

**SALEM COUNTRY CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2013**

The Salem Country Club Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting Monday, September 9, 2013 at the club house. In attendance were Jeff Stockman, Brenda Blaine, Shelly Thomas, Jennifer Christopher, Nick Rohm, Mike Sinkovich, Jen Coletta, Matt Joing, and John Snyder

The August minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Sinkovich to accept the minutes. Shelly Thomas seconded. The motion was passed.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Matt Joing to pass the financial report. John Snyder seconded. The Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Lakes Swims and Grounds:

A new line was run in the lakehouse to increase the water pressure. The electric is fixed, but will cost \$400.00 more than budgeted.

One ladder on the Jacobs ladder water feature has been replaced with fiberglass rungs. All of them will eventually be replaced.

Firewood is still available to be picked up along the nature trail. Shawn is going to fix the leak in the mens shower in the bathhouse. Also the women's room in the clubhouse needs several renovations.

A short term of one year and longer term of three and five year plans are being worked on to give to Shawn. This will give Shawn and membership goals to reach for the future in improving the club.

The swimming lake had started to be drained. But the farmers field behind the club started to flood. This has since been shut off once the club was made aware of it. Jeff talked to Larry(the farmer) and explained that they had discovered that the drain pipe was broken and this was an oversight and not intentional. This drain will be replaced and fixed. We do not have an estimate yet.

By the time of the fall festival a tractor may be able to be driven through the nature trail.

The company who sets up and displays our fireworks every Fourth of July, wanted to know how many free membership they will be receiving. We have used this company for several years and they have never approached us about free memberships. Jeff Stockman explained to them that it is written in the bylaws that we are not able to exchange services for free memberships.

The zero turn mower is not working. Jeff told Shawn to have Copes come out and look at it. Instead Southwest Fuels came and they cleaned it and there was a buildup of algae in the tank, which can occur over several years and has been fixed.

There are several additions and repairs that need to be done in the next year they include: The kiddie slide needs to be replaced. There has been some work done to look into a new one. Jeff proposed building a new pavilion behind the snack shack, where the area has been cleared. This would cost the club about \$5,000.00. The windows in the bathhouse need to be replaced. And it has been proposed to replace two of the garage doors in the lakehouse with windows. This would help with insulating it a little better. The club needs a new water well in addition to the two we have. Extending the snack shack deck and adding a board walk. One final improvement would be to finally resurface the tennis courts.

Lifeguards:

Brenda came in \$3,000.00 under budget, partly due to the rainy season we had this month. Next year need to have tee-shirts for the lifeguards. The back of the seat in the kayak is broken, but it's still functional.

Snack Shack:

Some adjustment will be done for prices next year. Having even amounts in quarters will eliminate confusion. Also less menu items will simplify running the concession stand.

Public Relations:

Jeff will be sending out an e-mail about the kids outdoor days event. Flyers advertising the event have been posted on the bulletin boards.

Groups:

One way to raise extra money would be to raise the rental fee by \$25.00, during the busy season. Off season the total would be \$110.00 including rental and all guest fees included. Also shut down the clubhouse when the building is not being rented and if you rent the clubhouse no one can come in and use the kitchen. On weekends during events raise the guest fees to \$4.00 or \$5.00 each. This would help pay for the guards.

Finance:

Membership is the greatest it's even been, compared to a few years ago. All guest fees that are collected will go towards paying for the guards and any other expenses of the welcome center. This will create a budget for the welcome center. Shelly is going to bill at the beginning of our fiscal year (October), and when people are paid in full they will get their stickers, unless they are on the payment plan. Matt Joing looked into a payment plan with using a credit card. Pro pay charges the user a 3% fee every month if they are on the payment plan or if it comes automatically out of your bank account there is no 3% charge.

New Business:

Jeff brought up combining the secretary position with groups. Jeff asked Jen Christopher (secretary) her position on the idea. She didn't support the idea.

In 2012 the fishing lake was stocked with fish needs to e restocked in 2014.

The board would like to have the freedom to purchase land or equipment etc. with a \$5,000.00 spending cap. This would allow the board more freedom on decisions without having to go to membership.

There has been much inquiry about having a adult only party at the club. This would include alcohol, and would be a one year event. A special event permit would need to be purchased.

Jeff would like to propose that board members can now serve a three year term for three consecutive years instead of two.

Another Hunter education class will be offered, with limited spots in mid October. This event will be open to the public.

Kids outdoor days is the next event on the calendar. Jen Christopher is head of this event and has a concession trailer coming this year. Jungle Terry and the Ohio Wildlife Division will be coming again this year.

Family fall festival is the first weekend in October. Planning for that event will take place at the September meeting.

Old Business:

Mike Sinkovich made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, Shelly Thomas seconded. The motion carries.

The next meeting will be on October 14, 2012 at the Clubhouse unless otherwise notified, weather depending will be at the 777 Ellsworth location.