

DUCHESS CREEK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

May 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Simmons. He welcomed everyone for coming. This meeting was continued from Easter weekend to May 5th

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present - Bob Simmons, Judy Dry, David Daniel, Ray Permenter, Steve Stice, Glen Shetley, Bill Takagi, Roger Sonsalla. Members present were Warren Dry, Dorothy Sonsalla and Carol Simmons.

REPORTS:

The March 3, 2007 minutes were approved electronically by the Board on April 18th and formally approved as read at this meeting.

David Daniel, read the Treasurer's Report. The present balance as of February 28, 2007 is \$3,998.65. The report was approved as read. We now have 57 paid members.

BOAT RAMP REPORT:

Bob Simmons reported for the Boat Ramp Committee. A total of \$29.95 was collected from the donation box since November. Some clean up has been done but more is needed. Tommy Draper said the next time his crew is here they will cut limbs and clean up the shore. The lake is up about 1 ½ feet above normal. The rock we last put down is settling good and staying in place. We approved getting 2 loads of crusher run to put on top of the big rocks. Glen Shetley volunteered to spread the rock when we get it. We will start with 2 loads and see if we will need more.

We received the paper work for the boat ramp permit. David Daniel, Treasurer and Bill Takagi, Board Member signed the permit documents. David Daniel will take them to the local Corps of Engineers, and they will send them to main office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meet-n-Greet

The 1st Annual Meet-n-Greet last June was a great success, but we hope the 2nd Annual Meet-n-Greet will be even better. We will have a discussion at the annual meeting June 2nd, 2007, and take suggestions from the members about what date they would prefer to have the event, and gather suggestions and volunteers to help with meet-n-greet. The association will pay for the event.

ACCESS ROAD TO LAKE

Since our last meeting in March, not much has been done to correct the destruction of our access road to the lake. The home owner has not removed the concrete in the middle of the access road, rebar is sticking up and there are holes in the ground that are not marked. Everyone on corp property should be careful. Bob Simmons plans to talk with County Commissioner Bill Shackelford about fixing the road and billing the home owner for the repairs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR

This year the DCENA has made several improvements in our additions. The main project this year was to improve the boat ramp. We have made lots of changes and if you haven't had a chance to go see what has been done, please go by and let us know what you think. More improvements are being planned to make it even better.

We have added speed limit signs, street signs, gotten pot holes in roads filled, we gained several new members in the 2006-2007 year and hope to get more for this year.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board is adding a web site for DCENA to provide you with more information regarding what the Board has and will be doing. We plan to have many convenient and helpful information, including classified adds, points of interest, events, pictures, etc.

Board Member Bill Takagi has done some research on the cost of building a web site, and approval was given for him to start working on it as soon as possible. It will take some time to finish, but hopefully we will have something for you to see on the web very soon. This will be a work in progress project and your inputs are welcome. The web site address is www.dcena.com.

ABANDONED PROPERTY

There are several pieces of abandoned property in our additions. We will be attempting to contact the property owners to see if they will clean up the property, and if not, find out what the association can do to get the property maintained for the health and/or safety of the neighborhood.

SPEED LIMIT AND STREET SIGNS

The Board will be ordering six new 15 mph speed limit signs to put in various locations in the 2nd and 3rd additions, and six (6) "NO OFF ROAD VEHICLES" signs that will be placed at several high traffic areas. We have several street signs to repair.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our annual meeting this year will be Saturday, June 2, 2007, at 10:00 am at the Porum Landing Fire Department. We will be electing new officers, have guest speakers regarding our community, and listening to members' suggestions on how to make Duchess Creek Estates a better neighborhood. All members are encouraged to attend and vote for your choice of Board Officers and Board Members.

The following have expressed an interest in the following offices:

Bob Simmonds – President
Steve Stice – Vice President
Judy Dry – Secretary
David Daniel – Treasury

The following have expressed an interest in being a Board Member:

Ray Permenter
Roger Sonsalla
Tommy Draper
Bill Hull
Bill Takagi
Glen Shetley
Patrick Murphy
Daisy Keith

There are some current members we have not heard from about maintaining their position on the Board. It is not too late to let us know if you would be interested to be on the Board, or nominating someone that is willing to take the office.

Free breakfast before the meeting at the Fire Department will be provided to paid DCENA members who will be attending the meeting. Limit of 2 free breakfasts per household please.

4 WHEELERS STILL A PROBLEM:

Remember, 2 wheelers are illegal on our roads and the corp property. This is not DCENA's law, but state law. See flyer provided by the Sheriff's office.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held about how to get new members interested in our association. If you would like to volunteer on anything please let us know.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Board Members should provide the Secretary with items they would like to discuss at the next board meeting. The Agenda for the next meeting will be provided to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS!!!!

Saturday, June 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at the Porum Landing Fire Department.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Submitted by: Judy Dry, Secretary

APPROVED ELECTRONICALLY BY BOARD MAY 21, 2007

APPROVED AS READ: _____

APPROVED AS CORRECTED: _____

Date: _____