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River TALK

“Uniting to Preserve Our River Rights”

April 2018

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February 3, 2018 – Annual Meeting Minutes

President Kern called the meeting to order at 2:05pm at the Ramada Inn, Columbus, NE. Roll call was taken with 29 directors present and three directors absent.

Motion by LJ Porter and second by Kenny Meyer to approve the February 4, 2017 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dan Mensik reviewed the annual financial report from 2017. Motion by Virg Crumley and second by Paul Ulferts. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Shelly Noonan reported on the scholarship winners for 2017. A motion was made by Nir Levin and second by Jim Kantor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Several events were discussed and will be published on the Website and in the newsletter. Atty Mitchell gave more detail regarding the lease and the property.

Motion by Garry Greving and second by Jim Kantor to approve the January 7th, 2018 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hollie Hittner reviewed the Financial Reports. Motion by Mark Ulferts and second by Justin Thiesen to approve the financials. Motion carried.

Matt Shaw read over the Lease Agreement for the property on the Platte River near North Bend and the insurance that is required within the lease. Two quotes were presented for a $1 million dollar/$2 million aggregate policy and a $1 million/$3 million aggregate policy. Mark Ulferts made a Motion to Approve the quote for the $1 million/$2 million aggregate policy and second by Hollie Hittner. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Motion by Nir Levin was made to approve the lease for the land near North Bend and second by Todd Bailey. Motion Carried by unanimous vote.

Next was the discussion of nominees for Officers for 2018. Rob Thiesen nominated Garry Greving for President and a second by Mark Ulferts. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Kyle Kern nominated Randy Petrov for Vice President and second by John Sullivan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dan Mensik nominated Hollie Hittner for Secretary/Treasurer and second by Marty Reznicek. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Meeting was turned over to the New Officers. Dave Mitchell was introduced by Jay Kern as our current counsel. Atty Mitchell gave more detail regarding the lease and the property.

New Business:

Garry Greving introduced all the new Directors to the current Directors and members that were present. Next, locations and dates for Directors meetings were discussed by the board and approved with dates locations and times. Several events were discussed and will be published on the Website and in the upcoming newsletter as well.

Hollie Hittner agreed to take over the Newsletter for the 2018 year of the Association. The Board agreed on newsletters to be sent in April, July, October and December. A motion was made by Dan Mensik to compensate Hollie $2000 for the newsletter services and second by Jim Kantor. Motion carried by a unanimous Vote.

Hollie Hittner made a suggestion to set up an online store for apparel via Facebook and the website that she would handle. She discussed the current value of what we had on hand and to make it easier for members to purchase the apparel. Matt Shaw made a motion to approve and second was made by Rob Thiesen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

John Sullivan made motion to change the voting for next 2019 Director Ballots to be turned in within 10 days instead of 30 days. A second was made by Jim Kantor. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made to Clarify Bi-laws on a Quorum in Article 12. Matt Shaw made a motion to approve and second was made by Craig Hittner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A Motion was made to appoint a Committee to handle the cleanup etc., of the Leased Property. Kyle Kern made a motion to approve and second by Matt Shaw. The Wahoo Directors agreed to head up that committee.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4pm by Craig Hittner and Second by Mark Kriekemeier. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Hittner, Secretary/Treasurer

March 4, 2018 – Director Meeting Minutes

President Kern called the meeting to order at 2:05pm at Nowhere Special Restaurant, Linwood NE. Roll Call was taken with 22 directors present.

Motion by Garry Greving and second by Jim Kantor to approve the January 7th, 2018 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hollie Hittner reviewed the minutes. Motion by Mark Ulferts and second by Justin Thiesen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Rob Thiesen nominated Garry Greving for President and second by Mark Ulferts. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Nir Levin and second by Jim Kantor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Next was the discussion of nominees for Officers for 2018. Jay Kern nominated Randy Petrov for Vice President and second by John Sullivan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Nir Levin and second by Jim Kantor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Meeting was turned over to the New Officers. Dave Mitchell was introduced by Jay Kern as our current counsel. Atty Mitchell gave more detail regarding the lease and the property.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Mensik, Secretary/Treasurer

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If you like receiving the RiverTalk, we need YOUR help in getting the news to our members. If you have photos or a story that you would like to share with our members, please email to naa.nebraska@yahoo.com or directly to our printer at myprintjob@pubprinting.com. Please put NAA Story/Photo in the subject line so it will get our attention!
I would like to introduce myself as your 2018 president.

