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Travelers Country Club  
On The Mississippi

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**President’s report:**

I need to start my report by thanking the other Directors, Marty, Chuck and the office staff for all of the help and support they have given me as we began a new season here at TCCOM. I could not imagine being in this position without them.

Because of a few major issues facing us, the BOD has already had two workshops. I am going to take this opportunity to remind members that until the Board goes into executive session you are welcome and encouraged to attend these workshops.

Number one on our list of priorities this year is the foreclosure and disposition of the personal property of lot 601. I am sure by now all or most of you have seen the posted notices of the Sheriff’s sale which will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 1 PM at lot 601.

The personal property includes the Park Model trailer, a boat, boat motor, and boat trailer. There is also an electric golf cart which is not part of the auction. Marty has contacted 2 dealers who have offered us \$250.00 for the cart AS IS. If there is an interest by some of our members in purchasing the golf cart and are willing to pay at least \$250.00 for it, you must let the office know by June 17. Again, let me stress it will be sold AS IS!

There will be two one hour open houses prior to June 23 for anyone interested in seeing the inside of the Park Model trailer. Those dates are Thursday, 6-16, at 10:00 AM and Saturday, 6-18, at 10:00 AM. A 3<sup>rd</sup> one hour open house will be held the day of the auction at 11 AM.

It has come to the Boards attention there may be some mowing and killing of vegetation happening along the river that is a violation of DNR rules. Faye Petron and Marty Abel along with input from the DNR are addressing these concerns and if in fact there are violations, measures will be taken by the Board to stop them.

The office staff has asked me to remind everyone there are new Bylaws, Directories and an amended

rules change sheet that need to be picked up by all of the members.

**Park Manager’s report:**

Welcome to another great year here at TCCOM.

We have a new team member at the Office. If you haven’t met Kim Eagles, Lot 610, and her bubbly personality, please stop up and welcome her as our new Office Assistant.

**Glencoe Co-op / Beaudry Oil & Propane Program:**

Many members used to get propane from Glencoe Co-op 2X a season. Most are already aware that Glencoe will no longer service TCCOM. They have coordinated with Beaudry Oil & Propane in Elk River to take their place. Beaudry is a family owned and operated company that has been in business for over 30 years and already services Carefree Country Club in Big Lake.

Beaudry’s program is similar to Glencoe’s with one major change. I don’t think they will miss customers as Glencoe has in the past. In fact, Beaudry has already come in to TCCOM to service Glencoe customer’s missed this spring.

Here is Beaudry’s program –

- They will come into the park 2 X a season in May and September to top off customer owned tanks – the specific dates to be determined.
- The current price is \$1.45 per gallon plus a \$4.00 delivery charge.
- They will do a free safety leak test for each new customer. The \$40.00 fee is waived unless you run out of propane or change tanks.
- They do supply tanks. A 120 gallon tank is \$325.00 + tax. Pricing for a 250 gallon tank is not available at this time.
- Billing is the same as Glencoe – an invoice is left on your unit’s door knob with payment instructions.
- We have flyers and a sign-up sheet in the back of the room if you are interested in joining their program. After the Annual Membership Meeting, you can sign-up in the Office until July 31<sup>st</sup> at which time the list will be given to Beaudry for the September fill. On the sign-up sheet it asks, “Need

Fill". A "Yes" means you need propane before September – they will contact you right away. A "No" means you're OK on propane until they come into the Park in September.

#### **Palmer Wireless:**

At this point, Palmer secure Wi-Fi is available to everyone except the lower 100/200 rows. They are going to install a few more booster antennas in the near future to hit those areas. Those on the west side (137 to about 114B) will use a different antenna/router kit and get their signal from the Clearwater Duet Tower. However, they will still have TCCOM pricing.

#### **Magnetic Name Tags:**

TCCOM issues name tags with pins to new members. If you would like a magnetic name tag, they can be ordered thru the Office for \$8.50 each.

