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RiverTALK

“Uniting to Preserve Our River Rights”

June 2014



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ON THE COVER

Successful mushroom hunt. New Lifetime Member Ernie Buttry, new Annual Member Neil Elsberry, Daniel Salkeld and Dale Salkeld.



EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
<i>June 14, 2014</i>	<i>Sand Bar Pot Luck - Uncle Jerry's Place</i>
<i>June 21, 2014</i>	<i>Dean Alice Fishing Tournament</i>
<i>June 28, 2014</i>	<i>Poker Run - Nir Levine</i>
<i>July 13, 2014</i>	<i>Directors Meeting - Rich and Julie Shanks</i>
<i>July 26, 2014</i>	<i>Columbus Run</i>
<i>August 2-3, 2014</i>	<i>Thunder on the Loup</i>

DATE	EVENT
<i>August 8-9, 2014</i>	<i>River Rats Jamboree</i>
<i>August 16, 2014</i>	<i>Fishing Tournament - Mark Ulferts</i>
<i>October 5, 2014</i>	<i>Directors Meeting - Bottom Road Bar</i>
<i>December 14, 2014</i>	<i>Directors Meeting - Bottom Road Bar</i>
<i>February 7, 2015</i>	<i>Annual Meeting - Ramada Inn Columbus, NE</i>

NAA Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2014

President Darrell Starks called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. There were 21 of 32 directors present. Darrell introduced the new Directors present as Craig Hittner and Justin Thiesen. Newly elected Director Kim Levin was en route to the meeting at this time.

Darrell mentioned Brenda Herring, the newly elected secretary/treasurer at the March 2 meeting had contacted him by email on March 6th and unfortunately needed to resign immediately due to a promotion within her work structure. During Brenda's conversation regarding this matter she indicated to Darrell, her husband Bob who was sec/treas twenty years for the Fremont Airboat Club would be interested in helping out. In knowing a special meeting was required to insert a new sec/treas, Darrell along with Vice President Jay Kern decided to have Bob as interim sec/treas to handle needed business affairs until a permanent decision could be made at the May 4th meeting. At this time Tim Noonan motioned to have Bob Herring as secretary/treasurer, 2nd by Virg Crumley. There were no other nominations. The motion carried.

President Starks stated he had three requests to correct on the previous meeting minutes and recent newsletter. First was the improper spelling of Erin Burns, which was spelled as Burling. Secondly, dates for Thunder on the Loop are August 2nd and 3rd and not the 1st and 2nd as in the newsletter. Third, Diane Arps contacted Darrell about corrections she felt needed to be addressed and asked Darrell if she could email the Directors with these issues. Darrell's reply was ok, and also was unaware of the entire contents nor that it was going to be posted on the website. Tim Noonan motioned to correct the minutes at this time. Diane was recording secretary leading up to old business, therefore did not submit the March minutes to the publisher. Also that Diane did not say to not renew (our insurance policy) as it had only paid out once in about twenty years, but did say she recommended not renewing due to changes in the policy. The motion was seconded by Mike Cronican. The motion carried. Nick Hansen followed with a motion to have the article Diane requested posted on the website removed immediately, seconded by Mike Denny. The motion carried. Justin Thiesen then motioned to not allow any additions or corrections to the website without our officer's approval, seconded by Roger Reed. This motion also carried.

President Starks mentioned he had been in contact with The Rivers Edge in Columbus concerning stipulations trying to hold him as sole responsible party. Darrell contacted his personal attorney for advice and was instructed to not comply. Upon contact with Rivers Edge they agreed to remove the paragraph holding him personally responsible. Also, for the \$1000.00 deposit is only good for cancellation due to inclement weather and can only be used for a rescheduled meeting date.

Bob Herring read the minutes of the March 2nd meeting. Mike Cronican motioned to approve the minutes as read with the corrections as stated, seconded by Craig Hittner. Motion carried.

Bob Herring read the treasurers report of funds. Matt Shaw mentioned that two scholarship checks that were reissued if the funds had been part of the prior deposited sum. Bob mentioned the reissued check amounts were reflected in the deposit figure. Motion by Paul Ulferts to approve the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Dan Czarnecki. Motion carried.

