

## Camping Minutes April 20, 2008

PRESENT: Eric Bond, Bill Carriger, Diana Carriger, Charles Garretty, Kevin Mansur, Smokey McKinney, Jerry Meyers, Doug Portell, Terri Tinsley, T.J. Tinsley, Tom Tinsley, Ken Truax, Jeremy Widmer.

Ken T. opened the meeting with a prayer at 2:07

Eric and Gary Alhgren made a presentation to build an amphitheater for Tallgrass as part of Eric's Eagle Scout Project. A copy of that proposal is attached to these minutes. Doug P. questioned how it was going to be funded and Eric replied it would be through private donations/gifts and volunteer labor. Tom T. asked if he had considered stone slabs for seating. Answer was no. Bill C. Added that there was a limited area not in the WHIP program and Eric should consult with him before determining a specific footprint. He also added that the "stage" was located in a flood plane. Charles G. asked when he planned to do and Eric answered most likely in mid-late June. After some additional discussion Tom T. moved that the Board accept Eric's proposal. Doug P. seconded. Carried.

Terri T. gave the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. All taxes are paid and the kitchen floor tile has also been paid for. There is a gap of about \$26,000 between cash on hand and committed costs. It was noted that we had failed to add \$1,000 to electrical that had been approved at a prior meeting. Electrical should be increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000. Bill C. questioned who was authorized to sign checks. Terri T. responded herself and Chris Stewart.

Bill C. reported on the deck. The new plan uses steel posts which are stronger and less bulky. He distributed current plans and stated we have enough funds to cover construction of the deck and patio below. Projection is about \$14,000 for the deck and \$5,000 for the patio. He plans to start construction in early May. Jerry M. motioned the Board approve the deck plans as submitted. Tom T. seconded. Carried.

Events: Smokey M. reported that the Lubbock group had cancelled. Diana C. reported that the Leutz family wished to reserve the center for a family reunion 12/26-30/09. Charles G. motioned that the Board authorize Diana to negotiate with the Leutz family a reservation subject to them paying a reasonable fee. Terri T. seconded. Carried. Smokey McKinney noted that Tallgrass was also scheduled to host the NACC convention in the spring of 2010.

T.J. T. noted that our current lease expires May 1. Also the current lease states that the owners pay taxes but T.G. has been paying them. The Carriger's will make a donation to T.G. to cover the amount of taxes. Following some additional discussion regarding the availability of the land to T.G. Jerry M. motioned the Board direct Terri T. to draft a new lease for a 10 year period. Charles G. seconded. Carried.

Bill C. reported on Lodge trim work. Most of the painting is nearly done and progressing on trim work needed. He needs about another \$1,000 for painting and an additional \$1,000 to finish the trim. That generated some discussion on the need to increase revenue flows. Only \$3,200 received this year. Ken T. Said he planned to have a fund-raising effort at East Independence and encouraged other members to do the same. T.J. T. motioned that we approve an additional \$2,000 to allow finishing the paint and trim work. Bill C. seconded. Carried.

Bill C. reported on the water and lagoon projects. He stated that work on both is scheduled to begin early May. Doug P. noted that the Harveyville attorney had “ridiculed” the plan in the Harveyville paper. Bill C. said he understood all was approved and was unaware of the attorney’s position and would explore the situation.

Smokey M. closed the meeting with prayer at 4:03

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Garretty  
Secretary