Cobb-Highland Recreation Commission
Minutes from March 11, 2015

Members present:  Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, Bret Barr, Gerry Riley, Glen Gard, Jeremy Simplot, Jim Eggers, Kris Schoville, Laura Anderson, Tom Jenks

Members absent:

Also present:  Dan Welsh, Park Manager
              Tom Michek, Assistant Park Manager
              Stacey Hermansen, Offc Mngr/Board Clerk
              Carol Anderson, Iowa County
              Kevin Bonin, Public

Meeting notice was legally posted.

Meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from February 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Kris Schoville, seconded by Laura Anderson to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public input: Kevin Bonin expressed concern and frustration with the administration of the IG Sno-Cats Radar Run. He testified that the snowmobile track was placed within 10 ft. of his permanent ice shack and that sled speed was not reduced to 10 mph when passing by his shack. Mr. Bonin approached someone in charge of the Radar Run and was ignored. He has contacted the DNR, as this issue falls under their jurisdiction. Bret Barr reported that Alan Erikson, DNR Warden, had made contact and would be coming to an IG Sno-Cats meeting to talk about rules and regulations. He will also make an appearance at next year’s radar run.

Treasurer’s report for February 2015 given by Stacey Hermansen. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Al Linscheid to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Annual sticker sales at Palan’s Outpost: The park office has extended weekend hours during the ice fishing season and there are outside envelopes/instructions with a payment box for self-registration. The park collects personal contact information from each customer along with their plate numbers and vehicle description. Sticker numbers and each sale/receipt are also logged and are traceable to specific vehicles, customers, and payment methods. These sticker sales are audited each year; so management and the Commission feel uncomfortable allowing an outside entity to handle these sales. This would put the park at risk of not being able to keep track of sticker numbers and receipts appropriately. Motion made by Bret Barr, seconded by Kris Schoville
to reject the proposal for an outside entity to sell Blackhawk Lake annual stickers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fish stocking will be discussed again at April meeting. The Commission welcomes any public input at any time regarding fish stocking.

Park Updates: DNR has given verbal approval to build a cabin. Engineered plans may be required. If engineered plans are sought, they will be acceptable and used for all future cabins. The park received the permit to remove the cattails that have overgrown into the beach area.

A new shower house/flush toilet facility will be built in the lower loop area and will utilize the insurance proceeds from the damage done to the group camp shelter. A contract will have to be in place by the one year anniversary date of the tornado. Management will contact an engineer about plans, which the Commission will approve/reject by the March meeting. Timeline would allow for bids to be proposed in May, with an accepted contract by mid-June.

A new office copier will be purchased when needed and will not exceed $2500.

Management provided an addendum to the Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area financial procedures to outline the deposit schedule and to ensure that cash receipts exceeding $250 will be made daily. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Laura Anderson to approve the financial procedures addendum. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Iowa County legal counsel is currently reviewing the operations agreement in order to clarify dissolution clause and named insureds for our commercial liability insurance carrier.

The next scheduled meeting will take place at the park office on April 8th, 2015 at 7 pm. Commission will meet at 6:30pm to take a tour of the park and the proposed building sites for cabins and shower house.

Motion for adjournment made by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Glen Gard. Motion carried by unanimous vote.