

MINUTES

DEERHAVEN CAMPGROUND CORPORATION CONFERENCE

Lakeland, Florida
December 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by FMC President Bob Watkins, who then turned the chair over to Deerhaven President Dale Lick.

Dale opened the meeting by thanking all of those across the Mission Center for allowing the Deerhaven Board the privilege of leading and overseeing the operation of the Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center.

General Report

In general, this has been one of our best years ever. Programming has been strong, attendance has continued to increase in terms of both FMC members and friends and rental users, and we have once again made significant progress in updating and modernizing the campground facilities. A good sense of this is contained in our 2009 Annual Report (attached). As the report points out, even though we have made much progress, there are many things that we need and want to do for increased, more effective service to the members and friends of the FMC and for improvements to Deerhaven (e.g., see some of the key items on the last two pages of the Annual Report). Dale encouraged the reading of the Vision and Mission Statements.

Dale indicated that with the local leadership and hard work of Skip and Sharyn Graham (our wonderful 'ambassadors in residence'), the firm commitments of Jane and Bob Watkins (our Deerhaven Manager and FMC President), the foresight and action of Bill and Judy Wegner, dedicated Board members, and the excellent support of our FMC congregations and so many members and friends, this year has proved to be a most successful one. We thank all of you for your gracious and helpful encouragement and assistance during 2009!

Separate FMC and Deerhaven Corporations Meetings

Dale explained the necessity of having separate meetings for the Florida Mission Center and the Deerhaven Campground Corporation, which is the legal entity for the Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center. Though Deerhaven continues to have formal relationships with both the Florida Mission Center and the World Church, separate meetings help to limit the potential for additional liabilities for the Florida Mission Center and The World Church.

New Deerhaven Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

Dale discussed the agenda for the meeting. He stated that the Deerhaven Articles of Incorporation, our formal and legal relationship with the State of Florida, will be amended at the

Deerhaven Corporation Conference on February 6, 2010. Dale also explained the earlier revision of the Bylaws for Deerhaven by the Board of Directors, with the assistance of Greg Prymak, Assistant to Apostle Linda Booth. The major changes are: Board officers being called “Chair” and “Vice Chair” rather than “President” and “Vice President”; having 8 elected Board members rather than 12, plus three ex-officio members, President of the FMC, Financial Officer of the FMC, and the Apostle (or a substitute); and final budgets and major campground commitments (e.g., a large loan) requiring approval of the Deerhaven Campground Conference, which is made up of members from across the FMC.

Deerhaven Conference Actions

The FMC Financial Officer and Treasurer of Deerhaven, Jane Watkins, gave a detailed discussion of the budget and congregational assessments, and answered questions. The budget and congregational assessments (with no overall assessment increase), as recommended by the Deerhaven Board, were approved, including a \$10 user fee per event and, as in the past, no other charge for FMC members and friends for the use of housing and facilities.

Continuing Board members for 2010 are Dennis Miller, Lorna Owens, Edyth Roberts, Bill Wegner, and Betty Yoder. Three new members were elected: Linda Braithwaithe-Hesterhagen (2010-11), Dale Lick (2010-2011), and Charles Greenberg (2010).

A major business item was the Deerhaven Pool Project. The Deerhaven Board recommended approval of the following *Preliminary Action Plan for the Pool Project*.

The Deerhaven Board will:

Step 1: Create and implement a fundraising plan for the Deerhaven pool project.

Step 2: Continue fact-finding and review of the various options for the pool project, including (1) pool size, shape, placement, use, and cost and (2) fundraising, revenue generation and financing potential.

Step 3: Prepare a final Plan of Action with all the specifics of the pool project.

Step 4: Present the final Plan of Action to a Deerhaven Campground Conference for its consideration and final action.

After Dale introduced the Pool Project, Bill Wegner, Chair of the Pool Project Task Force (approved at last years’ FMC Conference), discussed issues relating to the Pool Project and made the following points:

- Bids were obtained from several contractors for several types and dimensions of pools with varying prices, including two pools with one being smaller and heated.

