

Lutheran Camp Association
2006 Annual Meeting
Concordia Lutheran Church - Kirkwood, Missouri
Saturday, November 4, 2006

LCA President, Martha Dourson, opened the meeting and welcomed all the members present today.

Opening Devotion led by Terry Dittmer.

LCA members who have received their Crown of Glory since the last LCA Annual meeting are: Ferman Lane, Luther Hertler, Leona Gay, Doris Flavin, Arno Krentz, Phyllis Schuessler, Martha Beinecke, Art Hann, Henry Kienmann, Vernon Schwartz, Lisa Gatz and Ed Stafford.

Martha Dourson introduced the LCA Board members and presented the President's report.

MSC: To approve the 2005 LCA Annual Meeting minutes.

Fred Schneider made the motion and Rick Ritthamel seconded it.

Affirmation of Quorum: Secretary Susan Spagnuolo confirmed that a quorum of the membership was present for today's meeting. Sixty memberships were present in person, along with 280 proxies, for a total of 340 memberships represented.

Election Of LCA Board and Foundation Board: Karen Spencer Nominations Chair, Karen Spencer announced the slate of candidates for today's election and introduced the candidates that were present. She then explained the voting procedure.

For the LCA Board of Directors, three to be elected for 3-year terms.

Kathy Allen
*Marilyn Brickler****
Tom Johnson
Chris Schumann
Kristina Stierholz

For the Arcadia Foundation Board, two to be elected for 3-year terms.

*Paul Roettger****
Molly Taylor

*** Denotes incumbents

Karen Spencer asked for nominations from the floor. There were none, so Bob Beumer moved that nominations be closed and Chris Allmand seconded it. Karen Spencer announced the LCA members who hold more than ten votes for today's election.

Votes were cast by the membership and collected by the tellers Katie Shining, Mike Spagnuolo, Carolyn Blum and Jane Schneider.

Management Team Reports: Management Team

Camp Director's Report: Chip May

It is difficult to boil down camp's year into a few words, but it was an amazing year. There were an unusually large number of crises that occurred this summer, but they were all handled well by the staff. No matter what view you take, 2006 was a great year.

2006 Registration Report:

- 2nd most guests in camp history and the most revenue ever.
- Family Weeks, Labor Day, and the Women's Retreat all set records.
- Cancellations were down
- Early registration set a record and will cause changes to be made to the process next year.

The quality of staff is the key to the success of camp. We turn away 20 applicants each year. There were a lot of new staff this summer, but the management team did a great job of providing leadership.

Intern, Kyle DeWees, did a great job as intern and program director. As intern he helped develop camp's emergency response plan, rehabbed the first aid room and organized the high-adventure youth trip.

There were a lot of new deans this summer and they were well received by the guests. It is important to have new deans who bring new perspective. There will be five new deans on the 2007 schedule. There will also be two Women's Retreats in 2007.

Caretaker's Report: John Jass

- Last winter's project was the addition to the Caretaker's house. Stan Woell was a huge help with this.
- A new roof was put on the Inn.
- Every building is now up to modern standards. There are no plans for large renovation projects in the future.
- New door handles were installed on the Inn room doors.
- The new tractor and chipper were well used already this summer.
- There was a small fire in the craft shop and a problem with the septic system, but both situations were handled well with no impact on the guests. The craft shop will have a new fire detection system installed; it will be tied into the main system.
- John Jass will spend most of the winter working on the Recreation Project.

Food Service Report: Chip May for Kurt Harvey

- 61,666 meals were served this year at a cost of \$2.11 per meal.
- Extra guest meals brought in \$10,000 of revenue.
- Camp continues to use a lot of local produce.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Woell

Camp is in excellent financial shape.

