



Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Directors of
The Camp Timberwolf Improvement Committee, Inc.
on October 21, 2006 at 9:00 am
at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church

Attendees:

The following directors were present at the meeting, constituting a quorum of the full board:

2006		2007		2008		Director Emeritus	
✓	Tom McIntosh	✓	Bob Green	✓	Burt Benson		Jim Stoutamore
✓	Rudi Metzner	✓	Jeff Koester	✓	Don Bonander	✓	Fred Nielsen
✓	Frank Jackson	✓	Joe Cunningham	✓	Don Drennan		
✓	Chet Wittenborn	✓	Rich Holden	✓	Jerry Bellows		

The following guests were also in attendance: Nelson Wilkerson, Gene Turner, Fred Van Ostrand

Opening

The meeting was called to order by President Rudi Metzner at 9:00 am.

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Tom McIntosh opened the meeting with a remembrance of Mark Paine, who was killed in action in Iraq. He then read the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln establishing Thanksgiving as a day of acknowledging God's blessings to our country. Tom asked all present to remember this as we celebrate Thanksgiving. The proclamation is attached to these minutes.

Review and Approval of the May 20, 2006 Minutes

Bob Green had e-mailed the minutes for the May 20, 2006 board meeting to the board members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved without modification. The minutes are also posted on the Camp Timberwolf website at <http://CampTimberwolf.org>.

Financial Report

Jerry Bellows presented the financial report showing the camp is in good financial condition. The financial report was approved by the board.

Review of 2006

- Summer projects included rewiring of the portions of the camp that had not been previously rewired, installation of fiber reinforced panels in the mess hall, and refinishing of the shower room floor.
- The board thanked Jeff Koester for his organization, hard work, and construction skills.
- One of the cabins had been broken into during a period when the camp was empty. One of the directors found the people at the camp and called the sheriff. We did not press charges, and the trespassers paid for damages and use of the cabin.

- We received letters from the Air Force and the Kiwanis thanking the camp for inviting the youth from Travis Air Force base to use the camp again this summer.

2006 Rental Summary

The camp was fully used this summer except the last week of August, when school has started.

2007 Rental Schedule

We are planning to have almost the same schedule of renters in 2007 as in 2006.

Nominating Committee

Elections of officers will be held at the next board meeting on November 11, 2006. Burt Benson was appointed chair of the nominating committee with Tom McIntosh, Rudi Metzner, and Don Drennan as members. Other directors were invited to join and should contact Burt if they wish to participate in the nominations. The terms of the board members listed under 2006 above and the officers will be elected for terms beginning in 2007.

Vice President Comments

Vice President Don Drennan asked Fred Nielsen how he was doing, and Fred reported that he is busy and doing well.

Don reported that the work parties next year will include some rest time.

Comments by Other Directors and Visitors

- Don Bonander commented on the work for next year including the boat rack. He said that we needed a roto-hammer and Fred Van Ostrand said that he would bring one.
- Burt Benson reported that Mark Paine would be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on November 3. A memorial service will also be held at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church.
- Joe Cunningham reminded the board members of safety concerns. The board discussed placing the raft closer to shore and adding signs on the top of deck prohibiting diving.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Rudi Metzner at 9:40 am.

Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation *Washington, DC—October 3, 1863*

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict, while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well as the iron and coal as of our precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the imposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purpose, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity, and union.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 3d day of October, A.D. 1863, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

*By the President:
William H. Seward,
Secretary of State.*

On October 3, 1863, an Act of Congress designated an annual National Day of Thanksgiving as proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln

I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States . . . to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. . . . [it is] announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord. . . . It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people.

—Abraham Lincoln