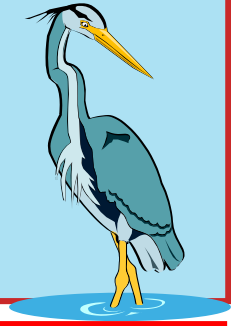


The Heron

February 14, 2017



Newberry County on Lake Greenwood

Final Issue of The Heron

After seventeen years, we may be looking at the final issue of The Heron. As the current editor, I have decided that it is time for me to step aside. Consequently, **I am announcing that this publication will be my last.**

The Heron has provided a long and hopefully useful service to the Summerset/Windmill community. However, unless someone steps forward to take over this project, it will come to an end with this issue.

Readers can decide if this publication has filled a need in the community. If so, perhaps a few of you will consider a plan to keep it in operation. I would be more than happy to facilitate such a transition.

Reliable Information and communication tends to displace rumors with facts. As editor, it has always been my goal to source material in this publication so as to present only substantiated articles that are of consequence to this community. I have sought to avoid the trivial and deal with the significant. However, I must confess that at times my writing has leaned to my own understanding of the facts in an effort to nudge our governmental representatives to action.

It is not without some sadness that I end this particular relationship with my neighbors. Over the years, I have often been heartened by positive feedback from those neighbors. Sincere thanks to Cecilia Mescall and Jerry Wilson who have handled distribution of the newsletter; to Shelley Grund for keeping up with POA meeting minutes and of course to Ed LaRoche who has kept us informed on POA financial status. From time to time others in the community have submitted articles for publication notably including Jim Smith and Roy Mendelsohn.

And so, I will put to bed this last issue with sincere thanks to those who have supported and encouraged me throughout these years.

God bless,
Harry Greisser

Unresolved Issues

After two decades of active involvement in this community, I can say with confidence that there will always be issues that have significant impact on the quality of life in the Summerset/Windmill -Lake Greenwood section of Newberry County. Even as I put The Heron to bed for the last time, I know there are unresolved issues of great consequence. However, I remain optimistic that there will continue to be responsible people willing to step up and give voice on matters of concern.

Eel Grass The Summerset Bay area of Lake Greenwood is experiencing a loss of lake access due a growing intrusive, aggressive weed, “eel-grass”. This weed surrounds docks and interferes with boat operations. swimming and general recreational use.

Every property owner who has a dock on Lake Greenwood pays an annual Fifty Dollar Dock Fee for the right to lake access. It would seem logical that there is a reciprocal responsibility on the part of lake management to provide clear access to the water.

Attempts by residents to get a resolution have been addressed to the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Greenwood County Lake Management.

Dock owners have been told that five hundred carp have been introduced to the lake and that the carp will feed on the grass. However, it seems that the aforesaid carp are fingerlings. Unknown is how many will survive predation or how long it will take them to grow big enough to be effective.

Herbicide treatment has been discussed. This may be the most effective solution. In the interim, there is no sign that the eel grass is disappearing.

At this time the lake is at its lowest level and the grass is most visible. It begs the question, is this the best opportunity to attack the problem?

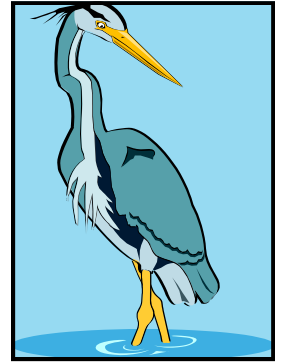
County Line Road Unresolved also is the matter of County Line Road. The Heron has addressed the condition of County Line Rd. in a number of recent issues. Promises have been made to get this important access road resurfaced and promises remain unfulfilled. In a new budget-year we expect that this commitment will be met. Although The Heron is going silent, I am certain that other voices will be raised in support of project completion.

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POA Board Minutes *by Shelley Grund*

Summerset/Windmill POA
P.O. Box 532, Cross Hill, SC 29332

Board Meeting December 8, 2016
Chappells Station #10



- v Harry Greisser presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
 - Ø Board Members Present: Harry Greisser, Shelley Grund, Ed LaRoche, and Larry Sartori
 - Ø Guests Present: Bob Ackers, John & Charlene Jones, Lou Rosenthal
- v Reading of the September 8, 2016 Minutes/Secretary Report. Approved
- v Treasurer's Report was provided.
 - Balance as of August 31, 2016: \$14,267.43 Available cash: \$8,659.11. Approved.
- v Newsletter – Harry Greisser: THE HERON to be published January 24, 2017. All articles to be submitted by January 18 . (h.greisser@gmail.com / 864-992-3090)
 - o Harry will retire as Newsletter editor. POA will need a new editor to start this spring. Harry will teach whoever volunteers to take it over.
- v New Business:
 - o A discussion was held about the problem of lake weeds experienced this past summer.
 - o A discussion was held regarding emergency services for the development. A private company, Air Med Care, could be a solution. Charges an annual fee and will require a qualified EMT person to call them in. More details to come.
- v Committees:
 - o ACC – Larry: No new applications for construction
 - o Mowing – Rory: New maintenance shop in Greenville for the mower
 - o Communications – Cecilia currently maintains the website and membership email list.
 - § John Jones has volunteered to talk with her to possibly take over these duties
- v Old Business – County Line Road still needs resurfacing. Hopefully this year.
- v Meeting was adjourned, 8:00 P.M.
- v Next meeting: March 9, 2017

By Jim Smith

A few words of thanks to our outgoing POA President.