I'm Garry Greving, I live in the Chapman, Nebraska area, we are just 12 miles northeast of Grand Island. My wife is Vicki, and between us we have 4 daughters, and 12 lovely grandchildren that are our biggest joy in our lives; their ages are from a senior in high school to a 3 month old, 4 grandsons and 8 granddaughters. We farm and run a small trucking business hauling grain locally. Vicki takes care of all the paperwork for both the farm and trucking business, along with having her Granny's Day Care.

Looking ahead, I'm very excited about being your president for 2018. There is a lot of great thing happening in the NAA right now. We have signed a lease on a property at the North Bend bridge, this will be a great place to hold activities, and picnic area right on the river. Once all is cleaned up, we are thinking a shelter of some sort with picnic tables. This is our property to use as needed.

We have a very good list of activities planned for this summer. Check them out in the newsletter; hope we have a great turn out at all events.

As always the board meetings are open to all members, we want to be an open book for all members.

So as we hit the rivers this spring, be courteous and be respectful to all land owners and other boats. Let’s have a safe summer. Make sure you have all your safety gear onboard your boat.

My contact info is 308-380-1740 and my email address is wildwoodinc@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
Garry Greving
NAA President

Are you ready? Spring is a great time of year. Got the boat ready to go? What events do you want to attend? Anxious to catch up with everybody? Have you checked out the new boats? I think we all feel that way, and it never goes away.

I bought my first boat in ’02, nighthawk with a wood prop. Worked great but wasn’t very pretty. Met a lot of new people because of that boat (got me hooked).

Ten years ago I became a director; never dreamed I would be given this kind of opportunity. Jay and Matt have some great projects going and I hope Gary and I can keep things moving.

Some of you know me, some don’t. I, grew up in Fullerton, after college. Married my wife, Cindy and moved to Columbus. We started a small tool and die shop together and now my son, Zach works with us. My daughter, Jessica is a UNL graduate (thanks in part to a NAA scholarship) and works for DHHS in Norfolk.

I am really looking forward to this summer, lots of events! Our own river ground and meeting more of the NAA community!

If anyone has any ideas or concerns please call myself, Gary, or the director in their area. Also don’t forget the website airboatne.com or facebook page Nebraska Airboaters Association for info. My number is 402-276-0437.

Thank you!

Randy Fetrow
NAA Vice President

The NAA is Always Building:

Building for the future of airboating, for our families and others who enjoy airboating just as much.

Building on good airboating practices, supporting the environment and teaching others all the great fun there is to airboating.

Building friendships through our association and with others who enjoy our rivers.

Building gratitude and always grateful for the experience to have been the Vice President and President over the last few years. We have a great association and membership with the new 2018 Directors we will continue to build. I am continuing as a Director, but have stepped down as an Officer. I’m excited for the new leadership and will always support building the NAA.

Thank you to everyone who has, continues, and will help the NAA grow even stronger than we are today.

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

by - Henry Ford

Sincerely,
Jay Kern
Past NAA President

Here we go 2018! My name is Hollie Hittner, I have been appointed the Secretary/Treasurer for the 2018 NAA. This past year, as many of you know, has been a whirlwind to say the least.

Thirty-six years ago I would go down to Pete’s Custom Metal, now known as Elemetal Fabrication with my father as he built his first Aluminum flat bottom boat, along with my Uncle Duane Barts. My Parents have been members of the Fremont Airboat Club for years and I grew up out there along with many of the people that are still on the river today.