- Possible placement of the pool being adjacent to the parking area north of the nursery.
- Important items were considered, such as beach and non-beach pool entry, safety, capacity, solar heating, screen enclosures, pool blanket both for debris elimination and heat retention, maintenance and lifeguards, possible pool rentals for revenue generation, and World Church certification, since it carries our insurance.
- Bill suggested a possible funding program broken down into weekly pledge contributions.

Dale said that the Board of Directors needed some more time to consider all options for the pool project, which are included in the 4 steps in the *Preliminary Action Plan* above.

Nanette moved the motion to approve the *Preliminary Action Plan for the Pool Project* which was recommended by the Deerhaven Board of Directors, and Heather Dixon seconded the motion. Don Passeretti moved to amend the motion to add “and get all the necessary decision-making information prepared for action at the conference in February.” The amendment was seconded. After discussion, the motion to amend failed by a vote of 18-17. The Conference then approved (with no negative votes) the recommended *Preliminary Action Plan for the Pool Project* for implementation immediately.

There being no new business, Diane Miller moved for adjournment, which was seconded and approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted respectfully by Lorna Owens, Deerhaven Secretary

2009 REPORT – DEERHAVEN RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER



The Deerhaven Nursery

Deerhaven Vision and Mission Statements

Vision: The Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center will be a quality facility in a peaceful natural setting, partnering with others to inspire and empower learning, renewal and spiritual reflection.

Mission: The Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center will:

- (a) partner with others to provide spiritual, educational, and joyful programs that transform lives into wholeness;
- (b) preserve its safe and secluded wilderness environment;
- and (c) expand and update facilities anticipating future needs.

Deerhaven Officers

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
President/Chair	Dale Lick	Dale Lick
Vice Pres./Vice Chair	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller

Secretary	Lorna Owens	Lorna Owens
Treasurer	Jane Watkins	Jane Watkins
Bookkeeper	--	Debbie Bartlett
Manager	Jane Watkins	William Wegner
Campground Caretakers	Skip and Sharyn Graham	Skip and Sharyn Graham
Kitchen Manager	--	Judy Wegner
Event Scheduler	Debbie Bartlett	Debbie Bartlett

Deerhaven Board of Directors

<u>2008-09</u>		<u>2009-2010</u>	
Nancy Barnett	Dale Lick	Dennis Miller	Sanda Walker
Don Dugger	Diane Miller	Lorna Owens	Bill Wegner
Charles Greenberg	Mary Jane Stettler	Edyth Roberts	Betty Yoder

An Overview

Deerhaven has had a busy, productive and effective year in 2009, reaching well toward its vision of being “a quality facility in a peaceful natural setting, partnering with others to inspire and empower learning, renewal and spiritual reflection.” With the local leadership and hard work of Skip and Sharyn Graham (our wonderful ‘ambassadors in residence’), the firm commitments of Jane and Bob Watkins (our Deerhaven Manager and FMC President), the foresight and action of Bill and Judy Wegner, dedicated Board members, and the excellent support of our FMC congregations and so many members and friends, this year should prove to be one of our best ever, as the data that follows should attest. We thank all of you for your gracious and helpful encouragement and assistance during 2009!

Attendance (User Days)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
FMC (C of C)	2760	3525	3877	4137
Rental	1798	2514	2671	3139

Projects Completed (Late 2008-2009)

Peace Building: Resurfaced the roof, painted the exterior, replaced or repaired AC units and toilets, and repaired walls and showers.