Sand Bar Pot Luck Family Fun Day is scheduled for June 14th. Darrell questioned what we would need, if anything. It was suggested to have specific location instructions in the following newsletter. All participants should bring their own seating, correct apparel and personal necessities.

Old Business: Kim and Nir Levin gave a presentation of the shirts that were printed for the association. At this time t-shirts were available and were printed on grey and black. Other styles of apparel are available in the future depending on demand, and quantity. Pricing varies on quantities ordered. President Starks thanked Nir and Kim for their time getting apparel available to our membership.

Darrell has been in contact with Mutual of Omaha for some term life insurance quotes. All companies want a general consensus of the average ages of our members before being able to compile any kind of rates.

New Business: Tim Noonan brought the list of our NAA scholarship winners and they are: Kyle Stang, Herman; Kameran Ulferts, Fullerton; James Charvat, Valley; Katie Healy, Linwood; and Mitchell Kassmeier, Schuyler. Each of these winners will receive \$500.00. The Lynn Barta/NAA scholarships will be decided in the very near future.

Tim Noonan informed us he had been approached requesting the Association to add a new area for Directors. That particular area would be the Rogers area. With further discussion concerning meeting quorum criteria at meetings, Tim Noonan motioned to approve Rogers as a new area allowing for two new Directors. Craig Hittner seconded the motion. The motion was opposed and did not carry.

Darrell informed us he had attended two meetings recently and read reports from both. The first being a SAT meeting on April 10th. Following meetings were scheduled for May 8th and June 12th. Secondly a Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition on April 10th. The next meeting with NHCC will be in April, 2015.

At a recent meeting with Jeff Hammernick from Blackman & Associates, Jeff suggested auditing the cash flow of the financial records dating back three years. Jeff had mentioned he thought that each year would be approximately \$500.00. Matt Shaw motioned to not have the financial records audited, seconded by Paul Ulferts. Motion carried.

We had tabled since the last meeting an initial motion by Tim Noonan to elect a Convention Committee. Upon further assessment we decided to let our Directors gather the needed information for annual meeting locations available.

Darrell suggested removing monies from the current checking account balance and applying towards one of our CD's depending on the rates available. Tim Noonan motioned to transfer \$15,000.00 to a CD with best rates and maturity date; it was seconded by Mike Cronican. The Motion carried.

We briefly discussed Craig Hittner having an issue with confirmation of his lifetime membership payment. He has received his lifetime plaque and the issue was resolved.

Darrell had a meeting with Sid Dinsdale and had him sign on as a lifetime member. Darrell gathered yard signs and stickers for the upcoming primary election for all interested Association members to show our support. In return he can be a valuable asset for our cause.

Tim Noonan informed us at this time he had just received a text from Mike Pokorny's wife that he is doing ok today. Mike has recently spent a lot of time dealing with health issues.

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2014-15 Board of Directors

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Darrell Starks, President..... Elkhorn River 402-677-5638
 Jay Kern, Vice President..... Cedar Bluffs..... 402-510-2600
 Bob Herring, Jr. Sec/Treas..... Leshara 402-670-7623

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 Jason Thiesen..... Cedar Bluffs..... 402-720-7757
 Mark Ulferts Grand Island..... 308-536-2854
 Paul Ulferts..... Grand Island..... 308-536-2865

