

# Rock River Homeowners Association

## Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2011

Secretary Mike Dagefoerde

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Dagefoerde, Tim Hendricks, Diane Koch, Loyd Koch, Steve Lucas, Ron Neuschwander, Mike Richter, Pij Richter, Bruce Swartz, Chris Whiteford,

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve Lucas, second by Loyd Koch and Ron Neuschwander. Location: Prairie Stet Brew House

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from April were approved by motion from Mike Richter seconded by Bruce Schwartz. Pass unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Neuschwander reported a balance of \$2169.49.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 109 total with 6 new members.

**WEBSITE:** No update

**DAM:** ComEd 702.5 feet above sea level at the dam is in spec. 708 at Latham is No Wake. 710 at Latham is River closed. This needs to be listed on the web site and shown in the newsletter. Link to Latham gauge:  
[http://waterdata.usgs.gov/il/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=05437610&PARAMeter\\_cd=00065,00060](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/il/nwis/uv/?site_no=05437610&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060)

The dam is being operated below the 702.5 levels. Multiple calls and texts from Steve Lucas to Paul Callaghan at ComEd have largely gone unanswered why they have the dam gates are still open.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

- Need article about what the rules are for boating in the newsletter. This has been done before, so we could bring it out of the archives or could pull info off of this web site.  
[http://www.boat-ed.com/abc/abc\\_specific\\_images/pdfs/il\\_law.pdf](http://www.boat-ed.com/abc/abc_specific_images/pdfs/il_law.pdf)
- Survey Feedback of concerns on the river from home owners:
  - Water Levels, Flooding
  - Dam Operation
  - Noise levels of boats
  - No wake during high water / erosion of banks
  - Excessive speed on river
  - Hunting regulations and laws (a good article for the newsletter)
  - Lack of public docks and bathrooms downtown
- Survey Feedback: any specific project you would like to see
  - Establish a maximum decibel level for above water exhausts and enforcement
  - Shoreline Cleanup (maybe a RRHA event)
  - Bridge clearance gauges at Auburn Street Bridge and others
  - No fishing from bridges
  - Encourage development of riverfront cafes, restaurants
  - Better water level control and regulation of the dam

- Other Comments or Suggestions
  - Who/how to clean river of big debris, logs etc. Who is responsible?
  - DNR hassling boaters
  - Why is RRHA money spent in Rockford area only??
  - Great Organization
  - Promote restaurants, docks and events that they can boat to
  - Control high speed boats and noise, what can be done?

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bills need to be sent out for our RRHA newsletter advertisers. Did Ron complete this? Billing would be for January 2011 on. July 1<sup>st</sup> dead line for payment or your add will be removed.
- It was suggested that we have a credit card processing available on the web site to process dues. Bruce Schwartz offered to run them thru his store to save expense of RRHA having a credit card machine. Needs to be discussed adding to web site.
- Diane passed out a member list by zip code. She asked each board member to contact the people in their areas on the list to see if the information is valid and up date the list. **Please try to have this complete for our June meeting.**
- Ron will get a key for the RRHA mail box made for his treasure's position use. Was this completed?
- Reminder Cards will need to be sent out for dues not paid. Maybe the credit card option should be listed on these cards. Patty French
- Diane Motions to investigate adds on the website. Chuck seconds this motion. Need to discuss action plan for who will handle this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mike Dagefoerde suggested Chip Gammel to run the website. He currently lives on the river and hosts websites and would be very capable for this. Chip is invited to come to the June meeting.
- Rock River home owner, Mary Anna Johnson, was also invited to come to the June meeting to see if she would be interested in taking over for Diane Koch with the newsletter production.
- Steve Lucas was given a list of signs needs from Diane Koch. Steve is to contact A Signs Designs to have these made.
- Patty French agreed to send out 2<sup>nd</sup> notices for dues to non payment residence on the river.
- Next Newsletter needs to go out between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July
- Send out newsletter bills January 2012 for entire year.
- Meet and Greet for homeowners was suggested by the owner of Oscar's Bar. The owner lives 2 houses north of Steve.
- Steve will ask Brad Fosberg to put an add in July newsletter for his own restaurant (Oscar's Bar).
- Loyd to contact Brad about using the Brewery for river events.
- Mike Richter Bulletin board updates have been completed and look great.
- Steve Lucas reports that Sherriff to sell big boat. Scott Meyers to hire Steve to put in buoys.
- Steve suggests that RRHA buy a bimini top for the sheriff boat to help keep the deputies cooler.
- Mike Richter made a motion to spend \$500 for the Bimini Top. Diane Koch seconds. It was voted on and approved.

Steve Lucas made a motion to adjourn. Diane Koch second.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the new Prairie Street Brew House

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(Next to Mary's Tap)