

Lost Island – Ruthven Betterment Association; August 2011

The monthly meeting of the Lost Island – Ruthven Betterment Association was held on Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 PM in the social center. Jon Josephson called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved. The minutes of the July meeting were read and a change was made as follows: Barb Thompson presented a check for \$565 in profit from the BBW horse show. The treasurer's report was presented by Tami Eaton and approved. A motion passed to pay Thompson's \$292.50 for prizes for the BBW 2012 horse show. Another motion was made to pay KICD for a BBW ad upon verification of the ad being correct.

In old business, the community garden plots are reported to be all taken. It was reported that someone is tossing rocks from the garden plot to the grassy area being mowed by the city. It was mentioned that it was very nice for Tim Nielson providing the water wagon at the plot and for Ron Brockmeyer in keeping the project organized.

The gaming grant signage for Lost Island Lake is completed and ready for Gary Willrett to install. Ron Brockmeyer will find a spot for the Jones Beach sign to be installed; this location had not had a sign before. The Lost Island Lake arrow sign on highway 71 will also be replaced.

Jan Helmke and Tami Eaton said they will again start working on the update of the community brochure. Some business changes are needed as well as some new photos. These brochures are distributed to Iowa welcome centers across the state.

It was reported that Paul Kerkhoff will again do the Lost Island fireworks in 2012. He plans to do this on the Saturday evening of Bully Bullhead Weekend. It was noted that LIRBA will provide a clean-up crew to clean up the beach area in the county park after the display.

Election of officers was held with Jon Josephson being re-elected as Chair, Kay Suhr as Vice-Chair, and Jay Schoning as secretary. BBW 2012 was briefly discussed and Tami Eaton mentioned this will be the 20th annual event.

Santa Day and the visit by Santa Claus will be held on December 10th this year. Chair person for the event will be Jan Helmke. The Santa Day Cash Raffle drawing will again be held with 300 tickets being sold for \$10 with four winners receiving \$1,000, \$500, and two \$250 cash prizes.

Cabin Fever Weekend will be held on February 11th. Events such as a junior high basketball tournament, snowman contest, indoors garage sales, business open houses, and an evening food event were all discussed.

The group is to think of some ideas for the upcoming Palo Alto County Gaming Grants, which need to be submitted by late December. Some initial ideas are benches and garbage cans for the new bike trail; and tent canopies for the parade announcers and other PA announcers during Bully Bullhead Weekend.

It was reported that the "Our Story" television production recognizing Ruthven is still on. The date has not yet been released. The meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 15th. The members present stressed the need for more community members to attend these monthly meetings so new ideas can be brainstormed. The meetings usually last less than one hour. Everyone is expected to invite someone to the next meeting and community members are very urged to attend. The meetings will be posted on the roll-up and in the Zipcode.