#### **Additional Bulletin Boards:**

We now have two new bulletin boards thanks to Mike Alred, Lot 615. They are on the west side of the USPS mailboxes by the Clubhouse attached to the side of the Parcel Boxes. One is for In Park Events, the other for Outside Park Events – not advertising. (Unfortunately, due to an accident, the latter one was removed shortly after being installed until the Parcel Box is repaired.) Please bring event notices to office for posting.

**Laundry:** Please check the pockets of the clothes you wash for coins, golf tees, paper clips, etc. If a machine won't drain or drains slowly, most likely someone before you had coins that are clogging the drain. Please notify the office about washers that drain slowly.

**Ice Machine:** Until we have a new ice machine from Arctic Ice, or another vendor, we will not be providing ice at the Clubhouse.

#### **Outgoing USPS Mailbox:**

Unfortunately, since we are a seasonal park, we are stuck with the little blue mailbox for outgoing mail. We do not "qualify" for a large mailbox.

#### **Lot 601 Sheriff Sale:**

Since there are three licensed items (boat, boat trailer and park model trailer) there will be three auctions all held on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1 PM, at Lot 601. Notice of sale has been posted at the Clubhouse and

published in the Becker Citizen-Tribune. Three one hour open houses to view the inside of the property have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Thursday, 6/16/16 at 10 AM
- Saturday, 6/18/16 at 10 AM
- Thursday, 6/23/16 (day of auction) at 11 AM

Those in attendance may then bid on each respective item until a winning bidder is determined. Any outside bidder (a bidder other than TCCOM) has to provide cash or certified funds payable to the Sherburne County Sheriff at the time of sale.

In other auctions I've attended, bidders often bring a number of cashier's checks (along with cash) in different denominations to give to the Sheriff. (i.e. a number of \$5,000, a number of \$2,500, a number of \$1,000 cashier's checks. If the sum of the cashier's checks given to the Sheriff to meet the winning bid is more than the bid, the Sheriff will issue a refund to the bidder for the difference.)

The winning bidder on the Park Model Trailer has the option to join TCCOM by paying the Annual Dues for 2016, \$1525, and minimal closing costs. The property may then remain on Lot 601. Otherwise, all property must be removed within a week of the auction date – 6/23/16.

#### **Golf Cart for Sale:**

The golf cart that is in the driveway of Lot 601 is also for sale. Minimum bid is \$250. (Marty already has offers from golf cart companies for that price.) If interested, you can place your written bid, with name and lot #, in the box on the fireplace hearth. The box will be opened 6/17/16 at 4 PM. The winning bidder will be notified and payment is due upon notification. NOTE: YOU ARE PURCHASING THIS GOLF CART AS IS. TCCOM MAKES NO WARRANTIES. Specifications follow:

- 1998 Yamaha Electric -- charger included
  - Model G19ES; Serial #: JR1-204002
- (Update — Eric Gibson, Lot 401, had the winning bid.)

**Flashlights:** If walking at night please use a flashlight so others can see you.

**Good Used Furniture:** Per discussions at the AMM, we will have a list of companies you can contact to pick-up usable furniture. Our objective is to keep as much out of the construction dumpster as possible. Two com-

panies that were noted at the meeting are:

- The Used Furniture Store, St. Cloud, #320-230-8823, [www.theusedfurniturestore.com](http://www.theusedfurniturestore.com)
- Treasure Chest Thrift & Gift, St. Cloud, # 320-255-1808; [www.http://treasurechestthrift.blogspot.com/](http://www.treasurechestthrift.blogspot.com/)

Have a great 2016 season.

Chuck McColgan

### **Maintenance and Golf Course Manager report**

Welcome to our first annual board meeting of 2016. Glad to see just about every member back to TCCOM. Our season is under way and weather has been great! First off, I'd like to thank our President for the wisdom, logic and reasoning she has brought to every issue on the table this past year. I have worked here for 14 years and this last year has been a great year for me. If I don't say it enough, thanks Diana... Also I'd like to thank all the Directors, Committee members and individuals that spend countless hours giving back to our community.

