

Holiday Shores
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2018

Attendance

Board Members

Present: Dave Decker, Ali DeVries, Shaun Diltz, Matt Ressler, Anthony Harrell and Tony Harris.

Excused Absent: Steven Yates, Jr.

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present

Rob Frey, Angie Webster and Misty Soliben from the Holishor Office.

Holishor Members Present: 12

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Minutes of August 22, 2018

Ali DeVries - Motions to approve the minutes as submitted.

Shaun Diltz - Seconds.

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Transfers of Property

There were 8 transfers of property. There were 6 houses and 2 lots. 7 triggered initiation fees.

Old Business

Association Manager Search Update

Dave Decker - After the last board meeting, the board met in executive session. They decided on an approach. We have made an offer. We are waiting for that process to work its way through. Hopefully we will have an announcement at our next board meeting.

Jet Ski Rule

Anthony Harrell - I've reached out to Ben Kelly, the president of the Boating Committee. He is working on getting a date together for the Boating Committee meeting. I have started research on the new jet skis that are available.

Cadaver Dog Training Plan

Dave Decker - A couple meetings ago we received a request from Tracy Ferguson requesting that the board authorize her to be allowed to train her dog on our boats. The board had approved that and requested that she get with the security officers and put together a plan and bring that to the board to get approved. We have an email that has her proposal. It says " I spoke with Security Officer Sheri Wellen. She is interested in being the lead driver for our training. I can work out a training day (1) per week, about 2 hours long, from her schedule. It would be nice to have a set day but I can contact her each week and plan our day of training. It is beneficial to have only 1 or 2 drivers for training as they will need to become familiar with what is expected from the boat driver and to become comfortable with Holmes. Sheri is more than willing to take on this task. She is interested and stated she has the time for it. When she showed me the boat we will be using (Sea Ark) there were two people, Daniele Dix and Clayton Aden, both showed great interest in wanting to learn and observe our training as well. Summer is coming to a close and I understand the boat will be put away for winter. Next spring we will have a good foundation to start with. I want to thank you again for the opportunity of training with our Security Department. If you need any additional information, please let me know. Thank you, Tracy" **Shaun Diltz** - How much time is going to be a lot into this? **Dave Decker** - According to this, they are asking for one day a week

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at 2 hours per day. **Shaun Diltz** - I guess what I'm asking is, is it open-ended from now until forever? **Dave Decker** - As this is worded, yes. **Ali DeVries** - Maybe we should ask her how long they typically need to train for or is it all season. Just so we can account for the officers. **Anthony Harrell** - Are there going to be three security officers with her each time or are they going to rotate? **Ali DeVries** - She asked that they don't rotate. So it sounds like Sheri has volunteered to be one of them and then they need one driver, if not have two people train to be drivers. **Dave Decker** - I would expect that you only need one boat driver and then Tracy who's the dog handler. **Anthony Harrell** - She mentions Danielle and Clayton in here. **Dave Decker** - My interpretation is that they happen to be there and they said they'd be interested in doing it too. But there's no way I would think that we would want 3 security officers tied up for 2 hours every week. I'll be honest with you, I'm a little concerned about having one security officer tied up for 2 hours per week. **Shaun Diltz** - I would like to know time frames, like if they were going to do it just certain temperatures or all year. I would be willing to put some type of dates around it. I don't know if this is something that continues to go on all year. From her email, it sounds like there is no water cadaver dog in the area, so that would be interesting to assist a little bit in, but two hours a week is probably a little much if it's continuous. **Matt Ressler** - I would probably say 4 hours a month, every other week instead of every week. **Tony Harris** - If there's going to be two drivers than they'll have to switch off at some point. I don't know if you get one driver trained and then you have to get another driver or if you just switch off for each training. I guess we can get some clarification on that because she says one to two drivers. **Ali DeVries** - Maybe we should ask her to come to a meeting so we can ask her these questions. **Dave Decker** - I did tell her that we were going to talk about this tonight and give her the opportunity to come up. I think last time that we had the meeting she had something else it was typically scheduled on Wednesdays. I didn't go back and look at the email. To me, the whole training with one officer, if they take this dog and go to another lake or to the river, our officer's not going with them and our boat's not going with them. So while it would be nice for the dog to get used to that person and that boat, I don't know that that's an ongoing concern where it always has to be the same person. That's just my opinion, my uninformed opinion. The other question I have with regards to duration is how much of it is just having the dog on the boat, getting used to the boat and how much is actual training. Is there a combination of the two so you don't have 2 hours which are taken away from actual work. The other question I'll throw out to the board that just popped into my head, what's the boards' thought if someone would volunteer to do this. **Shaun Diltz** - That was my thought. Do they need our boat or is it just any boat because I'm sure there would be some opportunities there? **Dave Decker** - It doesn't have to be our boat. On the original request that came in, Tracy had a friend that was coming down who I believe also had a dog and they wanted to bring their boat and put the boat on our lake and train on that boat. Based upon our covenants, I couldn't allow that. That's what started us down this path. What if one of our officers wanted to volunteer to do it on our boat and they weren't working? What's our liability or the concerns there? **Shaun Diltz** - The liability and the concerns are the same as if they were working, because we still have the dog and the other person on one of our boats. **Anthony Harrell** - If I remember right, when she was talking about the boat driver, the driver kind of had to learn the dog. **Shaun Diltz** - We need to talk to her about what her plan is on the river or another lake or something else. **Dave Decker** - It sounds to me like she needs to be here for the conversation. So why don't I try to work with her and try to figure out when she can get scheduled to come in. Rob, do you know when we normally pull that boat out? **Rob Frey** - The end of October or beginning of November. **Angie Webster** - It depends on how fast the temperature drops. **Dave Decker** - Okay. So it's not going to be on the water for much more than another month then. I'll reach out to her and see we can get her scheduled for a board meeting and if she can't I'll get more information from her.

