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Goodbye for the Winter...



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Presidents Report

Hello fellow campers.

The leaves have all dropped and so have the temperatures. For some of us that means the end of the camping season, for some the start of hunting season and for a handful, it means the start of the winter camping season. The Dells area does indeed offer more than just waterparks. Two area state parks offer dozens of miles of snowshoe and cross-country ski trails and three resorts within 30 minutes of the camp offer downhill skiing and tubing.



If you do decide to explore the “other” season in the Dells, please see articles within this edition of the Newsletter that feature important reminders regarding regulations and use of the camp during the off-season. In addition to those articles...

- Remember that the Camp’s 10 mile per hour speed limit is year-round.
- Please leave the lodge bathrooms cleaner than you found them. The disinfectants in the showers are there for your protection and the protection of your fellow campers.
- Keep in mind that both use of the camp and amenities within the camp are very limited during the off-season.
- While Vince will clear a parking spot for you with 3 days-notice, you will be responsible for shoveling your own path to your door.
- Most importantly, if you do come to camp during the off-season please come prepared. This is the season of “roughing it” and winter weather conditions in the Dells can and have changed with little or no forewarning.



As for the end of the 2020 season, rather than reflect back on what has been a challenging year for everyone, I’d like to look ahead to the light at the end of the tunnel. By all accounts, vaccination against Covid-19 should begin by the end of December, with wide-spread vaccination occurring by Easter. Let’s all stay hopeful and positive that this will mean an effective end to this plague and a return to normalcy in time for the 2021 camping season. Until then, please stay safe and please have a wonderful holiday season and New Year.

Eddie Mallonen

Board President

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Vice President's Report

Welcome to the Fall/Winter campers!

As I type this my employer is celebrating team member week. It is a week to celebrate the employees of the company, how we come together to get the job done, and how we care for the patients. This year has been more of a challenge since a majority of us are working from home. It is also a reason we are still pulling together. If we find an error, we do not point fingers or blame, we fix it, share it to help overcome these obstacles, and move on. Today we had a video from some of the department heads thanking us for doing our jobs.

One of the supervisors from my department, Christine Hernke, shared a quote she had heard from Dr. Srikrishna Mylavarapu, the VP of Behavioral Health. This quote is from Jon Gordan who states, "We do not get burned out because of what we do, we get burned out because we forget why we are doing that." I feel this quote hits home as many of us use camp as our happy place; our place to get away and leave worries in the wind, and to forget. Yet, we forget our reasons why in the same process. We forget why it is our happy place, we forget to care about others and let them enjoy their happy place, and we make ourselves the priority over others. As I look back over this past year and reflect, I see how true some of this is. Many people have been speeding thru camp. They have concern for themselves and not of the children playing or other members walking and enjoying the outdoors. I have seen numerous members with dogs off leash with a response that is my dog is well behaved and listens. However, on the other side, others may be fearful of dogs or other dogs that your dog may approach wanting to play may not be dog friendly. People not caring for caution with the COVID situation and not worrying about others. Showing care for themselves as a priority with no fear of catching COVID or sharing it. My concern is not of myself catching it, but sharing it with someone who is at risk and may not be as lucky as others with good health.

As I reflect, some may say that these are all things from the past. We cannot change the past, but we can make things better for our futures and future generations to enjoy Camp Delton. Let's come together, let's fix the mistakes we can, learn from the mistakes we cannot fix, and care for each other as much as we care for ourselves.

In closing, I would like to thank the current and past board members for their time and dedication to providing a role in making Camp Delton a great place, and all of our current and past employees for their roles in the campground. I would also like to thank all camp members who have volunteered their time in various ways to the camp. Without people like this, we could not be what we are today. I would also like to wish all camp members a very safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season. May 2021 bring joy and happiness to everyone.

Lindsay Wikel
Vice President
Camp Delton Club Inc.