On a personal note - I'd like to send my condolences to all the TCCOM members who have lost family members this year. It is so very sad to start another season without so many of the long term members here. To all of you who have lost your spouse or family member, my condolences. Know that your loved one made a mark on this park.

I would also like to welcome our new volunteers . . . oops I mean members! Welcome to our park! I'd like to encourage you to volunteer for something that you have an interest in. That really helps us keep our costs down and it will help you sleep better at night knowing that you gave back to your community, win-win. In case you haven't noticed we have one "fine" looking golf course! On behalf of the Maintenance department I'd like to give new members a welcome gift, please pick one up on your way out.

And now on to some maintenance topics.

The pool cover we purchased two years ago has proven to be a great investment for us. It is saving an enormous amount of labor, time and money. I'd also like to mention that it is a Minnesota Department of Health regulation that it is required to shower before entering the pools regardless if you are using waterproof sunscreen. The reason I bring this up is because

showering rinses off oils that cause real problems for the filters. We have a new pool maintenance person, her name is Jane Starr and she is doing a great job taking care of the pools. Thanks Jane!

Mosquito season is well on its way and an article describing the parks mosquito spraying protocol is posted at the clubhouse. The local hardware store also carries fly swatters that also work well in between spraying.

Our septic systems are aging, aka. old. Last fall we had to do an expensive repair on one of our systems. This is in an attempt to avoid replacing the system at a much greater cost. So far it is working properly but time will tell if this repair will prove to be successful and add more years to the life of the system. The septic system company that did the repair along with Roto-Rooter consistently remind me to tell members not to flush "wet naps or baby wipes" or anything, except toilet paper into the septic systems. These products will cause expensive repairs or even the possible need for complete system replacement at a very high cost to our park. This is an easy and simple preventative action that we can do to prevent these problems.

The bucket lift, I named it "hang on tight", (it's the piece of equipment we purchased two years ago for tree trimming and streetlight repair) has proven to be a great investment. It has already paid for itself.

The golf course is looking great this year thanks to all the hired help and all the volunteers who spend countless hours even in adverse weather conditions to maintain it and make it as nice as it is. The golf committee continues to meet and discuss ways to improve our course. Thanks to all of you!

The leaf clean up that is being done by Clean Cut Lawn Care is proving to be a great success with extremely few problems considering the monumental task at hand. My recommendation to the Directors will be to renew the contract. The vendor has promised to report any possible property damage directly to me so I can notify members personally.

I'm sure that most of you know that the gasoline in the tanks by the maintenance building is not for personal use. For those of you who may not be aware of this, it is for the maintenance equipment use only. Also some of you may have noticed the extra barrier posts that have been installed around the fuel tanks. These bollard posts are to protect the tanks from spilling in the event of an accidental vehicle collision.

We have had a request for the park to provide pressure washers for member use. Although this would be convenient for some members, we have to set limits on what the park will provide.

If any of you have a fire ring on common ground that you do not intend to use, please notify the office. We would like to remove it to make it easier for the volunteers to mow those areas.

In closing I'd like to thank all of you for making this park something we all can be proud of. It's not just the golf course or pool that brings beauty into the park but all the little extra things people do – planting flowers, helping with tree trimming, mowing common grounds and weed whacking around tree's – the list goes on and on. In a world where neighbors don't always know each other or stop to help out and people get too focused in their busy lives, we at TCCOM have something special in our community that sets us apart from others. That's something you all should be proud of, I know I am!

My hope for this season is that everyone able will take on a little task so the maintenance department can focus on the big projects which helps keep everyone's dues down. Did I mention that we can always use new volunteers?? Thank you all and have a good weekend.

Marty Abel

### **Personnel/Nominating Committee Report**

This year there are two (2) BOD members whose terms are ending in 2016. They are: Diana Martell and Dennis Oberloh. If you have been a Shareholder of TCCOM for one year, your name is on the Certificate of ownership, and all fees due TCCOM have been paid; please consider running for election to the Board. (See **ARTICLE VI, Section 1 and 2 of the By Laws for more information.**) All Candidates must sign a "Consent to Serve" form before being nominated and the consent form must be turned into the office. This is your opportunity to volunteer and really make a difference in the park. Please contact Effie Saxe Lot #305, if you are interested. Thank you.