Next we discussed an issue with the cost of the newsletter. Bob Herring called Darrell and reported that the cost of the spring issue was twice the expense of previous issues. Darrell stated Bob was willing to do the newsletter incorporated with the secretary/treasurer duties, for \$2000.00 annually. In doing this it would save the association \$1200.00. President Starks told Jake Kroeger it was of no offense to him. Darrell and Bob had both made contact with Publication Printing and were informed the increase in expense was due to the print type setting, and that someone else had always done that for the association before. Jake mentioned as far as he knew nothing had changed at Publication Printing as he emailed everything as had before. Jay mentioned again that Bob had offered to do the newsletter that could be incorporated with the secretary/ treasurer position for a much less expense to the Association. There was discussion as to why no one was informed of the extra expense of the newsletter and that it was unacceptable. Wade Schaferman motioned to have Jake contact the printing company and find the reason for the increase in cost. There was more discussion concerning the extra expense to the Association. Jake left the meeting room; leading to Wade rescinding his motion, seconded by Roger Reed. Tim Noonan motioned to have the secretary/ treasurer do newsletters three and up to four times a year at the necessary times for a combined annual fee of \$2000.00, the motion was seconded by Jeff Lewis and it carried. Darrell suggested calling the new position the secretary/treasurer newsletter coordinator.

President Starks reminded all the Directors to please sign the sympathy card for Garrott Cutler.

With no other business at hand Matt Shaw motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dan Czarnecki. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m

*Respectfully Submitted,
 Bob Herring, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer*

News Articles and Photos are Needed!

If you like receiving the **RiverTalk**, we need **YOUR** help in getting the news to our members. If you have photos or a story that you would like to share with our members, please email to bob_herring_jr@yahoo.com or directly to our printer at myprintjob@pubprinting.com. Please put NAA Story/Photo in the subject line so it will get our attention!

If you have any issues or concerns, please call your local director and we will discuss those issues at our next directors' meeting.

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LETTER *from the* PRESIDENT

I am writing this letter with a very heavy heart, with the news of my good friend & fellow NAA Elkhorn River Area Director Dan Czarnecki. He was very seriously injured in an accident last Saturday May 17th, 2014.

Dan was injured while helping his daughter move from her apartment. Dan was lowering a piece of furniture from the second floor balcony, when it collapsed and he fell two stories to the ground. Dan is in Creighton Medical Center ICU Unit.

Please send any cards and well wishes to his home.

Dan Czarnecki, 1329 Holling Dr. Omaha, NE. 68144

Warm weather finally arrived bringing some much needed rain with it. It really boosted the mushroom season into gear, as can be attested by the picture on the front cover of River TALK. New Lifetime member Ernie Buttry & new annual members Neal Elsberry, Dale Salkeld and Daniel Salkeld after a successful hunt with me.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported another new Lifetime member Sid Dinsdale in his bid for the GOP nomination for the U. S. Senate.

I want to thank Sid for joining NAA and also would like to applaud Sid for the way he ran his campaign, with such great integrity & honesty with all Nebraskans at heart. Even though Sid fell short in his bid, I feel he ran his campaign the right way.

After looking at the membership numbers and overall growth of the NAA, I feel like we are becoming more united every year. It is very exciting watching our scholarship programs and our younger people showing interest in the ASSOCIATION & its reason for being which is uniting to preserve our River Rights. Always remember united we stand, divided we fall.

Anyone can feel free to call me at any time, with any questions or concerns you may have. My number is 402-677-5638.

Sincerely,

Darrell Starks

NAA President

LETTER *from the* VICE PRESIDENT

Hello fellow NAA Members. Little bit of a rocky start to the year, but change is never easy for any of us.

Communication with the Directors is very good and as your leaders we are making progress to build and improve our airboat organization. I appreciate the support and the encouragement I continue to receive from you.

Looking forward to getting out on the river as the weather warms. Mark your calendars for the Sandbar Pot Luck on June 14th. Big day of fun planned for all ages; make sure to bring the whole family. More information on the time and place in the newsletter.

As we move into boating season remember to be respectful to other boats, property and the river we love. When we all work together for a common goal of protecting the river and our rights great things happen. Once again, I appreciate all your support and the opportunity of being your NAA Vice President. See you on the river.

Sincerely,

Jay Kern

NAA Vice President

FROM *your* EDITOR

Hello, to all our members and friends. As this being my first experience at attempting a task of the newsletter, I find it somewhat of a challenge on my first attempt. The time allowed from the last Directors meeting to this publication was minimal, so I've worked to do the best I can, and enhance the skills I learn on the go. I would like to accomplish the quality of this newsletter that others have done in the past. Seems we have always been fortunate to have such good people helping us in all our needs within our great organization. Many of you know me and perhaps many do not. I'm harmless, like a good joke with a cold brew occasionally, and really enjoy a *quick* boat ride. Hope to meet those of you that I haven't had the opportunity to meet.

