

Rates 2013:

Camping Rates: GST Included

Full hook up: \$31.77

Electrical: \$28.30

Non-powered: \$24.84

Seasonal Stickers: \$40.00

Daily Entry: \$8.40

**** New – Boat Launch Fees ****

This year we have implemented a boat launch fee for anyone entering our park for the day and for our daily campers. ***It will not affect our seasonal/cabin owners at this time.*** Over the years we have noticed an influx of boats on our lake, often times making it difficult for our leaseholders to use the launch. The fees are as follows:

Daily Campers:

\$10.00/day

\$25.00/weekend rate

\$35.00/weekly rate

\$50.00/month

Non-Campers:

\$25.00/day

Lease Fees:

Happy New Year to all of our valued leaseholders at Emerald Lake. The leaseholder fees at Emerald Lake have increased for 2013. This increase is in response to escalating operating costs and lease fees that were well below the regional park provincial averages. The Lake Board has done a thorough and detailed job of researching rates and determining the necessary increase. Lease fees have remained static for the past five years in spite of increased costs to the park. This increase is needed in order to maintain the standard of life with all the amenities we enjoy at Emerald Lake. We know this doesn't make the increase any easier but hope our leaseholders will understand and support the Lake Board.

Seasonal campsites have seen a significant increase this year, from \$800 to \$1200 for a standard lot size of 1500 square feet. Leaseholders with oversized lots will pay even more.

This increase reflects the costs associated with the repair and upkeep by maintenance staff for septic tanks, water and electrical hookup provision, and showers and washrooms. Many other parks do not allow decks or sheds on seasonal sites, and require trailers to be removed at the end of season. Some parks even have a lottery system to determine which lot you will get for the season! At Emerald Lake, we offer the security of knowing the site you will have from year

to year, free rental for storing trailers on site over the winter, and the ability to build decks and sheds. We understand the importance of offering these amenities.

Cabin owners have seen a smaller increase this year, from \$800 to \$900 for a standard lot size of 4000 square feet (waterfront) or 5000 square feet (not waterfront). Leaseholders with oversize lots will pay even more. This rate closely reflects the provincial average. Most regional parks charge lower lease fees for cabin owners as cabin owners personally assume the risk and responsibility associated with ownership (market conditions for selling or buying, septic repairs, utility installs and upgrades, repairs). Similar costs associated with seasonal campsites are taken care of by the park and are included in the annual lease fee. Additionally, cabin owners have the added cost of school tax.

For both seasonal and cabin owners, your lease fees can be reduced in 2014 by returning your lot size back to the original size of 1500 square feet for seasonal sites and 4000 square feet (lakefront) or 5000 square feet (not lakefront) for cabin owners.

When comparing the revenue generated by a daily campsite compared to a seasonal campsite, it is a great deal to have a seasonal campsite for \$1200! If seasonal sites were charged at the daily rate for camping for just July and August, based on this year's prices, it would be \$30.25 per day or \$1,875.50 plus GST for a full service lot. Even removing the cost of \$300.00 to cover electrical and septic, the rate would be \$1,500 plus GST. That's only for two months and doesn't include all the other months our seasonal leaseholders enjoy their campsites.

The decision to increase lease fees was difficult, time consuming, and based upon actual costs and provincial rates. We wanted to make sure that this increase was fair to leaseholders, while at the same time meeting the needs and requirements to continue operating the park at a high standard. To offset this increase we have decided to continue offering the early payment option of \$150. We appreciate our leaseholders and hope you support us in our continued efforts to make Emerald Lake a wonderful place for all.