### **Potluck and Karaoke**

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, was the first event for the "Potluck and Karaoke". What a great turnout we had! Many participated in the singing, and laughs were heard throughout the Activity Center. Thank you so much for all who attended.

Next "Potluck and Karaoke" will be on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm. If you have any special karaoke cd's you would like to sing to, please contact Bruce Saxe at: 763-772-6895, Lot #305. See you at the next event!

**TCCOM ANNUAL  
Craft & Bake Sale  
Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:00 to 12 noon  
Activity Building  
Traveler's Country Club on the Mississippi  
11290 80<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Clear Lake, MN**

**Vendors  
Arts & Crafts  
Baked Goods  
Quilt Raffle  
Coffee & Treats for Sale!**



Please bring your donations for the Bake Sale to the Activity Building at 8:00am on July 30<sup>th</sup> – Baked goods, Jams and Jellies, Pies, Candies, Cakes, Muffins, Cookies or Rolls (whatever you like to bake)

Contact: Betty Duttonhefer @ [gbdutt@charter.net](mailto:gbdutt@charter.net) or call 701-260-3888; Lot #313

Table cost: \$5.00. Call to reserve your space! I will need volunteers to help set up on Friday@6 pm and volunteers to take down @ noon on Saturday.

### **Horse Drawn Wagon Rides**

The activity committee has booked a horse drawn wagon ride for the afternoon of Sunday, August 28. Diamond K Percherons owned by Mel Klein of Clearwater will be giving 20 minutes rides in TCCOM. The rides are for all ages. Mel's wagon has a low step, so it will be easy for anyone to get on. Tickets will be for sale at the July 9 and August 13 board meetings. They will be \$4.00 per person and children 5 and under will be free. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. This event will be in conjunction with the annual Halloween party.

Theresa Oberloh

## **Golf Committee news**

The golf season is in full swing and we would like to thank Marty, the maintenance staff and Mother Nature for getting the course in such great shape. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers that help to make the course so beautiful. We had our first meeting of the season on May 28th and several important topics were discussed. We will be relocating a few of the out of bounds stakes on the course along #2, 4 and 5 to make the out of bounds line more clear. The committee approved purchasing custom flags for the golf course that will have our TCCOM logo on the flag. This will be a great enhancement to the course. We have a few interpark golf events set up with Travelers One (these can be found on the TCCOM calendar of events) and events with Carefree are still being worked on. We also have several great golf tournaments and events this season, so make sure to check the calendar of events for those as well.

We want to thank Roz Daman for organizing the caddy shack program this season. Volunteers can sign up for a shift to check passes and tickets. This is a great way to meet new Park members and welcome our guests to the course! We also want to thank Bruce Saxe for organizing the ranger program. This is another great volunteer opportunity and a great way to interact with members and guests on the course. Bruce is looking to hand the reins for the ranger program to someone else so please let him know if you are interested. The flower beds around each tee box are one of the many things that make the course look wonderful and we want to make sure they continue to look great. Please let Shawn Beaudette know if you are taking care of one of these areas. The Territory Golf Club in Saint Cloud is offering TCCOM members golf on Monday and Tuesday before 1:00 for \$25 with a cart. This is a great deal for one of the nicest golf courses in Central MN! As always, please remember to fill divots on the tee boxes, fix ball marks on the greens, and continue to enjoy our beautiful course!

Shawn Beaudette

**Wheels** volunteer needed to publish/edit Wheels . If you're interested in publishing and learning more about what happens in the park, first hand, this is a great opportunity. Please let Karen Sullivan, Lot 210, know.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



**Deb and Tom Klein, Lot 176,** moved to TCCOM last year and are originally from St. Cloud, MN. They also have lived in Anchorage, Tucson, Mexico and California. They enjoy the park because of the river and friendly people. They checked the internet for a seasonal place to find TCCOM. They spend their winters in Tucson, Arizona.

