



**Potawatomi Property Owners Association (PPOA)
Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 21, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by President Greg Roman at 1:09 p.m. following a potluck picnic at the PPOA Campground. 21 members enjoyed the potluck. A special thanks to Greg Roman for providing the hotdogs and doing the grilling!

Minutes

Secretary Hess read the minutes from the 2009 annual meeting. Motion made by Barb Wilcox and seconded by Mrs. Doug Foote to accept the minutes.

President's Message:

President Roman welcomed Association members and introduced the Board members. He stated it has been a busy year and noted the projects:

- The Firewise Program was an important project this year. Marty Kasinkas, of the DNR was very helpful with the program. The association has received recognition status as the first Northern Firewise Community. This will help PPOA in getting grants and monies needed for the program. With the help of the Town of Barnes and Highland, it is hoped these monies can be used for a new well at the campground and a new fire exit road to the north of Potawatomi. An "Adjective" sign was installed after the last annual meeting, which has received many positive comments.
- The bat problem on the Island is being addressed. A company was hired to caulk and install bat excluders in the cabins. Bat houses have been installed for the relocation of the bats. (Bats are a protected species.) Jeff has noted great progress in the elimination of the problem.
- Firewise Chipping Day was a big success; approximately 40 residents participated. The next Chipping Day is scheduled for September 11th. PPOA will apply for funding for this project each year.
- Campground projects were completed which included clearing of the sewer lines, staining and painting of the shower building, cutting dead trees and brushing of the campground area, and most recently the re-roofing of the shower building. Roofing products were donated by United Products of Duluth.
- PPOA hosted the Town of Barnes swimming lessons on the Island.
- New furnaces are to be installed in September in the Lakeview Cabin and the Lodge. The money was donated by an association member.
- The wiring of the Lodge was upgraded to 200 AMP panel. (Thanks Vern.)
- Jeff and Greg remodeled the Caretaker Cabin. The response has been very positive.
- It has been a busy year, but a GOOD YEAR!

Guest Speaker – Marty Kasinskas, Wildland Urban Interface Forester

- Marty congratulated the association for being a Firewise Community.
- Handed out Firewise Assessment copies. Some of the Board members have been trained to do voluntary fire inspections for homeowners. A sign-up sheet was available for those interested in having an assessment conducted.
- Marty informed the association that homeowners may receive a 10% discount on their Homeowners Insurance now that we are in a Firewise Community. Check with your Homeowners Insurance carriers.
- If the granting process is successful, Marty would like to see a "fire exit road" near the campground completed by next June.
- Would like to burn the "stump dump" on Town of Barnes property near the campground during this upcoming winter.
- The head of the Firewise Program in Madison was impressed with the response to the Chipping Day. The cost of the Chipping Day was paid for by a grant from the DNR - \$3,000.
- Vern presented Marty with a plaque as a thank you for all his help he provided with the Firewise Program.

Caretakers Report:

- Jeff thanked Lenny Benser, Greg Roman, and Mark Holm for their help on the roofing of the shower building.
- A thank you to Jeff, Joe, & Dawn Pittman for the new roofing on the screen house picnic area.
- He also thanked association members Jay & Bev Martinson for all the furniture they donated.
- The association is looking for another dock on the Island to be used for boats and fishing.
- Jeff introduced an idea of having a Community Garden by the barn off George Lake Road. He is hoping for feedback on the project.
- He asked for donations of any old windows. Jeff uses the glass for updating the cabin windows.
- He will be addressing some erosion issues at the beach due to the heavy rains.
Motion made by Barb Wilcox and seconded by Carol Benser to accept the report.

Financial Report:

- Dawn Pittman distributed the financial report for the fiscal year ending July 31st. The new budget was set at \$54,517.00 which is a slight decrease from last year. \$44,708.22 was received this year for cabin rentals and assessment fees. Assessment fees were short of goals again this year. Dawn thanked the property owners that gave extra monies this year. The Board is thankful for the great volunteer efforts that help with the budget.
Barb Wilcox made and Dianne Hess seconded a motion to accept the financial report and new 2010-2011 budget.

Nominations for 3 PPOA Members for 3-year terms on the Board of Directors:

- Expired term – Dawn Pittman
 - Expired term – Leonard Benser
 - Expired term – Dianne Hess
- Vern Wilcox re-nominated Leonard Benser and Mary Bielke re-nominated Dawn Pittman, Dianne Hess declined a re-nomination by Jim Hardy. Jim Hardy

nominated Mary Bielke and Vern Wilcox seconded the nomination. Jim Hardy and Vern Wilcox seconded a motion to close the nominations.

Member Questions/Concerns/Ideas:

- Dale Millermon is concerned about the need for clean-up of certain properties on Red Oak Drive; the old tires and many bags of garbage.
- Complaints regarding jet skis on Island Lake. Jeff noted that complaints should be directed to the game warden in Drummond – Jill Schartner 715-492-7419.
- ATV off-road complaints should be directed to the Barnes Constable. The fine is now \$275!

A drawing was held for Firewise t-shirts – most members received t-shirts.

President Roman thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting and for all the many volunteers. Dawn Pittman made and Barb Wilcox seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hess