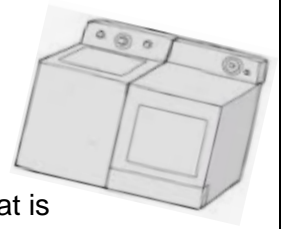


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Treasurers Report

Camp Maintenance and Improvement Reserves

In 2020, based on pre-planning from prior years, we have been able to continue put money in our reserve accounts to plan for larger expenditures. The camp was able to acquire three new washers and three dryers as well as a new SCAG lawn mower for camp operations this year from those reserve accounts.



There will be a final purchase of two remaining washers and three dryers in 2021 that is in the approved budget.

The camp has the following in reserves: RESERVE MONEY TOTALS CAN BE REQUESTED, BY MEMBERS ONLY, FROM THE CAMP OFFICE.

Camp Maintenance & Improvements: \$

Vehicle reserve: \$

Recruiting reserves: \$

Roads reserve: \$

Manager's House Reserve: \$

Equipment Reserves: \$

Sewer reserve: \$

Professional Fees reserves: \$

Gate Reserve: \$

Tree Removal Reserve: \$

Loans



We currently have two loans outstanding from prior referendums for the electric project and the lodge remodel. Please contact the Treasurer or office for these report.



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I will be investigating if there is any benefit to refinancing the loans to a lower interest rate as interest rates have been declining this year. There may be a cost of an appraisal to the camp as part of closing costs to refinance. This closing cost will be weighed against the potential savings we would have on paying off the loans quicker due to having a lower interest rate.

Internal Audit

We will be having an internal audit most likely in May or June of 2021. If you would like to participate in this process, please watch for information about the dates in the spring.



2021 Budget

The 2021 Budget was passed by the board at the November Board Meeting. The finances of Camp Delton Club are in good shape and to ensure they remain in this way for 2021 with a fairly well-balanced budget, a small increase in dues of \$20 per site will be included in your 2021 dues statement. Thank you to the budget committee that met in early October to go over and review the budget in advance of it being submitted to the board for approval.

Enjoy your holiday season and stay well and safe!

Respectfully Submitted,

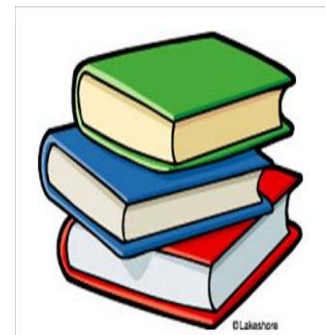
Audra Arndt

Camp Delton Club Treasurer

Secretary Report

Hello Camp Members,

It has certainly become cliché to state (but I will anyways) that the pandemic has truly rocked our world and caused us to reframe most aspects of our life. This has also impacted our Board of Directors and the business decisions that must be made throughout the year. The pandemic and the Governor's Safer at Home Order this past Spring put our Board into a delicate position where we had to cancel the March and May board meetings as we were unable to safely discuss Camp business face-to-face. To navigate through this intense and rapidly changing situation, we had to communicate via other means including email, phone, and video conference.



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The Camp follows Robert's Rules of Order as authority for conducting board meetings and Camp business. Originally, Robert's Rules of Order required a bylaw change to allow board members to conduct business electronically and virtually. Additionally, it limited the ability to facilitate board meetings and allow participation/voting of board members and Camp members unless the meetings were face to face. Robert's Rules of Order has since been revised, and it does allow business to be conducted electronically and virtually. That being said, the board will be able to operate electronically or virtually when needed. The board, however, wishes to integrate this into our bylaws to make it more specific and transparent to membership.



An in-depth discussion on this topic occurred at the August Board of Directors Meeting to recommend a bylaw change. The overwhelming voice by members was to have this topic carefully examined within the Bylaws and Rules and Regulation Committee and bring back a recommendation to the Board of Directions for consideration. This amazing committee met in October, thoroughly discussed the topic, and came up with a recommendation for the Board of Directors to be considered at the November Board of Directors meeting.

Although the board supports this change to the bylaws, any bylaw changes or additions must be voted on by Camp Delton Club membership. These changes are brought forward at the Annual Membership Meeting. In the mean-time, the board wants to be transparent and make members aware that the board will begin operating via electronic or virtual platforms when necessary as per the amended Roberts Rules of Order. The board will also be able to make board meetings available to camp members via a virtual platform that when they cannot attend in person, members can still listen to the discussion and be informed.

