced themselves.
- Volunteers for the Summer 2024 season were recognized which included Larry Wiles who donated funds for the repair of the wooden Deer Lake sign, Marcelino Montoya, Leroy Tafoya Robert Starkey, Roseanne Starkey and Julia Starkey who helped repair and refurbish the sign. In addition, Dub Girand was recognized for helping procure the white metals signs around the lake. It was reiterated that all the work done at Deer Lake, except for the roads, is done by volunteers so there is a great amount of gratitude for those that came out to help this summer to maintain Deer Lake whether it was for a special project or at a lake cleanup. Thank You!

Association Meeting Minutes Approval: Members were asked for feedback regarding the Deer Lake Association Spring Meeting Minutes held on March 9, 2024. 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.

- Members were reminded that the Association's fiscal year is April 1st to March 31st and typically the dues letters go out in February and dues are received and deposited by the end of March, prior to the start of the new fiscal year. The members were provided copies of the Profit and Loss Report for April 2023 – March 2024 and the current Profit and Loss Report for April 2024 - September 2024 so they could get a complete financial picture for the Association. The Association closed last fiscal year (March 2024) with +\$5,610 (a substantial amount of the current fiscal year's dues was collected and deposited prior to April 2024) and as of September 2024 we had a -\$4,165, when added together it shows the Association has a surplus of +\$1,445. It was expressed by a member that there was a concern that the financials did not track accounts receivable. It was reminded that the financials are prepared in Quick Books, income is deposited when its received and not held to line-up with the fiscal year, and at any time the financial reports can be reviewed in person by making arrangements with the Bookkeeper.

- Currently, there is one lot delinquent from 2023 and two lots (one owner) delinquent for 2024. The Board has tried to reach out to both lot owners and will continue to pursue the settlement of these delinquent dues.
- For the summer of 2024, fishing permits generated \$2,900 in revenue and \$692 in donations were received for a total of \$3,592. The fish are self-sustaining, no money from the Association's dues goes to buy fish.
- The Financial Audit for April 2023 to March 2024 was completed by April 30, 2024, by John Bailey (Board Member at Large) and Barbara Buxton (Association Member) and no issues were noted.
- It was discussed that the CD for \$20,000 which was procured in October 2023 is set to mature on November 18, 2024, and to date it had earned interest in the amount of \$767.22. It was discussed whether the Association would like to roll-over the CD for another period that yields a high interest rate. The Board asked for permission to take an additional \$5,000 from the checking account and add it to the current CD amount of \$20,000, for a total of \$25,000, for the CD renewal. **A motion to allow the Board the discretion to renew the CD, to include an additional \$5,000 from the checking account, for a period that yields the best interest rate was made by Larry Wiles and seconded by Patrick Trujillo. Motion carried.**

Insurance: Association Member, Randy Wiest, provided an update on the Association's current insurance policy. There are currently two policies, which are the Board of Directors Policy (annual premium of \$1,497) and a General Liability Policy (annual premium of \$2,054). At this time, the premiums for the next year are unknown.

Lake Report: In the spring, the lake started with a lot of water, and we ended up with a lower water level but lots of weeds. The Board applied two applications of Aquacide pellets; however, there was still a lot of weed growth. A letter received from The Aquacide Company (dated June 19, 2024) was provided to the Association for their review which outlined the types of weeds they identified from the pictures sent by the Board. The Aquacide pellets are only effective for one of the six weed types identified. It was discussed that the only real solution would be to remove the weeds by the root versus mixing various chemicals together which may have some unintended consequences. A discussion was had regarding the dredging process which had been done at Deer Lake historically. If anyone knows of a person/company that can help provide the equipment/service to help dredge Deer Lake please contact the Board as it would be worth inquiring about this option and present the details to the Association. The Board requested that the members do their own research over the winter (using Aquacide's website www.killlakeweeds.com) and come back with suggestions at the Spring 2025 meeting. It was asked if the barley bails placed in the lake this past season worked, and it was a unanimous "no" from the Association.

Bookkeeper Duties: It was mentioned that the Bylaw's should be checked to see the roles and responsibilities are for having a Treasurer and a Bookkeeper. The Association was reminded that the Bookkeeper position came about when the Treasurer quit when Sara Money was President. Steve Coleman volunteered at that time to be the Bookkeeper. It was discussed that his assistance has been value added as it keeps the financial consistent as the Board Members change every two years. Association members voiced their support for the role of Bookkeeper and the stellar job Mr. Colman has been doing for the Association on a volunteer basis. The consensus was that the members present approved of how the financials are being managed and a motion was not made to make any changes to the current Treasurer/Bookkeeper role(s).

Fire Prevention: U.S. Forest Service point-of-contact (Mr. Petracca) has been reassigned to Santa Fe. The Board has not been able to reach the new point-of-contact for the Cuba District Office. If we receive information on the burn piles etc., it will be forwarded via email to the Association members.

Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District: A representative from this office wanted to come speak to the Association regarding services/grants available to the community. However, due to some reorganization changes being made within the organization this was not able to happen. If you need help doing work at your lots (i.e., tree removal etc.) you may want to contact the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District to see what resources they may have to support you in your project.

Road Maintenance:

- The upper portion of Old HWY 126 was graded this summer. As a reminder, the Association approved \$1000 for this effort and the final cost was \$950, saving \$50. In an emergency, residents now have a second exit to leave the community. Discussions need to be had with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the maintenance of the road, since it's a Forest Service Road. If the Forest Service is unable to fund this effort, the Board contacted Association Member, Tim Chavez, and he provided a rough estimate of \$100-\$200 to maintain the upper portion of Old HWY 126 in the future.
- It was requested who the point-of-contact is for road maintenance at Sandoval County and the Association was informed that the contact is Mr. Mark Morales.
- The large pine tree off Big Pine Road is of concern to some Association Members that live in the area. Association Member, Silas Suazo, has reached out to the Arborist at Jemez Electric to notify them of the dying tree and see if they can help remove the tree as it may impact the electric lines if it falls. Arborist, Ms. Amy Valdez, measured the tree and it does not meet the specifications to have it removed; however, a crew did come out and trimmed it to take some weight off. If the tree does end up falling and blocks the road, the County is willing to be reactive and remove the tree. The Board is waiting for a determination as to whether the tree is on private or county property. As lot owners, you may want to look at your service lines to see if any lines are being obstructed. Jemez Electric may be able to help you address problems if any are identified.

New Business:

- **Board Vacancies:** At the March 2025 Association Meeting we will have three vacancies on the board up for election to serve a two-year term. The outgoing Board Members are John Bailey, Steve Holdbrook, and Robert Starkey. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact the President, Glen Flanders.
- **Thank You:** A thank you was expressed to Board Member, Krystal Rodriguez, for coordinating summer events. It was expressed that the Starkey Family was also a big help and a big supporter of the summer events. Rodriguez/Starkey families are happy that those that came out to the summer events this season enjoyed themselves.
- **Wood Available:** Association Member, Patrick Trujillo, announced that they no longer have a need for their chopped wood located at 39 Big Pine Rd. If anyone is interested in this wood, please help yourself to it.
- **Deer Lake Map:** Association Member, Larry Wiles, asked if there were any new lot owners. If so, please forward him the updated information and he will update the digital map. Board Member, Krystal Rodriguez, stated she would provide him with this information.

Motion to adjourn Deer Lake's Association Meeting at 7:42pm was made by Barbara Buxton and seconded by Steve Berniklau. Motion carried.