New Business

2018 Sustainability Grant

Dave Decker - For the last couple years we have applied to the Madison County resource management program for an environmental Grant. It is a 20% matching grant, where we have to come up with 20% of the funds and Madison County does the rest. We have used these for our watershed. We've made improvements to a couple of gabion baskets and drainage areas. We had submitted this last year in the beginning of the year when the opportunity first presented itself. We were denied at that point and then later they came back when

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not all the funds were used and ended up granting it. We then spent those funds on riprap. We did the same thing this year. We submitted it at the beginning of the year. Since we had received it the previous year we were put last in line. Apparently they didn't issue all the funds and came back to us and said there were funds available. They asked us if we wanted to resubmit. The board agreed that we should resubmit. That has been done. This particular plant is built on adding hardening to Joulters Creek. This is to add soil cloth and riprap to several portions of the bends in an effort to reduce the erosion on the North End. It's an \$18,000 submittal of which the county would pay \$15,000 and we would have to come up with the other \$3,000. Because it's so late in the year they would authorize for us to get started this year and potentially run all the way through the end of next year and be reimbursed next year. For the record I would like for somebody to make a motion and for us to take a vote on the resubmittal of this.

Shaun Diltz - Motions to approve the resubmittal of the 2018 Sustainability Grant.

Matt Ressler - Seconds.

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Shaun Diltz - When can we get to this work? **Dave Decker** - We have to get approved first and the approval process, according to her email, was probably going to be November before we will get approved. Rob and I were talking about the staff level that we have and when will you be able to do it. **Shaun Diltz** - So most likely it would be next year? **Dave Decker** - The odds are yes. You would definitely want to do it during a dry time. Part of the issue is the funding. We have the funds to purchase all the material if necessary. This \$18,000 is all material by the way. We should have the funds available to purchase all the material this year if we do get approved. That would be my proposal is that we go ahead and do that and then we would be reimbursed after the work was done which would be next year.

Public Safety Boat Equipment Inspections

Matt Ressler - So after several conversations that the board has had after the last boating accident, it has been brought up that security check boats for safety issues. As in life jackets, fire extinguishers, killswitch, flotation devices, just our security staff doing basically what IDNR does, checking the safety of boats. We are supposed to maintain all state and federal regulations on these boats out here at all times but it's never been enforced. What would we have to do to get our safety staff to enforce these rules? **Anthony Harrell** - So if our security staff did that we would be doing that much more as a courtesy then and forcing violations? **Matt Ressler** - As a courtesy and taking a more proactive approach as opposed to a reactive approach. In doing that they could also verify that everybody on the boat is either a member or they have an associate member card. Because during this last accident the person wasn't either of them. **Anthony Harrell** - So once the boat is checked then we put some type of sticker on the boat or something so that it's not checked all the time?