For reference, below is the proposed text to add to our bylaws:

Article IV – Board of Directors- Section 4 – Meetings and Quorum

Regular board meetings will be conducted in person with an option for board members who are unable to attend in person a platform to participate and vote on camp business via an audio/visual/virtual platform. Members should attend the meeting in person where possible, and an audio/visual/virtual option to participate in the audience to member section will be provided.

The board may conduct an electronic vote for camp business for a decision that is time sensitive and required to be made before the next regularly scheduled meeting. These motions must be incorporated into the minutes of the next meeting.

Please reach out to me, Sue Whitaker, the Bylaws and Insurance Director, or other board members with any questions you may have.

Take care everyone and I hope you have a great off-season and I look forward to seeing you next camping season.

Rich Marshall, Sites 84 and 40

Camp Delton Club Secretary

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Building & Grounds Report

All leaves from now until Spring will need to be bagged.

The new Wilderness Shed by the lake is complete.

Do not turn off the 100-amp breaker on your pedestal. It gives off just enough heat to prevent rust in your pedestal. You are not saving any money by doing this. Turn off the 30 & 50 amp only, if you wish.

This winter if you want your driveway plowed, I would appreciate a three-day notice prior to your arrival.

Also, any sites that were not cleaned this Fall will need to be cleaned up in the Spring.



Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Roland & Vince

Membership Report

I must say the year of 2020 began with many challenges for those of us at Camp Delton Club. I want to start by thanking all those involved in the safe opening of our camp and for the hard work put in throughout the season to continue to make things safe for all of us.

Reflecting on the short time I have been in the position of Membership Director, there have been many complaints received regarding speeding in camp, noise complaints, unattended fires, dogs not on leashes and sites not being cleaned up. Moving on to our 2021 season, please remember to be kind to one another, follow our rules and regulations and do your part in keeping Camp Delton Club a safe and happy place to be.

A few friendly reminders-

- Please submit all complaints in writing on a formal complaint form and be sure to fill it out as completely as possible. You can obtain a complaint form from the office or on our website, www.campdelton.com (scroll down to quick menu and to forms). The Board has 30 days to respond to the complaint. My plan moving forward is to reach out to the complainant within a few days to let him/her know their concerns are going to be investigated/addressed.
- Guests- please remember you are responsible for your guests and they must follow all rules and regulations while in camp. You as the member are subject to fines for violations committed by your guests so be sure to review the rules and regulations with them. The rules are not intended to restrict people, but to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!

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- Vehicles and boats must be removed from unoccupied sites by May 31st.
- Moving into the spring, please keep all sites clean and be sure to have trailers cleaned by Memorial weekend. Camp Delton club is a beautiful place and we all need to do our part in keeping it that way.
- Facebook Page- this committee has been tabled to the spring. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please contact me by email (heidih@campdelton.com) or by phone 715-896-1537.
- Camp Delton Club currently has 2 memberships for sale. Fall and winter are good times to buy, so spread the word to family or friends. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us at Camp Delton Club, check out our website @www.campdelton.com. Contact Carol in the office for questions regarding memberships for sale or if planning on selling your membership, if you wish to have us sell for you.
- Fall/winter office hours are Thursday through Monday 9 AM to 1 PM. The office will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Normal office hours will resume in April when the water is turned back on.



In closing, I wish you all a very safe time during the off season and hope you all find ways to enjoy the upcoming holiday season during these challenging times. See you all next season!

Heidi Helm- Membership Director, Camp Delton Club

Personnel Report

The Camp is down to only 2 employees for the winter season. We will be starting the process of hiring the staff for next season in January so that we are trained and ready to go as soon as weather allows.



It has been a difficult season for the staffing of camp, but with the addition of Carol to the Office Manager position and the help of the remaining staff to step up and work extra hard, we were able to have a successful season. Special thanks to Julie and Sue for coming forward and helping in the lodge when we really needed them.

I want to thank all the members for their patience and understanding this year. With the strange year we had right from the beginning, we had a successful season and look forward to next year.

