

Blue Heron Marina and Campground's Post



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Kevan Plumlee

How could the board allow this to happen? Will we hear the outcome of the private meeting at Lone Oak Church Last Night?

Like Reply 1h



Bryan Lind

Kevan Plumlee again they were told no Business. They say it was a social gathering, I say BS. Some are digging the holes deeper. There are a few that don't get it when dealing with the Government. And are assuring a bad outcome for the Association

Like Reply 1h



Reply to Kevan Plumlee...



Bryan Lind

Why are you using the Association name when the Federal Government told you NO Business until they give the go ahead. Stop you are only giving them more reason to say you don't listen. When they say none they mean NONE. I've had at least 50 share holders ask me why you are posting on the association page. Use your head for something other than a hat rack

Like Reply 2h Edited



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Dan Trout

Perhaps this is why I never got my stickers & cards for 2023 after I paid my dues

Like Reply 16h



Jennifer Hall

Dan Trout same for us. It's not just one person causing the problems. The place has been falling apart for a couple years now starting all the way up with the board.

Like Reply 15h



Julie James Griffin

Jennifer Hall second that.

Like Reply 12h



Reply to Dan Trout...



John Starlette Rowatt

WOW.

Like Reply 17h



Kendra WY

They ruined it when they opened it to the public. I hope members are refunded.

Like Reply 13h Edited



Sherri Carney Jeralds

When did they open it to the public?? This is the first year we have not been members and I thought it was members and family only? Wow...what a shame....

Like Reply 10h



Reply to Kendra WY...



Kendra WY

Donna Edwards Washburn

Like Reply 13h



Jeannie Whitaker

Why?

Like Reply 17h



Reply to Jeannie Whitaker...



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Loyd Marie Switzer

I think it is terrible the way the Wildlife people have done ! So many older people and a lot of Veterans that have lost their place to fish and enjoy the outdoors ! They have no respect or feelings for these people or anyone else !



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Vicki Dawson

The people that were members from years back were the ones that invested time and money in making this a wonderful place to come and bring their families for a good time. Sorry fish and wildlife but all you have done to this peace of property was draw money and try your best to destroy it and I'm sad to say you accomplished what you have been trying to do for a long time.



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Bryan Lind

Vicki Dawson Fish and Wildlife didn't screw it up. The former General Manager and his flunkies did. Read the report. Explains it very well. Can't hide crimes on Federal land and expect them to ignore it.



10h Like Reply


Crab Orchard Recreation Association replied · 5 Replies 10h

 Author
Crab Orchard Recreation Association

Bryan Lind federal investigation and county investigation found no prove of a crime that case is closed



10h Like Reply


Bryan Lind

Crab Orchard Recreation Association well good. But thanks to Your old boss and you Leslie, so are the gates.

10h Like Reply

 Author
Crab Orchard Recreation Association

Bryan Lind Leslie isn't on here

10h Like Reply


Bryan Lind

Crab Orchard Recreation Association great

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Reply to Cindy Decker Vincent...

Reply to Leslie Jo...

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum

If anyone wants a copy of the letter that the Association received yesterday, they are giving them out at the Crab Orchard Recreation Visitor Center.

7w Like Reply

Jennifer Hall

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum Did they find financial wrong doing? (The reason they locked the place up temporarily). Edit: I didn't see the comments from yesterday where it was mentioned. I Only had it on relevant comments instead of all.

7w Like Reply Edited

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum
yes

7w Like Reply

Jennifer Hall

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum Well that's really sad. I was surprised this was never mentioned in this thread. Seems very important regarding the cause of contract termination.

7w Like Reply Edited

Jerry Kenner

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum we paid the refuge almost \$35000 this year most ever

7w Like Reply

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum

Jerry Kenner you guys have already made the payment? *no*

7w Like Reply

Tonya Bloodworth Woodsum

Jerry Kenner not sure how you guys came up with that amount. Who was allowed in to the computer to run the annual report that goes with payment?

7w Like Reply


 Author


Crab Orchard Recreation Association

Jerry Kenner 67% more than for 2022!

7w Like Reply

 Reply to Leslie Jo...