Golf Course Fees:

At Emerald Lake, we enjoy an "honour system" when golfing on our course. We have discovered that this system is not working well as golfers rarely sign in and will golf without paying. As a result, volunteer marshalls will be patrolling this year to ensure all golfers have paid and are following basic etiquette rules of golf. It is a requirement to "sign in" every time you golf and not many people do this. To facilitate this requirement, the "sign in" will be moved to the Number 1 tee off for ease of use by our golfers. Signing in allows us to monitor and gather information about golfing, as well as letting other golfers know how busy the

course is. It can be very frustrating to tee off thinking that no one else is on the course, when in fact every hole has someone golfing!

Rates for 2013 are as follows:

9 Hole Round (over 10)	\$15.00
9 Hole Round (10 & Under)	\$7.00
Daily Rate	\$25.00
Single Membership (18+)	\$100.00
Couple's membership (2 People)	\$175.00
Family Membership (3-4 People – parent(s) and children under 18)	\$200.00
Additional Children for Family membership (under 18)	\$40.00

Vehicles and Golf Carts:

Just a reminder that vehicles are allowed in the park for you to drive from Point A to Point B only. Please refrain from driving your vehicle in the park after quiet time. Golf carts are not allowed on park roads after dark for safety reasons. Only patrons who are sixteen or older with a valid driver's license are allowed to operate a golf cart on park roads or on the golf course.

Gate Cards:

This winter a heater was purchased for the main gate eliminating the need for the front entrance gate/padlock. The gate cards will be re-activated in May, 2013. If the treasurer does not have your gate card number before May 1st, you may need to wait 24 hours to have it activated when you come to the park for the first time after this date. Please e-mail elrptres@hotmail.com to provide your gate card number for activation.

Shellbrook Hospital Fundraising:

\$25.00 from the early discount fee is being donated to the hospital fundraiser. It is important to support the new hospital. We never know when any of us will be in need of their services!

Seasonal Wait List:

See the website www.emeraldlake.org for updated list. A motion has been passed by the Board to not add any further names to the seasonal wait list at this time.

Sask. Regional Parks Association:

We will be applying for a grant from SRPA for the 2013 season. Last year we received \$17,833.80. This was applied to the cost of the new beach store concession.

Golf Course Committee:

The Board is looking for additional members to join the committee to provide ideas and assistance with the golf course. Maintenance will still be completed by park employees. This is an opportunity for patrons of the park with a vested interest to have a say in any upgrades or changes that may be made to the golf course.

Defibrillator:

We would like to thank the many patrons who made donations to the purchase of a defibrillator for our park. ELLA has graciously volunteered to fund the remaining portion of the costs so it will be up and running at the start of this season!

Tree Graveyard:

We ask that you help with limiting ongoing erosion concerns by allowing the natural underbrush and trees to grow. Please avoid dumping branches, grass and leaves in the parks natural underbrush. We have a tree graveyard for that purpose and request that any yard refuse be dumped there. Building materials or household furnishings cannot be put in the tree graveyard. Let's keep our park beautiful and clean!

Bottle Drives:

The money received from bottles is given to the Emerald Lake Leaseholder Association (ELLA) to support community events like the pancake breakfast and family fun day. There is a bottle drop off location near the main store. We appreciate your donations!

Security:

Security will be hired for the long weekends in 2013 to ensure the safety and well-being of all patrons enjoying Emerald Lake. In addition, a "community watch" may be implemented to assist with these patrols as well as assistance from maintenance staff. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your resume and quote for services to ELRP, Box 38, Leask, SK S0J 1M0 or e-mail elrpsec@hotmail.com. The position includes Friday/Saturday evenings of the long weekends in May, July, August and September. Further details can be given to those interested in applying.

Fireworks:

Due to the high cost of insurance the park would need to carry, fireworks are no longer allowed in the park.

Beach Store Concession:

A lot of progress was made over the winter months on our new beach store concession. It is anticipated that it will open for the summer 2013 season. Watch for signs for an official grand opening!

Tax Receipts:

We are now able to provide tax receipts for any donations made to the park!