Brian Wachowicz
Personnel Director

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By-Laws/Insurance Report

As the 2020 season has come to a close, the committee continues to work on the Rules & Regulations and By-Law document. I welcome all questions & concerns regarding any Rules or Regulations or By-Law rules. Send them to suew@campdelton.com.

Just a couple of reminders:

-----If you plan on being up in the off season, you do need to follow, and abide by the rules for Off-season campfires at your site. As stated in Section 3, rule 24: Fires are permitted from October 15 – April 15 provided the member has a minimum of five gallons of water near the fire.

-----Please remember that come spring, to have your sites cleaned up by Memorial Day weekend, meaning, trailers clean, grass, and weeds in an orderly appearance, as well as leaves raked, and signs in a visible location.

Your assistance in making this camp great is appreciated. Have a safe and warm winter.

Sue Whitaker, Bylaws & Insurance Director



Office Manager Report

Hello Members

It was such a great pleasure to meet most of you this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for me and I thank you for the pleasure of being part of the Camp Delton Club.

Even with Covid-19 we had a pretty good season! I'm hoping next year we will be able to have the activities we all so much enjoy!

I wanted to bring to your attention several points:

- Our new email address is campoffice@campdelton.com. Please update your devices with this new email address.



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- The gate card inventory is still an ongoing project. I found a few members with more than four cards. I ask that you review your cards, and in the Spring bring them to me so we can have updated and accurate records.
- Monthly Dues payment plans can be set up anytime and you can even autopay directly from your bank account. We can also process Dues payments over the phone with our credit/debit card machine.
- If your gate cards are not working and the office is closed, please call the emergency phone number which is 608-432-1590. If you get no response, go to the Managers House and ring the doorbell. If still no response, use the emergency exit gate and contact the office when it is open.
- Invoices will be sent out mid to late November. Double check with the office to verify we have the correct email or mailing address. Late charges will be assessed April 16th if a signed payment plan has not been set up prior to that date.

Have a wonderful, safe and healthy winter season. I look forward to seeing you all in the Spring.

Carol Rochester
Office Manager



Safety/Regulations

Off Season Campfires Rules Reminder

- 1) All in-season rules regarding size and containment of campfires apply to off-season campfires.
- 2) All in-season rules regarding burnable materials apply to winter campfires. (No garbage, leaves, etc.)
- 3) Off-season campfires are to be permitted **ONLY** when the following conditions are met:
 - a. The marquee sign at the entrance gate indicates “CAMPFIRES OK” as posted by the camp manager or grounds manager and determined by the Wisconsin DNR website designation of GREEN/LOW or BLUE/MODERATE fire risk for Sauk County. This can be checked by the camp office at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.html> and posted accordingly. No off-season campfires will be allowed during the Wisconsin DNR designations of YELLOW/HIGH, ORANGE/VERY HIGH or RED/EXTREME for Sauk County.



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- b. The campsite having an off-season fire must have sufficient snow cover to fully extinguish the fire using a shovel OR a minimum of 5 gallons of water must be readily available at the campsite.
- c. Campfires must be attended at all times and must be fully extinguished once abandoned.
- d. Any camp member intending to potentially have a campfire must notify office staff when checking in. In the event the office is closed at check-in the member must leave a message indicating their intentions on the office voicemail.
- e. A copy of these rules must be signed by the primary campsite member and kept on-file in the office prior to having an off-season campfire.

Off Season Occupancy Reminder

There seems to be some confusion over the off season camping rules. Following is what is stated in the Camp Rules and Regulations:

Camp Rules and Regulations, Section 3 – Structures and Grounds – Section 15 states:

From October 15 – April 15 campsites cannot be occupied more than 45 days total and not to exceed 14 consecutive days at a time.

We will be enforcing this throughout the off season.

Board Meetings



2021 Off-Season Board Meetings

Dates:

January 16, 2021

March 20, 2021

Meetings start at 10 am!

All Members Welcome!

All correspondence to be read at meetings need to be received no later that 1 week before the meeting.

Office: 608.254.8361

Meeting Minutes Available on our website:

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