- The Spirit Of Arcadia mortgage has been paid off and we have received 97% of the pledges.
- The General Fund Net Income of \$31,300 beat the budget.
- The Forward Fund balance is \$265,800 due in large part to a substantial gift of \$150,000 given to camp.
- The Financial Aid Fund balance is \$7,900. We have funds available for qualified applicants to apply for aid.
- The Arcadia Foundation balance is \$705,700. Interest on these investments has been very good this year. Norm Ulbrich encouraged people to consider gifts to the Foundation in their estate planning.
- The Spirit Of Arcadia balance is \$5,500. The mortgage has been paid off.
- *Chris Allmand* asked why the ACCA receipts are down this year? *Norm Ulbrich* – The money from ACCA has not been transferred to the LCA yet.

MSC: To approve the Treasurer's Report.

The motion was made by Rick Ritthamel and seconded by Mike Boice.

ACCA Report: Dick Blum

- ACCA finished installing a sprinkler system in Weihermann Park and other park areas in the Cottage Colony.
- New playground equipment was installed in Weihermann Park. This was a gift from the Colburn family and was installed by Jim Woell.
- A committee has been formed to come up with a written plan for lakefront cottage owners concerning revetment and water protection issues. This is not currently a pressing issue, but the committee would like a policy in place for when the issue does become pressing.

Foundation Report: Paul Roettger

- Paul Roettger is the new chair of the Foundation.
- Bud Newberry is stepping down due to term limits.
- The Arcadia Foundation Total Assets are over \$700,000, as of September 30, 2006.
- Foundation assets are up 7.73% year-to-date and have experienced a 5-year annualized return of 5.92%
- All investments are currently in low-cost Vanguard mutual funds.
- The Foundation met as board three times this year. They worked on the changes to the by-laws and also worked with Norm Ulbrich to consolidate some funds.

- The Foundation plans to work closely with the LCA board to further define investments objectives and strategies.
- The Foundation will work on developing a marketing plan to more effectively communicate with LCA members about the Foundation.
- New board member Molly Taylor brings valuable marketing experience to the board.

Long Range Planning Report: Martha Dourson

The LCA board will be working this year on identifying long-range issues to be addressed.

Foundation By-Law Changes: Norm Ulbrich

At the annual meeting in 2005, a motion to approve certain changes in the by-laws was adopted. In accordance with Section 7 of Article XI, the Foundation was asked to review and comment on these changes to the by-laws. Subsequent to that annual meeting, the Board of Director's of the LCA, the Camp Accountant Norm Ulbrich and the Foundation Committee made certain modifications in the format, wording and administrative requirements of the Foundation. The Committee recommends the adoption of the amendment, as modified, of Article XI as presented to the membership in the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting.

- The changes to the bylaws are mainly for administrative ease and clarification.
- All the bylaw changes were mailed out to the membership within the required 45-day period.
- Five Foundation members will be elected by the LCA membership and one will be appointed from the LCA board. This is being done to improve communication between the two boards.
- We are deleting section 7 of Article XI from the by-laws. This bylaw addressed the way you can change the Foundation by-laws. Now there will be consistency throughout the LCA by-laws, as the Foundation functions under the LCA by-laws.
- The Foundation Board and the LCA Board have recommended approval of the changes by the LCA membership.

Fred Schneider made the motion to accept the proposed Foundation bylaw changes as presented and Bruce Detert seconded it. The membership then cast their votes.

Beach Erosion Control Report: Jim Woell

The Peer consultation took place at camp this summer and we have received the final report from WestShore Consulting. The entire report can be found on camp's website.

- The current beach revetment and existing structures are in a state of disrepair and something needs to be done. We cannot take something out before we are prepared to put something new in.

- Thanks to Mike Dourson who spent countless hours putting together the peer consultation and to Alan Klaas who was responsible for the coordination of the documentation.
- The Committee Charge – The Board of Director’s of the LCA appointed the Beach Erosion Committee to: “Research and develop a long-range effective beach erosion solution that...
 1. Protects Camp Arcadia’s buildings and
 2. Provides an accessible, safe shoreline, while
 3. Minimizing negative impacts on our neighbors shoreline.”
 Their task was to pursue a solution that would answer all three charges.
- There are links on camp’s website to the research behind this process.

