

## **Hickory Woods Campground Inc.**

Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2013

### **Opening:**

The May General Membership meeting of Hickory Woods Campground was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on May 25, 2013 in Brookville, Indiana by Gary Abrams.

Moment of Silence taken for all members that have passed this year.

Suellen Brafford introduced New Lot Owners:

Lot #9 - Ron and Pam Hobson, Lot #40-Rick and Michelle Bachman, Lot #99-Kevin and Amanda Young, Lot #127 Vickie Risner and Steve Hall, Lot #137 Michael (Shep) and Catherine Sheperd and Lot 152-Cletus and Tammi Doran.

Suellen Brafford also reintroduced the Board of Directors.

Gary recognized the members that helped get camp open and make the repairs. Gary thanked them all again for their hard work and ask the membership to acknowledge their hard work. Dale Anderson, Loyd Crump, Greg Jacklin, Jeff Rush and son Wyatt. Wyatt Rush actually fixed the water leak. Gary thanked all those that helped with the work.

Gary Abrams notified members that we are trying to go green. We did not print copies of the September, 2012 meeting minutes for everyone. We do have some copies available. If you would like a copy, we will provide a copy for you.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Jeff Rush, Lot 8 to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Lou Unkrich, Lot 62 seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gary reminded everyone to turn off their lights when not at camp. It was voted on last meeting to start fining owners that are abusing the rules. We are going to start doing this ASAP. Please turn off your lights when you are not at camp.

### **Security Report:**

Jim Day - Reminders to owners and visitors to SLOW DOWN. Speed limit is 5 mph.

1. Please have visitors register at security office. This help to save the guards from having to use the cart (and gas) to run down the visitors that don't stop.
2. Introduction of new guard – Joe Williams.

## **Treasurer Report**

Suellen Brafford gave a detailed report on our finances. The major change was using a CD to pay off the security trailer loan. Copies are available in the office.

Motion made by Susie Abrams, Lot 146 to accept, Art Jones, Lot 145 seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **Old Business/Open Issues**

Pete Angelone reviewed the financial health of the campground. He gave report and updated members with current totals and changes.

Gary Abrams gave update on the calendar of events.... July 6 is the only correction - Monte Carlo is changed to 1 p.m.

Gary asked for volunteers for all events. We have lists for volunteers on the front table. Please sign up and help when you can.

## **New Business**

Suellen Brafford mentioned that we are trying to go green. We are trying to get a new system worked out to make everything current. We would like to get email addresses for all owners. Please make sure we have your email on your registration forms. We can send minutes of meetings, etc. to all owners. If you don't have email, we will give you a hard copy. Assessments with forms will still be mailed to all owners.

Vickie Risner, Lot 127 had a rule question and wanted to ask a question. We will get back to Rules in a few minutes.

Tom Vonderhaar, Lot 87, requested to have minutes posted on the bulletin board. We will start posting them. Gary Abrams mentioned a copy is always available in the office.

Suellen Brafford is looking for a new computer program for property management. She is going to purchase this software and then donate to campground.

Doug Martin, Lot 66 mentioned on the capital expenditures, we should check with Dwayne Marker and see if he would be willing to donate a golf cart for some free advertising promoting his place. The Brookville businesses may also want to donate for some free advertising.

Jo D Waywood, Lot 46, recommended that we have some type of fundraiser to raise funds for new equipment, maintenance on equipment, etc. Suellen Brafford encouraged all members to join in on our activities. All of our events are geared towards making money for the campground and to help with equipment purchases and costs for expenses.

Gary Abrams asked if members would be interested in doing a monthly 50/50 drawing. If anyone is interested in helping the Board, please volunteer to be on a committee and help us raise funds for the campground.

Tom Vonderhaar, Lot 87 mentioned that Pizza King was interested in advertising on the backstop. He asked if they were contacted for advertising. It has not been pursued.