 Reply to Yvonne Eickelman...



 **Ivy Kern**
What dies this mean?? How does it affect the campground??

7w Like Reply

 **Jay Hall**
Ivy Kern I would think the feds will take it over or put it out for contract

7w Like Reply





  Author
Crab Orchard Recreation Association


Jay Hall Yes. They will put it up for contract next year.

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 Reply to Jay Hall...

 Reply to Ivy Kern...


 **Leslie Jo**
What a dirty dog SOB for doing this a week before Christmas. He knew what he was going to do the day he locked the gate and he has strung us out 3 months and then did this! He claims to be a Christian! May I remind you the Bible says "All LIARS shall have their place in the lake of fire!" Surely his Daddy taught him better but being a gov't employee has corrupted him with money and position.

7w Like Reply



 **Cindy Decker Vincent**
Leslie Jo The Bible also state's:
Judge not yet ye be judged
Think about that please 🙏

5w Like Reply

 **Leslie Jo**
Cindy Decker Vincent It's facts. Pure & Simple those ppl were done dirty by Uncle Sam and his minions. Must feel proud kicking out old VETERANS.

5w Like Reply

 **Cindy Decker Vincent**
Don't know anything about issue and really don't want to. Sorry about for your experience. I just did not feel it was appropriate to tell her say someone is it a Christian. My opinion is religion shouldn't be brought into something like this. No one has the right to judge anyone when it comes to religion, faith or belief. Have a nice day.



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Deon Reed

I remember when the lake would be jam packed with boaters , skiers , jet skis , sailboats , campers, and swimmers. Wonder what exactly happened.

11h Like Reply Message



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[Deon Reed](#) The gov't stepped in



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Shelly Martin

This will now be open to the public for camping and fishing. If there was mus appropriate funds that should have been taken care of sooner than later.

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T Scott Kell

[Shelly Martin](#) not anytime soon

Fw: [EXTERNAL] Blue Heron Marina and Campground Elections

Kerley, Beth <beth_kerley@fws.gov>

Mon 3/4/2024 12:08 PM

To: Kerley, Beth <beth_kerley@fws.gov>

Beth Kerley

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**NATIONAL
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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:02 AM

To: (b) (6)@fws.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Blue Heron Marina and Campground Elections

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Executive Board of the Blue Heron Marina and Campground is requesting permission to continue with the Elections on December 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm given the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the Mitigations thereof. We recently sent out postcards asking our current members in good standing how they would like to proceed since we could not have an in-person meeting. The majority responded by going forward with all Absentee ballots. We are seeking permission to continue to go forward with the election and By-Law proposals. We would only allow our Executive Board ((b) (6)) General Manager, (b) (6) Vice General Manager/Nominee, (b) (6) (b) (6) Treasurer/Nominee, 3 Counters: (b) (6) (b) (6) Trustee/Nominee, John Watson/Nominee, (b) (6) Nominee, (b) (6) Nominee and (b) (6) Nominee) to be present. The 3 counters could go to our West Room with the Ballot Box and count all votes. The windows would remain open at all times and everyone would wear a mask. The remaining people would wait outside of the Activity Center. Once they counted the votes, we could maintain a social distance in the West Room while the winners would be announced or the 3 Counters could come outside and make the announcement. We are open to any suggestions on how we can continue the election, which the Board feels as if it is in the best interest of the Association. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
The Executive Board

Fw: Blue Heron

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Mon 3/4/2024 12:06 PM

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Subject: Re: Blue Heron

Thanks for the update Beth.

(b) (6)

Federal Wildlife Officer

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) @fws.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 11:56 AM

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Cc: (b) (6) @fws.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: Blue Heron

Agreed. Just wanted to document it for future reference. Thanks!

(b) (6)

Contract Compliance Specialist

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Subject: Re: Blue Heron

(b) (6)

Thank you for the update. Looks like there is not much we can do in the instances. I hope they find the trailer and we do not see further theft.