Solutions still being considered:

1. *Beach nourishment* - Beach nourishment cannot be done by itself. We would need to install a system that would then hold the sand.
2. *Retreat from shore* – We had to look at this option as we move forward with this process.
3. *Above water groins*- This is what we currently have installed on our beach. We have gotten estimates on what it will cost to replace/repair these current structures.
4. *Below water groins* – We have received a bid from one company, but we will be getting others.
5. *Initiate Army Corps of Engineer Section 111* – This is necessary to prove that Arcadia Harbor is harming our beach.
6. *Do nothing* – The pier has already broken off and our current structures are in a state of disrepair, so this is not a good option for us.

The BEC made three recommendations to the LCA board at their meeting yesterday.

1. Continue assessment options. Hire a structural engineer to conduct structural analyses of our existing shoreline protection structures. Consult with an environmental attorney to research a Federal Section 111 study.
 2. Obtain bids to sink or remove the pier in front of the Inn.
 3. Removal of the most dangerous aspects of the deteriorating wooden jetties.
- There is more homework to do and research to compile before the Beach Erosion Committee is ready to recommend an option to the LCA board.
 - Jim Woell has agreed to stay on as the chairman of the BEC.

John Steben – Is the board ready to consider sinking the pier? *Jim Woell* – Yes, the board is going to address this issue. They will be working on solutions to this issue in the off-season.

Molly Taylor – Are we just looking at LCA’s beach or are we looking at ACCA’s beach also. *Jim Woell* – The decision on this belongs to the individual lakefront owners, it will not be an ACCA decision.

Phyllis Wallace – Why are we looking for cost estimates of retreating the buildings, are we worried about this? *Jim Woell* – During the permitting process we need to prove to

the Army Corp of Engineers that we have considered all our options. Our buildings are not currently in danger, but we need to consider this before the permitting process.

John Steben – Has there been any effort to justify repairing current structures? *Jim Woell*

– Yes, but they do not generally repair structures, they just replace them. We would also need to go through a permitting process to do that. There really is no structural integrity of the current structures left to repair.

Lunch Break:

Recreational Project Report: Chip May & John Jass

Last year we received a large donation from a camper, it was the largest single donation in camp's history. We have worked with the donor to develop this recreational proposal.

- We asked for guest feedback on the proposal during the summer and sent out a survey to the entire membership. We had a great response to the survey; we received over 330 responses back.
- The survey responses indicated that people don't want to move the tennis courts and the top three positive responses were for the lakefront seating area, moving the basketball courts and the Chapel on the Beach.
- We have enough money to meet all of our objectives.
- The new proposal was approved by the LCA board at their meeting yesterday.
- Full details of the project are available on the camp's website.

Carolyn Blum – Will you be tearing the craft shop down? *Chip May*-No, we are just adding a deck to the outside.

Katrina Stierholz – Where will the equipment now stored in the Ark go? *Chip May* – The program equipment will now be stored in the Nature Center.

Jeff Albrecht – What is the projected timeframe for the completion of the project? *Chip May* – We will start on this right away, before the ground freezes. It will be ready for this summer.

Report Of Elections: Karen Spencer

LCA Board of Director's

Marilyn Brickler

Kathy Allen

Chris Schumann

Foundation Board

Paul Roettger

Molly Taylor

It was announced that the Foundation By-law changes passed by the required 2/3 majority. Anyone who would like a copy of the updated Foundation By-Laws should contact the office.

Pastor Walt Schoedel stated that his heart jumps for joy for camp today. Vision 2002 has been realized and he is thankful for the young people serving on the boards/staff and keeping the spirit of camp alive.

Chris Allmand asked if there were specific plans for the location of future annual meetings. Martha Dourson said that no firm plans had been made and that she will take suggestions.

Norm Ulbrich asked that if anyone has pictures of the Camp Limo or knows any history about how camp acquired it, to please let him know.

Martha Dourson thanked retiring LCA board members, Jim Woell and Susan Spagnuolo, for their years of service to the board and presented them with framed a picture of the camp shoreline.

Closing prayer by Terry Dittmer.

MSC: To approve adjourning the meeting.

Fred Schneider made the motion and Jim Woell seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Spagnuolo
LCA Secretary