Please enjoy the summer ahead of us, use good safe boating skills and be courteous to all. Use good sun screen, water the garden a lot and when your sweet corn is ready I'll expect it cleaned and delivered! **God Bless us all and have a wonderful summer!**

Sincerely,

Bob Herring, Jr.

**We are always in need of your pictures
and stories for our newsletter.
Recipes and canning info also.**



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TOAD JUMPING CONTEST

Saturday, June 14, 2014 @ Uncle Jerry's Cabin

TWO AGE GROUPS

- #1: Toddler thru 7 years old
- #2: 8 years thru 12 years old

FOUR WINNERS PER AGE GROUP

- 1st Place Wins: \$20.00
- 2nd Place Wins: \$15.00
- 3rd Place Wins: \$10.00
- 4th Place Wins: \$5.00



Directions to Uncle Jerry's - June 14th, Sand Bar Pot Luck

Uncle Jerry's cabin is in the south channel 4½ miles east of the North Bend bridge or 6½ miles west of the Fremont bridge. It's on the south side of the huge island in the middle of the river. There will be several boats parked at this location so it will be easy to find. Should you have trouble locating us call **Jay @ 402-510-2600** or **Bob @ 402-670-7623** and we'll gladly assist you in joining us.

Please bring your covered dish, choice of beverage, chairs and the proper apparel for the weather that day. We will be having a frog race for two age groups paying \$50.00 between 4 places in each age group. Be sure to bring your frog or toad. There will be games for all ages. Also, Vic's Photography will be taking some aerial pictures between 3:30 and 4:30, so be sure to have your boat in the river. Please come join the fun!

AIRBOATER'S CODE of ETHICS

1. I will respect the rights of all users of the recreational waterways of the state, on public waters and on adjacent private property.
2. I will be considerate and courteous at public vessel launch ramps and docks. In an effort to not delay others, I will launch and retrieve my vessel promptly.
3. I will always operate at a safe speed in posted "No Wake" zones.
4. When approaching the shoreline, I will be especially aware of swimmers and other water vessels near the shoreline.
5. I realize that my vessel's equipment, ability, weather conditions, and especially other vessel traffic should determine my vessel speed.
6. In case of an emergency, I will volunteer assistance.
7. I am aware that my vessel creates air propeller wash and will use idle speed near the shoreline and in close proximity to boat launch ramps.
8. I will ensure that all passengers in my vessel are equipped with safety equipment, including life vests, ear protection, eye protection, and required safety equipment.
9. I will avoid unnecessary disturbance of wildlife and will not enter posted "No Trespass" areas.
10. I will pay close attention to the engine sound levels that my vessel may create and be aware of how others on vessels and on the shoreline will react to it.
11. I will not litter and will bring back all trash. I will be careful in handling my fuel.
12. I will not interfere with or harass others. I realize that people will judge all airboaters by my individual actions.

NAA President, Darrell Starks

Nebraska Airboat Association 05/1995

The NAA was formed in May 1995. Its purpose is to preserve and protect the rights of airboat owners, by working with public and state agencies. We also need to be good stewards of the river and surrounding land, encourage safe and responsible recreation. Protect its watershed from degradation and increase the community's appreciation of its natural beauty.

Defend Our Rights: We have a lobbyist for the association to watch for changing legislation.

Promote and Enhance Good Stewardship: Encouraging others to join the NAA and always trying to improve our organization.

Encouraging Safe and Responsible Recreation: We look out for each other and assist boats and passengers in trouble. Make sure everyone gets home safe to boat another day.

Protect Watershed from Degradation: Be mindful of what you put into the river. Keeping our waters clean and clear of debris and trash will keep our rivers beautiful. Working to protect banks and property is a challenge but worth the fight to preserve our lands next to the river.