My husband, Craig is also a director and has been since 2011. He is the one that introduced me to the association. We have our hands full with four boys, Dylan (16), Xander (14), Camdyn (12), and Caedyn (8). They all love being on the river! (Most of the time!) I work Full Time at Elemetal Fabrication & Machine as the bookkeeper and own a little “She Shed” that we run from our house along with my retired mother as well. It’s funny because as a teen I never wanted to go boating. 40 years later my husband and I together have our very own boat and a camper on the Platte River. We have developed so many great friendships over the years and are excited about what the future holds for the association. Rather than sit back and participate, we want to make a difference and a legacy for our children to be proud of and as passionate as we are about preserving our rights on the river, I will be also putting out the newsletter and working on an online store for apparel. The website is already being updated. Feel free to check it out at www.airboatne.com and visit our Facebook page for the most up to date info! I’m looking forward to all the great things we are working on this year with the association. I can’t wait to get back out on the river and see you all!

Respectfully,
Hollie Hittner
NAA Secretary/Treasurer
2017 LIFETIME MEMBERS INDUCTED

Left Photo: Kyle Bierman, Virgil Crumley, Roger Reed, Diane Hogan, Mike Denny, Fremont Airboat Club, Gabe Mackey, Sam Inserra III, Joe Hulinsky, Tom Sawyer, Jim Conner, Weylin Leffers, Evan Peters, Ron Skinner, Doug Block, Jayde Hanson, Sarah Stang, Michael Stang, Joshua Perrin, Larrry Miller. ***Not All Pictured.

Right Photo: Matt Shaw, Jay Kern, and Brian Ranslem presenting the Plaque to the Fremont Airboat Club.

**NAA has a New Leased Land**

The NAA has secured a lease on land located ¼ mile west of HWY 79 bridge at North Bend on the North Side. We will be having our first clean up day April 7th, at 9am. We have the heavy equipment covered. We will need chainsaws, heavy duty lawn mowers, rakes, maybe gators or rangers for hauling wood and lots of hard working airboaters with gloves. Hopefully we have some nice weather!

**Thank You Dave Mitchell**

The NAA has retained a New Attorney, Dave Mitchell. Dave is also an airboater and member of the association. On behalf of the board and officers, we'd like to thank him for all his help so far! Dave has already done a lot for us, including setting up our lease for the new land. We are happy to be working with him and appreciate all his help.

Thank You Dave!

Hollie Kittner

NAA Secretary/Treasurer

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Don’t let this be your last Newsletter. Renew your Annual Membership today!
The NAA was formed in May 1995. Its purpose is to preserve and protect the rights of airboat owners, by working with public and state agencies. We also need to be good stewards of the river and surrounding land, encourage safe and responsible recreation. Protect its watershed from degradation and increase the community’s appreciation of its natural beauty.

**Defend Our Rights:** We have a lobbyist for the association to watch for changing legislation.

**Promote and Enhance Good Stewardship:**
Encouraging others to join the NAA and always trying to improve our organization.

**Encouraging Safe and Responsible Recreation:**
We look out for each other and assist boats and passengers in trouble. Make sure everyone gets home safe to boat another day.

**Protect Watershed from Degradation:** Be mindful of what you put into the river. Keeping our waters clean and clear of debris and trash will keep our rivers beautiful. Working to protect banks and property is a challenge but worth the fight to preserve our lands next to the river.

**Community Appreciation for the River's Natural Beauty:** By bringing our family and friends to the river for a fun outing teaches others of our states great resources, while just simply out for a good time together. Teaching our children who will be the next generation of boat owners ensures that the tradition carries on.

The purpose of the NAA is to be good guardians for the rivers we love.
The 2018 NAA Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 pm to a packed house. The Ramada Rivers Edge meeting room was filled with airboaters from across the state and out of state. We had several raffle items donated by the NAA supporters and prizes bought by the NAA as well.

The annual gun raffle winners were drawn and winners’ names appear in the newsletter. We also had a bead game that the last one standing won a TV. Congrats to Andy Troost on her victory!

The new Directors were announced. Matt Shaw also discussed the possibility of the NAA securing their own property for functions and events. The meeting was adjourned. Members stayed to listen to the comedian and have cocktails with fellow members. Next year’s meeting will be held again at the Ramada Inn.
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