

Camping Minutes September 18, 2004

ATTENDING: Bill Carriger, Charles Garretty, Smokey McKinney, Chris Stewart, T. J. Tinsley, and Tom Tinsley

As Ken Truax was absent Charles Garretty chaired the meeting

T. J. opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:20.

Bill Carriger reported on Development Plan research he had been asked to pursue at the last meeting. He presented 3 possible scenarios.

(1) Phase one: a Retreat Facility. At 8,000 sq. ft. estimate and various expense ratios for kitchen, etc. cost would be about \$600,000 for the building alone.

(2) Phase one: six cabins to hold about 10-12 people at \$20,000 each and a 100'x50' building for eating/meeting, etc. at \$250,000 for a total of approximately \$400,000.

(3) Phase one: six platform tents at \$3,000 each and a 60' x 40' "Morton type" support building. About \$178,000 total including kitchen equipment.

None of the above estimates include additional expenses for providing electric and water utilities. It was also noted we need to consider storm shelter provisions discussed in an earlier meeting and not addressed in these estimates.

Discussion followed and some questions were raised about how detailed our development plans should be and plans presented for fund raising activities. We have been proceeding based on a development plan based on scenario one. Due to current lack of solid funds and concerns about our ability to raise over \$500,000 in the short term there was general agreement on the part of those present that scenario 2 might be the most prudent and logical plan, especially as most camping activities seem to emphasize the small group (cabin) motif. Chris suggested that we schedule a review and seek a firm approval of more Board Members than present today for the specific approach we want to present to potential supporters. Everyone agreed. Some additional concerns were voiced about fall off of attendance at meetings. Charlie volunteered to follow up with OP, Red Bridge, Liberty and Gladstone. Chris to f/u with John Telgren at Leavenworth and the Baldwin Church. Tom will contact Westside and Basehor.

Tom asked whom fund raising checks should be made out to. Answer was either Christian Camp, Inc. or Tallgrass Christian Camp will work.

Bill reported on Labor Day work weekend. They rented a bobcat and got some cleanup in spite of low turnout and bad weather. May get some future help from the Harveyville Church. He also reported on other work progress and plans. The road has been graveled to the dam. Next planned is to gate and fence the entrance to the property.

Bill raised some new business. People have been using ATV's; etc. for recreation purposes and that use of vehicles is not covered by current insurance. Coverage is for work use only. Recreational use may also violate CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) contract. The board ruled that no recreational use of ATV or other vehicles would be allowed on the property due to liability and contractual exposures. Smokey asked Bill to clarify at our next meeting the exposures of the various scenarios we are considering on the CRP contract.

Chris Stewart closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Garretty
Secretary