Matt Ressler - That's what I was thinking. **Dave Decker** - So are you proposing that a public safety officer should just be approaching a boat on the water and pull them over and check them? **Matt Ressler** - Can we do that? That is the question. IDNR can just pull you over and say hey we're going to do a safety check. We are supposed to follow all the state and local rules. **Dave Decker** - So the question is do we really want our safety officers being put in that position? That's my question. **Shaun Diltz** - I don't think we do. I would much rather just give a pamphlet or some documentation of all the things that you are supposed to have on your boat or maybe we put it in the holiday times. I wouldn't be for stopping people everywhere. **Dave Decker** - One of the things that was done a couple years ago is that we did a courtesy boat inspection. People brought their boats up to the clubhouse. A boat inspection was done and inefficiencies were identified. At that time, it was definitely an eye-opener for most of the members. **Matt Ressler** - It's okay for a boat to have 15 people out here and not have enough life jackets for everybody? Because it happens all the time. And we can enforce it and say 'hey you can't have this many people on your boat'? **Shaun Diltz** - That's different than what you said though. At that point in time you would have some type of cause that would maybe allow it. **Matt Ressler** - But it happens and they don't stop them. That's just it. **Tony Harris** - On something like that, how are you going to know how many they have? How are you going to know that they have 15 lifejackets if you don't inspect the boat? I've been on a pontoon boat for fireworks and we always had enough, but you're not going to know that. **Shaun Diltz** - What he's saying is that the boat was overfilled for the Coast Guard recommendation in general

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is what I'm understanding. **Tony Harris** - Okay. **Matt Ressler** - Does our security staff have the authority to check these boats? **Dave Decker** - That's a good question. **Shaun Diltz** - "All watercraft operated in Holiday Shores Lakes must adhere and comply with the State and Federal laws as stated as the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act." **Dave Decker** - But when an IDNR officer pulls you over, they ask permission to come on your boat. So if a safety officer pulls me over and asks to inspect my boat and I say no, they can't. **Matt Ressler** - Correct. **Tony Harris** - Unless there would be a rule contrary to that in our rules. **Dave Decker** - That's true. But I don't believe we have one like that in our rules. **Tony Harris** - Currently we don't. I think that's more of the question. Do we want a rule like that? **Anthony Harrell** - I see it possibly going 2 ways. One, we train the security people on what to look for and then we say that they have the authority to ask people if they can inspect their boats and if they say no, then it's done. I think the people that are getting their boats inspected will understand that it's more of a courtesy and that we can't give them a ticket for it. Maybe their attitude towards it will be a little different and they would let them inspect it. The other way you could do it is setup something every couple months that people could voluntarily bring their boats by to get inspected as a courtesy. **Dave Decker** - And you could potentially offer it both as either on shore or in the water. **Matt Ressler** - How many did they check last time Angie? **Angie Webster** - They checked 22 boats and 1 was compliant. There was only 1 that had all of the equipment that they needed. **Anthony Harrell** - There's probably a lot of that that goes on. **Jerry Theodore, 1346** - It's my understanding that our security and anything they witness like erratic driving, they can write up a citation for that and it goes to the lake manager. They have their challenges to that. They cannot force themselves onto a boat, so checking for the correct number of life preservers, they can't do it. That is what we found in the past when we talked about this. That goes along with IDNR who are the strongest police force in that State of Illinois and they can't force themselves on them unless there is some open violation that allows them to. I think it's a great idea, but I don't think it will fly. I think the volunteer inspection went over pretty good the year they did that. Was it 2 years or just 1? **Dave Decker** - I only remember 1. **Jerry Theodore, 1346** - I think it was only 1. I am amazed with what people don't know needs to be on their boats. **Shaun Diltz** - I think we should start with putting something in the Holiday Times. I've been in arguments with some people that have been in positions of authority of what should and shouldn't be in a boat. **Angie Webster** - It has been in the Times. I don't know if they did it last year, but normally it's once a year around February or March. Public Safety tries to drop it into their page. What about doing something like a safety day? Where you do things like teach people how to put on a life vest right or get their boats inspected. People can choose to attend. **Ali DeVries** - I like that idea. **Tony Harris** - We can even invite IDNR out to participate in that. **Ali DeVries** - I think making it voluntary will go a lot further. **Dave Decker** - What was the public safety committee's recommendation on that? **Matt Ressler** - We haven't made it that far yet. After the boating accident we had out here we were discussing it. We thought maybe we needed to bring it up at the next meeting. **Ali DeVries** - Do you want to take it back and make an official suggestion? **Matt Ressler** - I just want to see what everybody's thought is on it. **Anthony Harrell** - I think that with any of these suggestions, we would really need to train the security staff to know what they are looking for. **Matt Ressler** - Definitely. And I'm sure that we could have IDNR come out to train them and show them what to look for too. **Dave Decker** - I think there's a lot of opportunity with our safety staff with regards to training, both on the water and off. At this point, would the board agree to send this back to the safety committee for a recommendation? (All Agreed.) Okay. I would just like to voice my concern or my caution of the idea of being on the lake and stopping people just to check their boats. **Shaun Diltz** - Definitely. **Dave Decker** - I just know that we have a challenge there with our membership. There's definitely room for improvement in the relationship between the staff and the members. I think the idea of volunteer safety inspections I think would be very good. I think it needs to be done, not just on land, but on water. I think you would have more people show up because there's quite a few folks out here that don't have trailers for their boats. **Matt Ressler** - Maybe to it once a month for the first couple months. **Dave Decker** - You could do a combination of the safety inspection and issue annual boat stickers at the same time. You could do it on a Saturday and provide 2 benefits to the membership. **Tony Harris** - I was also going to ask if the State has a flyer or pamphlet that we could give out when we give out stickers. Just as a reminder.