(b) (6)
Wildlife Refuge Manager
Crab Orchard NWR
Office: (b) (6)
Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6) @fws.gov>
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Subject: Fw: Blue Heron

(b) (6)

Last night around 6pm, I received a call from (b) (6) at Blue Heron Campground and Marina. She stated that she and the rest of the Board were at the facility due to a boat trailer having been stolen and wanted to know whether to call on our officers or the Sheriff's Office. I spoke with (b) (6) who said he could check it out this morning or to call the Sheriff last night. They chose to call the Sheriff's office last night and Officer (b) (6) responded.

In speaking with (b) (6) this morning to follow up, she said the trailer has "always" been there and that they were not even sure who the owner is. The name of the former caretaker came up (not sure if he is connected to this, but there is a back story regarding that specific trailer and (b) (6), but the Officer said that unless the stolen trailer was located, that nothing could be done.

I just wanted to update you and also (b) (6) regarding this incident.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thanks!

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From: (b) (6) @fws.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 1:27 PM
To: (b) (6) @fws.gov>
Subject: Blue Heron

So remember the disgruntled caretaker who resigned earlier this year and was trying to stir things up? I received a call this morning regarding Blue Heron's board meeting last night. They're seeking our feedback/reaction, whatever you want to call it. I explained on the phone that we would most likely not get involved and that they may want to consider speaking to someone for legal advice. I said I would be happy to pass along their grievance to share with you if they wanted to type it up, so here it is.

My only concern is that this is a vendetta against the current board and if elected, we may have issues with noncompliance for the newly elected personnel. That is something the shareholders will vote about in December and is out of our control, so it is what it is. I say this because the former caretaker put me in the middle of a conversation and was not completely truthful with what he was asking/saying and was playing games with the rules. We will deal with that if we have to next year.

Anyway, I just wanted to share so you're aware of the rumblings, in case you receive any phone calls or correspondence.

Thanks & sorry to bother you with this.

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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To Whom It May Concern

The Blue Heron Marina and Campground held our monthly meeting last night, in which it was also By-Law proposal changes and Nominations for seats on the Board. Here is where the trouble begins.

As you may already know, we employed a gentleman by the name of (b) (6) in 2019. In the beginning of 2020, we started experiencing some issues with his employment. As the year continued and COVID-19 became known, he was constantly defying any and all rules set forth from either the directions handed to us from higher authority or from the Board itself. Once we received instruction to lock the gate, he would allow certain shareholders and users in to fish and hangout. He also began telling our shareholders and users that we had locked the gate and was creating all of the rules that had to be followed. He accused one of our Board members of lying about the situation, which led to having a split Association. He would refuse to wear a mask when he was instructed he had to when dealing with any type of customer. When confronted he would argue that it was his constitutional right not to wear one. He then continued to threaten that if he had to follow certain rules that he would just quit. He has also tried to drag some of the refuge employees into the situation. In our final meeting with him, explaining the rules, he once again threatened to quit. The Board finally accepted his resignation. Since his resignation, he has become a shareholder and a dock renter. He has been nothing but trouble since. He is constantly trying to get our current Caretaker to break the rules for him and such. One example was that after he had removed all of his belongings off of the property, he returned two months later demanding that our Caretaker allow him in to retrieve some of his tools. Our Caretaker explained to him that he could not and that he would need to speak with the General Manager. (b) (6) has never confronted the Board. Just a week or so ago, he came back out to the Association and demanded that our Caretaker get a boat trailer for one of our dock renters. Once again our Caretaker explained that he could not do that unless the dock renter asked for it, or the General Manager instructed to him to retrieve the trailer. The next morning the General Manager called the dock renter and asked if he had requested for the Association to retrieve the trailer and if he had spoke to (b) (6). The dock renter replied that he had not and had not spoken with (b) (6) at all, not even recently. At the meeting Tuesday night, (b) (6) was nominated to run for the position of Vice General Manager and a few of his closest friends were nominated as well for the Board. He is only wanting on the Board to make "heads roll" (in his own words). He also proposed a By-Law change in order to remove 90% of Board. He just doing all of this for spite due to being a disgruntled employee that did not get his way. The Board is just wanting the Administrative office to be aware of the current situation.

Attached is the proposal for By-Law change.

Sincerely,
The Board of Blue Heron Marina and Campground