They have three children; two live in Anchorage and one in Virginia. They have siblings in Minnesota. Tom was a Materials Coordinator for an International Oil Company. Deb has done miscellaneous part time employment. Tom is a veteran and was in the army.

Hobbies are cards ("500" , cribbage, pinochle), bingo, making greeting cards, pickle ball. Tom likes golf, softball, hunting, fishing and cards. They both enjoy going to the casino.



**Deb and Kim Pearson, Lot 232,** moved to TCCOM this year from Sandstone, MN. They have lived in many other areas, i.e. Blaine, Crystal, Brooklyn Center, and California. They heard about Travelers from friends, Janet & Mike, who also moved here last year.

They have three children and five grandchildren. The children live in Alaska, Harris, MN and Andover. Kim was a steel fabricator and Deb worked in Accounting, with her last job at the Casino in Hinckley. Kim is a veteran and served in the Navy.

Hobbies are gardening, reading, and cooking. They hope to learn to play golf. Kim likes to work on his motorcycle and take trips with it. They winter in Rockport, Texas.

When asked what they like about TCCOM they said the friendly people, quiet, woods and the river.

### **Bob and Judy's Farm Market**

will be setting up a vegetable stand by the Welcome Building. They will be bringing in fresh vegetables on Friday afternoons from 4 – 6:00 p.m. The starting date will depend on the beginning of the harvest but Bob is anticipating to start servicing us the first week of August with corn, potatoes and green beans and possibly tomatoes which start coming in around that week. Watermelons will be added mid to late August.

### **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade**

Celebrate the Holiday by joining your TCCOM neighbors in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Decorate your golf cart, bicycle, wagon, or yourself! Vintage, antique, and specialty cars are also welcome.

Meet at the entrance near the Welcome Building at 10:30 am for lineup – parade will start at 11:00 am, led by the Clear Lake Fire Department.

This year we want to honor our vets by dedicating our parade to them in thanks for their service. Badges identifying you as a vet will be available for any one desiring one (residents and guests). If you signed up for a badge at the annual meeting, one will be delivered to you after July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you did not sign up for a badge at the annual meeting and would like one, please let Wayne or Marge Marschel know before July 1<sup>st</sup>. In case we miss delivering one to you, let us know. Please wear the badge of honor on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

For all vehicles (carts and others) be mindful of all safety rules. Per park regulations, all passengers in a golf cart need to be seated. Age restrictions for cart drivers may be found in Rules, Regulations, & Policies of the park.

Questions about the parade, or to order a badge – contact the Marschels (Lot #904) or at 320-333-8094.

### **Sundae's on Saturday**

This event will be on Saturday, July 9, from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Activity Building. Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats will be served. In addition there will be a 50/50 Raffle plus a Bean Bag tournament for all.

Come and enjoy a cool Ice Cream treat and have fun playing Bean Bag!

Patrick & Colleen Coyle, Lot 308

### **New Picture Directory**

At the Annual Meeting we asked the membership if they wanted another picture directory done. We have a lot of new people. The idea was well received, and with a show of hands on the positive side we are beginning the process. The last one was done in 2010 by Olan Mills. That company has been sold to Life Touch. We met with a representative Tuesday.

Each family who has their picture taken for the directory will receive a free 8x10 picture and a directory. (If we reach 200 families, the directory will be free.) You will have the opportunity to buy portraits as well. We have scheduled the appointments the end of July. These dates will be the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. We can add another date if we need it, or a makeup day. The appointments will be able to be made online, if you have a computer, by going to the website at Travelers. If you don't have a computer, you will be able to go to the office and tell them you want to make an appointment and someone will do it for you. We will be supplying your names and telephone numbers to Life Touch, and they will be calling you as a courtesy, and then those who are not signed up will get a reminder call. They are doing churches in this area. If you can't get here on those dates, you can go to [appt.lifetouch.com](http://appt.lifetouch.com) and go through the churches where they are taking pictures, and make an appointment there. You will need to fill out a form there and they will make sure your picture gets to our directory.