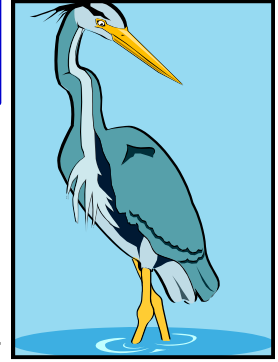
Most of you that have lived here for even a short time and many absentee property owners know or know of Harry Griesser. He has unselfishly volunteered and served this community for over seventeen years. He was the POA's first president and came back a few years ago to serve again when asked to help. Between these two terms as president Harry and his late wife Edith have served this community in many ways. Newberry county council and administration have had great respect for their "gentle persuasion". This will likely be his last stint as he plans to "retire" from the board and as publisher of the Heron. He will be 80 his next birthday and his "retirement" is well deserved. Some things we can thank Harry I've listed in no particular order.

- 1) The Summerset Windmill Property Owners Association. Harry and a few others saw the need after the developer bailed out before finishing the development. They funded a lawyer to draw up article of incorporation, by-laws, etc. You can imagine what this development would have gravitated to if this had not happened. All of us can still take some pride when turning off Countyline road into our development. It is no accident that it still looks good.
- 2) Many years of service on the board of directors and service to the board
- 3) Many years of monitoring county council and influence to them and our state representatives
- 4) Founding and publishing the Heron which has immensely benefited our community
- 5) Donating many, many hours in various community projects and many uncompensated dollars, besides his annual \$100 POA fee.

As you probably know the Heron is likely to cease with Harry's "retirement" unless someone or more steps up and gives it a try. I'm sure there must be someone out there with a capability to take this on or at least discuss it with Harry to see what could be worked out.

In closing I know you all have benefited from Harry's service mainly as an arm of the POA. There are and have been lots of others that have and continue to give back to the community. I know everyone's life is different and volunteering is not always possible. But we can ALL support the efforts of those willing to serve by contributing the bargain \$100 annual fee to the POA, to not do so is hard for me to understand. Yes we are managing on the funding received by most property owners, but with everyone chipping in we could lessen the burden on volunteers in one way by paying someone else to mow more of the roadsides instead of volunteers.

Thank you Harry for many jobs well done



Emergency Medical Response

Finally, and most importantly, is the matter of Emergency Medical Response. Again, this is an issue that The Heron has been highlighting. Response time is of grave concern to an aging community of mostly retirees. For many medical events the first hour is most critical for a survivable outcome. If an emergency call defaults to Newberry, that first hour is at serious risk and so is the patient. There are some in the neighborhood who are investigating options. There is every expectation that they will continue to work toward a satisfactory solution.

Treasurer's Report *by Ed LaRoche*

Bank Statement Balance, Aug. 31, 2016	\$14,267.43
Deposits:	
Dues	\$100.00
Disbursements:	
P.O. Box rentals	\$ 48.00
Diesel Fuel and Mower Parts	171.06
Mowing July 6 & 20th	330.00
Diesel Fuel	59.51
Landscaping	135.75
POA Insurance	938.00
Mowing Aug. 11 & 26th	330.00
Mowing Sept 9 & 20th, Oct. 19th	495.00
Finance Dues Campaign	<u>65.91</u>
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$2,573.23</u>
<u>Balance as Nov 30, 2016</u>	<u>\$11,794.20</u>
Pending Deposits:	
Dues	\$2,900.00
Pending Disbursements:	
Net Pending Total:	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>\$2,900.00</u>
Mower Replacement Contingency:	\$4,000.00
2016 Remaining Estimated Contingency:	<u>\$2035.09</u>
Contingency Total:	<u>\$6,035.09</u>
Available Cash (after contingencies)	
As of Dec. 8, 2016	\$ 8,659.11

POA Meetings: 2017 Chappels Fire House

March 9 Board Meeting -7:00 P.M.

April 29
General Meeting -3:00 P.M.

NEW MEMBER FORM

If you are not now a member and would like to join your neighbors in making Summerset/Windmill a great community please fill out this form and send with a check for \$100 to the return address above.

NAME:

DEVELOPMENT:

Lot # or local address:

Mailing Address if different:

Telephone No.

Check Enclosed