Justice Building:	Painted the exterior and made adjustments to add more space, make less noisy, and balance heating and air conditioning.
Caretaker's Home:	Added large commercial washer and dryer for heavy-duty loads at the campground.
Nursery Area:	Fenced in a large area to provide a safe playground and renovated two small classrooms and hallway into a modern conference room with ample storage.
Kitchen Stairs:	Replaced the old stairs and painted the new ones.
Kitchen Appliances:	New cooler, freezer, and steam table.
Kitchen Renovation:	The plan is as follows: (1) relocate the ElderHostel storage area, (2) relocate the pantry, (3) relocate the dishwasher and pre-wash sink, (4) remove the large sliding door and install double doors to the main building, (5) install double doors at the NW end of the serving line, (6) move serving line and refrigerator/freezer wall five feet; and (7) enclose the porch area to become the new entry to the serving line. The project is about half done and will be completed in early 2010.
Restrooms:	New toilets were installed in both the Women's and RV restrooms.
Water Storage Tank:	Major, long-term repairs to the large water storage tank.
Internet/Satellite System:	Additional upgrades.
Lake Front:	Labyrinth (meditation garden), created and funded by the 2009 Labor Day Reunion, and used extensively at the Reunion.
Storm Debris:	Removed downed trees, branches, brush, and general debris from all over the campground.
RV Association Projects:	Remodeled conference room - installed sheetrock, cabinets, lighting and phone, removed old satellite dish, replaced fan in kitchen window and lubricated exhaust fan, installed 2 ceiling fans in dining hall, moved the old pool table to make room for a new one, moved shed, built partition wall, installed hurricane anchors and a new door, cleaned out and organized the shop, cleaned all rooms in residence centers and meeting rooms, installed two wireless transmitters, built rack to store plywood, designed and made key rack to hold 70 keys for residence buildings and cabins, made numbered key tags for each key, painted ten picnic tables,

cut down trees and picked up sticks and branches, spread wood chips on road, and various plumbing and repair jobs. (Participants were members and friends from Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and New Mexico, including: Greg Beitz, Richard and Mary June Garn, Darrell and Connie O’Kelley, Marion Sword and Don Winship, Mark Nichol, and Irish and Dawn Stevens. Volunteer time of 715 hours.)

Swimming Pool Project

The major project considered this year was the swimming pool project. After gathering much relevant information and data and doing serious study and review, the Deerhaven Board of Directors approved a conceptual proposal for consideration by the Deerhaven Conference for moving forward with a swimming pool plan for raising the funds and building a pool and bathhouse (restrooms and changing areas).

Looking Ahead

The excellent programs we have experienced and the growth that has taken place in 2009 only suggest that much more is in our future for 2010! We are excited about the challenges before us and know that with the strong encouragement and support from everyone in the FMC, we are up to the challenges ahead.

The long list on the next page (Adopt-A-Project) gives you a sense of the size of the mountain we must climb in 2010 and beyond, but it’s a mountain of opportunity and, with you by our side, we are ready to put on our boots and venture forth together. Please join us in these new adventures!

ADOPT-A-PROJECT*

DEERHAVEN 2010

<u>Cabins:</u>	4 Inside doors @ \$75	\$300
	8 Outside doors @ \$200	1,600
	32 Windows @ \$130	4,160
	2 Air conditioners @ \$500	1,000
	4 Stone walk areas @ \$200	800
	4 Parking area expansions @ \$200	800
	8 Restroom/shower renovations and upgrades @ \$1,000	8,000
	8 Common room renovations and upgrades – larger	

	water heaters,additional sinks and storage @ \$625	5,000
	Increasing electrical capacity to cabins	10,000
<u>Main Building:</u>	Lighting (energy saving) in main room	300
	10 Floor Mats @ \$250	2,500
<u>Peace Building:</u>	2 Air conditioners \$800	1,600
	7 Toilets @ \$100	700
	Patching, painting and shower repairs	800
	6 Fans @ \$50	300
	8 Rollaway beds @ \$120	960
<u>Justice Building:</u>	10 Fans @ \$50	500
	Sound proof one room, demonstrating this capability	1,000
<u>Kitchen:</u>	Kitchen roof	7,000
	Completion of restructuring work (e.g., for improved and more efficient service)	5,000
<u>BBQ Building:</u>	Media equipment	5,000
	Partitions giving more break-out rooms	8,000
<u>General Repairs:</u>	2 RV sewer line repairs @ \$50	100
	Maintenance building roof shingles	2,500
	Landscaping and signage	1,500
	Lift station	2,000
	Swing set	200
<u>Equipment:</u>	2 Sets of golf cart batteries @ \$600	1,200
	Chain saw	400
	RV electrical hook-ups	350

	5 Picnic tables @ \$200	1,000
	Nursery playground sets	1,000
	Nursery playground safety ground cover	500
	Lawn edger	325
	Hedge trimmer	325
	Campground-wide communications system	7,000
<u>Pool Project:</u>	Swimming pool	175,000
	Bath house/restrooms	25,000

- Many of the projects from previous years' lists have been completed as a result of the generous support of so many FMC members and friends. Thank you!