Gary Abrams jumped back on the agenda so Vickie Risner, Lot 127, could ask a question. She wanted a definition of the rules as far as sound and loud radios. Neighbors need to be considerate of other campers. Radios have been left on when members are gone. The Board is aware of the problem. Jim Day mentioned that there is a county ordinance against loud noise. Neighbors need to be considerate of their neighbors.

Rule Reminder: A member mentioned they almost hit a golf cart last night because they didn't have their lights on. Make sure your golf carts have the lights turned on at dusk. Please keep the lights on!!! Denny Esken mentioned that everyone needs to slow down and watch out for each other, especially children.

Gary Abrams opened a discussion on the Kubota –

Loren Foster, Lot 42 brought up the Kubota and what it was originally purchased for. It was purchased for campground use and that has been changed.

Members had a lengthy discussion. Vickie Jones, Lot 145 brought up the use and if someone got hurt. Lot 124 asked for clarification on equipment leaving the property. It is not leaving property. Jo D Waywood, Lot 46 suggested checking on insurance and going back to the original usage for campground use only. Vickie Jones, Lot 145 recommended owners take a test. Loren Foster, Lot 42 recommends going back to the original rule. Vince Perry, Lot 54, would like to have use of it. If he needs to do something on his lot, he would like to use it. Doug Martin, Lot 66 mentioned we should get regular maintenance of the Kubota. Jo D Waywood, Lot 45 recommended we go back to the original mandate until we change that mandate. The Kubota should be only for campground use. Jeff Rush, Lot 8 – mentioned there is other equipment in the garage.....does that mean everything? This is Only the Kubota, John Deere and the tractor. We need to check insurance before we make a motion and change the rules.

Tom Vonderhaar mentioned an old case where someone got hurt and the campground was sued and had to pay \$200,000.

Gary Abrams will check with insurance and get something in writing on what our liability is. He will be meeting with his agent on Tuesday, May 28th.

Suellen Brafford made a motion to suspend private usage on equipment, except for campground use only. Jo D Waywood, Lot 45 seconded. We will check on insurance, etc. and then make a final decision. Suellen Brafford will create a waiver for all major equipment.

Gary Abrams will suspend use and set a special meeting for 10 a.m. on June 29, 2013. WE will have a vote then with membership present.

Jerry Yoakum, Lot #29 recommended we go ahead and vote on the earlier motion. Suellen Brafford reread motion to suspend private usage on equipment, except for campground use only. Jo D Waywood, Lot 45 seconded. Motion passed.

Flooring in office needs to be replaced. No decision has been made to replace the carpet yet.

– No smoking or pets in office.

**Minor By law change:**

Recommendation was made that the Secretary and Treasurer need to be computer literate. We want to change that in the bylaws.

Sharon Day, Lot 73 mentioned this was a no voting meeting.

Suellen Brafford explained that this could be a motion in our special meeting on June 29th. We will vote then.

Peggy Warrenburg, Lot 59 asked how many people would be qualified in our membership if the rule is changed. Suellen Brafford explained that anyone could be qualified. They would need to be instructed on how to use the campground system. Anyone would need to be trained before they took the office.

Betsy Anderson thanked Vickie Risner's daughter for the help with new designs for our T-shirts. Betsy showed the shirts and mention that more orders will be made today. It takes about a week to get the shirts. We may also do other orders over the season.

Jo D Waywood, Lot 45 volunteered to chair a committee for fundraising. Sherry Foster volunteered to be on the committee. Other volunteers can see Jo D Waywood, Lot 45.

Gary Abrams invited everyone to Lunch. It is today at 1 p.m.

The Poker Run at 2 p.m. will start at the Office.

Loren Foster, Lot 42 wanted to compliment the Board on their hard work. They are doing a great job! Members applauded.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made at 11:15 a.m. by Jeff Rush, Lot 8 to adjourn meeting. Darlene Chafin, Lot 136 seconds. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Darlene Chafin, Acting Secretary