

In 1996 a Board of Directors was established and Century Realty was hired to collect fees and pay bills. Much of the financial system at this time was very poor, and there was no accurate record of what fees had been paid. Owner JeanAnn Miller who initiated a deed search, and work camper Norma Jean Stevens needs recognition for the many days and hours spent tracking down deeds and providing information for owner locations and collection of past dues. Payment of these back fees has been highly successful by use of a collection agency.

The early years were very rough with meetings being held in the grass, or in the old sales building. It was decided that Phase II needed a clubhouse to hold meetings and other functions. In order to do this we had to approach Mr. Maxwell to receive permission to lay drainage lines before a clubhouse could be constructed based on state and county mandates. He agreed to a one-time \$5,000 payment to him.

Materials were purchased and construction of the clubhouse was started utilizing volunteer labor where possible. The final cost for construction amounted to \$132,700, with the first meeting being held in the new clubhouse in February, 2003. Since that time many additional things have been added with a lot of the funding coming from activity monies. Dinners, breakfast, ice cream sales, entertainment and the sale of crafts are some of the ways the funds are generated. Participation and support of activities is a very important part of our continued funds raising process.

Today Deer Creek Phase II (Fawn Ridge) is operated by the coordination of a seven member elected board who establish budgets for existing and future operation funding, allowing for owner comment. Reservations, every day operations and upkeep are overseen by the Administrator and a work camper couple.

Present deeds for Fawn Ridge consist of slightly over 800. Active deeds are 343 with the remainder of deeds held in our possession. Maintaining our active deeds around 350 is very essential to allow for owners to be able to get reservations during peak season based on the 92 sites we have. When sites are available, owners can purchase a buy-out week, and during the off season store their RV on certain sites from April 1 until January 1.

Over the years there are many people who deserve recognition for the work, time and efforts they have contributed to make our park the fine camping experience it is today. Although, some people may call us a campground, we are one big FAMILY. Welcome and become an active member of our FAMILY.

Research and planning of this history was compiled by a committee consisting of George "Bob" Meister, Don Gibbs, Jack Cornwell, Francis Burdett and Ken Peterson.