Community Appreciation for the River's Natural Beauty: By bringing our family and friends to the river for a fun outing teaches others of our states great resources, while just simply out for a good time together. Teaching our children who will be the next generation of boat owners ensures that the tradition carries on.

The purpose of the NAA is to be good guardians for the rivers we love.



Columbus Run - July 26th

Rooms have been reserved for association members for **\$89.95**. We have 40 rooms set aside, so be sure to call and make your reservations in advance if you plan to attend. Hopefully there will be lots of water, good weather and a lot of catching up to do after the long winter.

Be extra careful on your cruise up the Platte, and enjoy the ride. Hope to see many of you there!

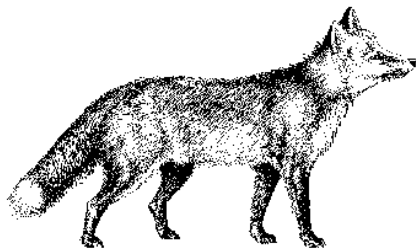
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RIVER RIDDLE?

You are on the bank of a river. You have to get a fox, a hen, and corn to the other side of the river. If left alone, the fox will eat the hen, and the hen will eat the corn if left alone. The boat is only big enough to take you and one of the three to the other side.

How do you get all 3 across intact?



Answer on pg 9.

Remember This?



Photo above: Undated picture of the Chicago & North Western railroad built in 1886 crossing the Platte River @ Cedar Bluffs. This railroad was used for almost 100 years.

Photo below: Current Google picture of the Platte River is just East of Cedar Lakes.



Submit your old photos: old bridges, old boats or those old glory days of fishing or hunting on a Nebraska river. Include details of your photo. Pictures will be added to newsletters throughout the year.

Send to:
Bobbie Herring @
(bob_herring_jr@yahoo.com)

First take the hen across. Leave the hen. Go back and get the fox. Take the fox to the other side. Leave the fox there, but take the hen with you back to get the corn. Leave the hen and take the corn to the other side. Drop the corn off with the fox, then go back to get the hen. Bring the hen to the other side. All 3 make it across the river fully intact.

Answer River Riddle:

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2014



\$500.00 Scholarship Awarded to

James Charvat - Valley, NE.

Parent - Jim Charvat, Jr.

Katie Ann Healy - Linwood, NE.

Parent - Bob Healy

Mitchell Kassmeier - Schuyler, NE.

Parent - Randy Kassmeier

Kyle Stang - Herman, NE.

Parent - Mike Stang

Kameran Kay Ulferts - Fullerton, NE.

Parent - Mark Ulferts

LYNN BARTA/NAA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2014



\$5000.00 Scholarship Awarded to

Taylor Ruzicka - Morse Bluffs, NE.

Parent - Jay Ruzicka

\$2500.00 Scholarships Awarded to

Michala Eurek - Fremont, NE.

Parent - Larry Eurek

Jessica Fetrow - Columbus, NE.

Parent - Randy Fetrow



NAA T-SHIRTS & HOODIES

Nebraska Airboat Association is selling T-shirts for the first time in a while! They have a sleek new look, and are available in black and heather gray. They are \$15 each and sizes SM through XXXL are available. We will be placing orders for hoodies around the first of July.



Black T-Shirt



Heather Gray T-Shirt

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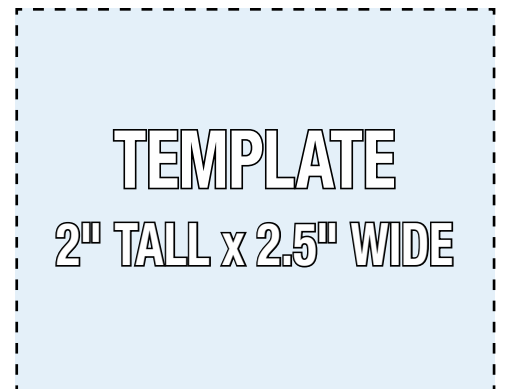
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Please ensure your membership is up to date before submitting your advertisement.

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