You can schedule your portrait session for the photo directory on the TCCOM website at: [www.travelersconmiss.com](http://www.travelersconmiss.com). The link for the portrait sessions is in the Member Login tab, Park Communications drop down list. Just click on Park Communications and it will take you to the Login Page. The password is: member11290. Once on the Park Communications web page, just click on the "Sign Up Now" icon near the top of the page. It will open a new tab in your browser with the Lifetouch scheduling page. Follow the instructions on the right side of the Lifetouch scheduling page to set your portrait session.

Hopefully, we should have this ready to go by the end of next week. They will take pictures of extended family (who don't live here) as well, so if you have been putting off a family portrait you can get it done here. You will need to make a separate appointment. Pets are welcome also.

We will be taking pictures at events as well. If any of you have a digital camera and want to take pictures, we

would certainly like you to join us.

All the pictures will be put on a disk and we will be able to download them to our website if we want to. We have a month after the pictures are taken to put the rest together and get it to them. We should have the directories done before everyone leaves this fall. If there are questions, feel free to give me a call.

Faye N. Petron, Lot 437, 320-632-9367

### **Safety and Security Committee report:**

Hello to all . . .

As the incoming Chairman of the Safety and Security Committee; I have been charged by the Board of Directors to put a plan in place to protect the children, the residents, and guests, of the Park. After watching various roads throughout the Park; I have witnessed a number of carts and vehicles that are exceeding the 10 MPH speed limit throughout the Park. I am asking you all to please **Slow Down**. (Most of you do a fine job with this). Certainly no one would want to be the one that accidentally runs into and hurts a child or person that may not be able to hear a cart or vehicle coming up from behind. Someone driving over the speed limit may not have time to stop in time or anticipate someone walking along the road and instead of walking straight decides to cut across the road in front of you. Remember this is not a Park rule; it is the law and can be enforced by the Sheriff if we need to bring them in to monitor and enforce this law.

Going forward I have authorized members of our committee to use the speed gun at our disposal at various locations throughout the Park to monitor the speeds of vehicles and carts. (This will go on throughout the park for the entire season). For the most part this may not be an issue for most all of you; however, for the few violators, your lot number or tag number will be written down and given to our Park Manager to act in whatever manner to enforce this law as he sees fit. Please do not get upset with any of us on the committee. We are only acting on the direction of your Board of Directors. Remember we are only here to help protect the children, guests, and our membership. If you are someone who has a habit of going a bit too fast; please take responsibility for your actions and the actions of your guests.

On another note; A couple weeks after folks have had a chance to trim dead branches from above and around their trailers the Safety and Security commit-

tee will be making rounds to identify any remaining hazardous branches that may need removal.

Thank you all for your understanding and kind consideration of this matter. Drive safely and have a great summer!

Respectfully,  
Mark Deminsky  
Safety and Security Chairman

### **Quiet Oaks Hospice House invitation.**

Two dates have been arranged with Molly at Quiet Oaks in St. Augusta, MN. Monday, July 11 at 12:00 PM and Monday August 1 at 12:00 PM. More information can be found on their website and sign-up sheet on the sign-up table, upper level Clubhouse.

Lunch will be hosted by Quiet Oaks on both days.

### **Tacos-in-a-bag**

This will take place on July 2 beginning at 11:00am near the Hole-in-One contest. Beer, soft drinks, water and cookies will be available.

Roz Daman

### **Who's up for a Bean Bag Tournament??**

**When:** Saturday, July 9, starting at 1:00pm

**Where:** Outside the Activity building.

**Cost** is \$5.00/team. Prizes will be given out depending on how many participants we have.

Also, Sundaes on Saturday will be served in the Activity building from 1:30-3:00pm.

Call Jodi at 507-430-8011 with questions.

Sign up in Club house.

### **Member passing**

Services for Lyle Gustafson, Lot 503, will be June 30th at 1:30pm, at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The address is 7601 34th Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Enter the Main gate and someone will give you directions.

There will be a gathering after the service at the Chanhassen American Legion Post 580, 290 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 952-934-6677.

