

**Minutes of the Lutheran Valley Ranch
Annual Member's Meeting
Saturday, August 1, 2020
Lutheran Valley Ranch, Ranch House**

Call to Order: 2:00pm by John Harris, President

Opening Devotions: Pastor Clare Skov led the devotion.

Introduction of New Members: John Harris introduced the new members: William and Kirsten Beck primary members (lot #25), Richard and Susan Findell primary members (lot # 19), Greg and Debra Eno secondary members (lot # 12), Timothy and Jennifer Yotter primary members (lot # 19), Mark and Karen Walter and Teanna Walter primary members (lot #58).

Introduction of Members Present: All members present introduced themselves.

Fishing Contest Awards: Jim Simpson presented the fishing contest awards. There were 7 kids who participated and 33 fish were caught. First place for the most fish caught was Body Kelm who caught 11 fish. The largest fish was caught by Body Kelm, that weighed 1 lb and 15 oz ounces. Second place for the most fish caught was Mason Johnson who caught 9 fish. Third place for most fish caught was Joe Johnson with 4 fish caught.

Attendance Report: Patricia Silva reported that 24 memberships were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Pete Woodward (lot 82) motioned to approve the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes; Dennis Bodeman (lot 31) seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Treasurer's Report: John Harris presented for Shirley Bauer the Treasurers Report for September 2019 to July 2020. Budgeted vs actual expenses further explained with the with purchases of additional equipment , two storage units, tractor and gift to LVR Retreat.

Questions: Specifics about the tractor were answered.

Jim Jennings (lot113) motioned to approve the Treasurers Report for 2019/2020 as presented; Claudia Peterson (lot 60) seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Balloting for Ranch Board Members: Two Board of Director terms were up and one vacated position available. John Harris presented three candidates: Shad Jeseritz (lot 23, incumbent), Rod Young (lot 114, incumbent), Kerry Schauland (lot 17). Positions are 3-year terms from August 2020 – August 2023. Kerry presented his biography. Nominations from the floor were requested. Hearing none, John Harris requested a motion for affirmation. Motion to affirm the current nominees made by Chuck Mielke (lot 85) seconded by Claudia Peterson (lot 60) Motion APPROVED

Ranch Board 2019/2020 Activity Summaries: All Committee Reports were printed and made available to the membership present. All written Committee Reports are attached to the official Secretary Minutes. Discussion and questions in each area as follows:

- **Membership, Buttons, and Signs** – No questions or discussion.
- **Ranch House** – No questions or discussion.
- **Roads** – No questions or discussion.
- **Equipment** – No questions or discussion.
- **Lakes, Trees, & Wildlife** – Question: What is the long range plan for Bear Lake? Jim Simpson explained that we were able to contract two seperate engineering reports to research concerns, permit status, water rights, and potential fixes. Approvals from the 1960's still remain appropriate with the source of water (inlet stream) does not require new permits. Results of the studies include two reasons for a lack of water retention. Incoming water is suffering from a prolonged drought with an irregular water source. The second issue is the lining of the lake. The 4-5" of bentonite has grass and cracks causing seepage. Putting in a more perminate vinal liner will cost between \$126,000 and \$150,000. The first line of attack is to work with the water source.

- Question: What would be the cost of more bentonite? Answer, For \$60,000 we could add another layer of bentonite. But without a reliable source of water grass could grow through again.
 - Question: Are animals and people driving on the current bentonite causing a problem? Yes, the two consulting firm concluded that vehicles is further causing the breakdown of the bentonite. Signs requesting no vehicles on the lake bed have been put up.
 - Comment: A smaller deeper lake may have less evaporation problems and retain water better.
 - Question: Is it possible to dig a well to feed the lake? Yes, but the current well is not suitable to fill the Bear Lake.
 - **Lot Improvements & Safety** – No questions or discussions.
 - **Ramblings, Website, & Email** – No questions or discussion.
 - **Columbarium** – No questions or discussion.
- Motion to accept committee reports by Will Day (lot 75) seconded by Pete Woodward (lot 82). Motion APPROVED

Board of Director Ballot Results: (see previous notes)

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Ranch Member Motions Regarding Items:**
 - Motion submitted by Chuck and Gloria Mielke -Due to the unforeseen pandemic. -Due to the State restrictions on the camp opening time. -Due to the Retreat revenue shortage from campers not coming from both Colorado and other states such as Kansas. -Due to the State restriction on gatherings the Retreat was not able to host their annual fundraiser. We move we (LVR Ranch) give an additional, one time, special donation of \$10,000. to Lutheran Valley Retreat. (lot 85) Seconded by Kerry Schauland (lot 17) Discussion and call for vote. Motion APPROVED
 - Motion to request donations included in member dues from Ranch members for the Retreat by Neil Skov (lot 124) seconded by Ken Waterhouse (lot 7) Discussion followed by motion withdrawn.
 - Motion to send separate communication to the LRV membership from the Ranch Board to request donations for LVR Retreat by Ken Waterhouse (lot 7) seconded by Ryan Rolfsmeier (lot 103). Discussion. Motion APPROVED
 - Motion to reclassify the “advance” of 2020-2021 budget to LVR Retreat made by the Board in May 2020 to a “gift” by Ken Waterhouse (lot 7) seconded by Chuck Peterson (lot 60). Motion APPROVED
 - Ranch By-laws -no changes at this time
 - Rules and Regulation changes -none

2019/2020 Budget Presentation – John Harris presented for Shirley Bauer the proposed 2020-2021 budget with changes made by the previous approved motion. John requested suggestions and discussion to create re-balance the budget in light of the previous approved motion.

Motion to amend proposed budget to add a line to transfer from savings/cash reserves \$7000 one time to provide funds to increase donation to LVR Retreat to \$10,000 by Chuck Mielke (lot 85) seconded by Neil Skov (lot 124)

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget as amended by Chuck Mielke (lot 85) seconded by Neil Skov (lot 124) . Motion APPROVED

2020/2021 Assessment Approval – The Board recommended that we leave the annual assessment at \$450. Motion to leave the annual assessment at \$450 by Chuck Mielke (lot 85) seconded by Neil Skov (lot 124). Motion APPROVED

Retreat Sharing Opportunity: Steve Johnson said thanks for all of the support and prays from LVR Ranch. Due to COVID and state mandates the camp ran at half capacity with over 200 kids coming to camp. July the Retreat did not loose money. LVR Retreat is planning for full capacity in the fall. Due to COVID camp is getting sanitized 3 times per

day. Uncertainty will be in October when schools are to start again. The state has determined that two COVID cases are considered an outbreak. It is hopeful that 2021 will see no COVID on the horizon. Steve is greatly thankful to God to be able to run camp. Steve also requested help setting up the gun range now that it has been approved.

Question: Will the gun range be able to be used by the LVR Ranch members? Steve answered that special provisions are needed and is hoping to make the range available by September for the Holy Cross Men's Fall Retreat.

Question: Can we (LVR Ranch) do a Ranch members Usage Day /Weekend at the Retreat? Answered by Steve with a brief history of the gun range usage.

The Capitol Campaign for Patty's Place has been delayed until 2021 as well as the additional cabins. The Aquisition of Losy Valley Ranch has had no changes at this time.

Announcements: Beautify LVR Day to be announced.

Moment of Silence for Deceased Members: A moment of silence was held for Betty Janke, John Meinert, Darlene Maxson, John Senechal, and Henry Stoepelwerth (former member).

Motion to Adjourn: motioned to adjourn by Jim Jennings (lot 113) seconded by Dennis Carpenter (lot 78). Motion carried.

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Silva, Secretary