

## Camping Minutes April 24, 2004

ATTENDING: Ken Truax, Bill Carriger, Smokey McKinney, Jerry Myers, Dennis Bacon, Charles Garretty

Smokey opened the meeting at 10:30 with a reading from Gal. 6:7-10 and some brief comments about persevering in doing good. Present members then participated in group prayer seeking God's blessing on this effort.

Items covered:

**Insurance-** Jerry reported that Chihowa requires camping groups provide proof of at least \$1 Million insurance. Bill added that NACC Conference yielded only a couple of insurance companies that provided camp insurance. Jerry has appointment and will have more detail at next meeting. Dennis committed to contact Sam Ends about additional possibilities. It was noted that we need two stages of coverage. One an umbrella policy to cover directors, camp liability exposure and a second stage provided by camping groups to cover their individual activity medical and liability exposures. Most churches already have such insurance.

**Fund Raising-** Dennis reported that he was aware of the following current commitments:

\$10,000 from Wheatland, \$8,000 of which is unrestricted

5,000 from Southwest Topeka

3,500 from 4 current Board members. ( Each year for three years, \$4,000 in 2<sup>nd</sup> year.)

He then voiced concern about lack of evidence of broad support based on little number of responses to date. The promotional video is basically done and waiting for Mark Alford to do voice over. Dennis feels we need to do something to "re-energize" the base. EG, a significant event at the property. Support was voiced for that suggestion. Ken questioned the realistic probability of doing camp at the Site by the summer of 05. Churches need to know to facilitate planning. May not be possible at this time. Dennis said we need to be through the silent phase and ready for the public campaign by September. Bill questioned ability to proceed on Lake Construction with present uncertainty. Charles motioned the Board authorize up to \$7,000 out of funds currently available to begin design and construct the lake. Bill is to provide the Board with written documentation supporting construction costs. Dennis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Summer Camp Sessions-** East Independence is going to Louisiana this summer as part of changing camping location. Southside Lawrence will have 3 different camp sessions at Chihowa this year. No other reports were given.

**College Work Camp-**Smokey distributed copy of draft site development plan. Upon review, Dennis suggested moving up, in time, development of an athletic field. Bill noted that he would have to pay back to the State in full for any land removed from tallgrass prior to 2007. The Board noted that as an additional financial exposure and that the Board (camp) should cover Bill for any of those expenses incurred. The college crew will mainly focus on cleaning out and perhaps starting work on proposed amphitheater area. Smokey invited others to participate in the work weekend (5/27-31) with the college crew. He does need to know in advance who/how many will be there so notify him ASAP by email or phone.

**Motion-** Smokey restated his desire to resign as president and commit to pursuing site development full time. Charles Garretty motioned and Dennis Bacon seconded that the Board accept Smokey's resignation and elect Ken Truax as Board President. Discussion following emphasized appreciation for Smokey's leadership. The motion passed unanimously.

**Leadership-** Smokey presented to the group the various roles/groups as outlined in the approved by-laws.

1. Trustees
2. Board of Directors
3. Officers
4. Committee / Work Groups

The group then worked to place initial and prospective names into each group. It was noted that attendance at scheduled meetings is a requirement for continued involvement.

Init. / Prosp.	Trustees	Directors	Officers	Committees/Workgroups
Initial	Smokey McKinney	Smokey McKinney	V.P. Smokey McKinney	Property Development Smokey McKinney
Initial	Bill Carriger	Bill Carriger		Fund Raising - Dennis Bacon
Initial	Jerry Myers	Jerry Myers	Treas. Jerry Myers	Legal - Jerry Myers
Initial	Ken Truax	Ken Truax	Pres. Ken Truax	
Initial	Charlie Garretty	Charlie Garretty	Sec. Charlie Garretty	
Initial	Tom Tinsley			
Initial		Dennis Bacon		
Initial		T.J. Tinsley		
Initial		Chris Stewart		
Prospective	Jan Sullivan	Portell ?		Camp Sessions Coord. - ?
Prospective	Lynn Richardson	John Telgren		
Prospective		Paul Talley		
Prospective		Daren Mitchell		
Prospective		Chris Kurtz		
Prospective		Ted Phillips		
Prospective		Tim Douthart		

**Work Assignments-**

Jerry will contact Daren Mitchell, Mike McAuley, John Telgren, & Tim Douthart about serving. He will also contact Carl Wheeler to assess Kansas legal status/issues.

Charlie will contact Lynn Richardson, Paul Talley, and the Portells about serving.

Smokey will contact Ted Phillips/Gladstone, Oskaloosa, and Manhattan about future involvement.

Dennis will contact Jan Sullivan about serving

Ken will contact Swope Parkway about future involvement

**Motion-** Dennis motioned and Jerry seconded that the Officers be approved as noted in the above chart. Unanimously approved. Also, any others interested and involved, even in short term roles, who do not fit into any of the above categories will be identified as an important part of our base.

The meeting concluded at 1:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Garretty