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Public Safety Computer

Dave Decker - Having worked in the office in the recent past, I found out that the Public Safety Computer is not connected to the server. It is on the network, but not connected to the server. In addition to that, there are some communication challenges with the public safety staff. It's basically what I would call a phone tree. You tell one person and it has to be passed down the line. I would like to recommend that we add that computer onto the server and create a secure access with a generic ID that the public safety officers would use. They would only have access to the public safety directory, which basically would equate to what they have access to now on that computer. By doing so, all the records they have would be on the server and backed up. We could also set up the access so that the rest of the office could have access to that folder, so that if the lake manager, Rob or Angie want to distribute something to them, they could copy that document to that folder and public safety would be able to view that document. I think it would be a definite improvement to the infrastructure. I'm not quite sure why we didn't put it on. There is a cost associated with doing this. It is \$35/month added to our maintenance fee with our computer support system. In addition to that, there is up to 2 hours of work. They do not feel that it would take that long. Using that as a worst case scenario, their billing rate is \$125/hour billed in 15 minute increments. You're looking at a total cost of set up at no more than \$250 and then an ongoing fee of \$35/month. What's the board's opinion? **Tony Harris** - I think it's a good idea. I think we need to have all the records in one place where we can have a backup and have them secure. I think it will also improve communications. **Ali DeVries** - I agree. **Shaun Diltz** - What happens when 1 person leaves and they have a shared password? **Dave Decker** - We would have a generic ID. When 1 person leaves, you change the password and everybody learns a new password. **Justin Patterson, 1402** - You can set it up so they can auto log in and they never have to know what the password is. **Shaun Diltz** - That's probably better. **Dave Decker** - I'm a little concerned because we have to make sure we get our keys back from people. **Shaun Diltz** - That's a separate issue. **Dave Decker** - I'm not sure how efficient we are at getting our keys and getting our codes changed. I'll save that for executive discussion. But, it sounds like we have approval to move ahead with that plan? **Tony Harris** - Do you need a motion? **Shaun Diltz** - Motions to add the public safety computer to the server.

Ali DeVries - Seconds.

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Dave Decker - I'll get ahold of them and try to get that scheduled. Rob, do you want me to have them work with you? **Rob Frey** - That would be fine.

Open Floor

Jerry Theodore, 1346 - I know things have been a little bit less than ideal around here for the summer so I don't want to sound overly critical here. The North end of the lake up by our spoil site is really in bad shape. There's trees growing in the middle of it. **Dave Decker** - The silt basin? **Jerry Theodore, 1346** - For the dredge. I know we've had a shortage in the office, but you need to take a look at it. It probably needs to be cleaned up, but I also wanted to mention that, with being involved in getting that spoil site, due to changes in the Illinois EPA, we probably would never be able to get another one and this has to be renewed and I know Glenn had it set up to remind him to renew it so I think somebody needs to check to make sure we still have time to renew that again. **Dave Decker** - Thank you. **Jerry Theodore, 1346** - Because I would doubt if we would ever be able to get another one and if we did, it would be very costly. **Dave Decker** - There would be some people that would be happy about that. **Jerry Theodore, 1346** - I know there's some people that don't like that dredge but I've got to tell you folks that I've been involved too much out here and if you have stuff coming in the lake, you got to get it out.

Tony Harris - Motions to adjourn to executive session.

Shaun Diltz - Seconds

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to Executive Session.
Meeting minutes submitted by Misty Soliben.