Emergency Procedures:

We are in the process of drawing up a formal emergency procedures plan for the park. Last year some suggestions were made from the local fire department to assist them in case of emergency. One suggestion was that a committee be set up to look at evacuation plans, etc. A few people have volunteered to participate in the BEM Program (Basic Emergency Measures) to give us some feedback on how to begin.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of this committee, please forward your name to elrpsec@hotmail.com

During our walk-about with the fire inspector last summer, it was noted that many cabins did not have visible cabin numbers displayed. This is extremely important for emergency personnel

to easily locate your cabin in case of emergency. **Please ensure your cabin number can be clearly identified from the road side before the start of the 2013 season.**

A fire route has been established in our park for emergency/fire vehicles. Signage will be going up this year and we ask that you do not block fire routes at any time.

Staff:

Welcome back to all our returning staff from last year! Brian Drackett and Bruce Mansell are returning as maintenance workers. Jane Prosser is returning as staff supervisor/employee.

As most of our staff is returning, there are no full/part-time positions available at this time. We are, however, looking for an individual who is interested in a 'trainee' position. This position would have limited hours but depending on staffing needs, could lead to assistance with coverage needs as they arise. If you are interested in this position, please forward your resume to: Emerald Lake Regional Park, Box 38, Leask, SK S0J 1M0 or email elrpsec@hotmail.com

Swimming Lessons:

We would like to welcome back Brittany Colson as swimming instructor this year! Session begins on July 1st and registration on June 30th.

Crafts:

We will again be offering crafts for children to attend at the main store. We are looking for any donations such as: "working" markers, crayons, fancy paper, glue, glitter glue and ribbon. We appreciate any donations made!

Procedures for obtaining Board approval for building permits:

See our website www.emeraldlake.org for procedures.

Building Inspector Information:

Peter Halayka
Box 418
Shellbrook, SK
S0J 2E0
Phone: 306- 747-4090
Cell: 306-960-9087
Fax: 306-747-4431
Email: phalayka@sasktel.net
www.halayka.ca/inspect for list of services
Class 3 building official License #B0L0031

Fishing Licenses:

** New**

We have received a letter from the Ministry of Environment. A new system has been established this year for obtaining hunting and fishing licenses. In order to sell angling licenses, we would require high speed internet at the main store. As this is an extra expense that we do not feel fits in our budget this year, the Board has made a decision to not sell the licenses this summer. Fishing licenses can either be bought online (allow 2-3 weeks for delivery) or at an authorized vendor. Make sure you purchase prior to coming to the lake!

ELLA:

The Emerald Lake Leaseholder Association (ELLA) is proud to represent our seasonal campers and cabin owners. We are working hard to establish a sense of community within the park and provide opportunities to enjoy fellowship with our Emerald Lake neighbors. Watch the leaseholder's website at www.emeraldlake.org for upcoming events in summer 2013.

AGM:

This year the AGM will be held at the main store on Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 am. See the attached minutes from last year's AGM which will be read at this meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

Due to the increased costs of mailing and photocopying, future newsletters will be posted on the website: www.emeraldlake.org and a paper copy will be left at the main store. If you would like to have newsletters e-mailed to you, please send a request to elrpsec@hotmail.com

EMERALD LAKE REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, May 20th at 10:00 am

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by co-chairman, Brad Butler. The following Board members were present: Glenn Weber, Roberta Mansell, Vicki Dreger, Noreen Barbe, Yolaine Andre; Missing were Maurice Stieb and Victor Unyi

MINUTES: Yolaine read the 2011 AGM minutes. Richard Scheu made a motion to adopt. Todd Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roberta went over financial statements. Brad made a motion to pass financial report. Russell Aldred seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN ADDRESS: Brad made introductions of Board Members: Glenn Weber (co-chair); Yolaine Andre (secretary); Roberta Mansell (treasurer); Noreen Barbe and Vicki Dreger (members at large); Maurice and Victor missing due to farming commitments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dredging – Brad provided a brief report on status of dredging project. The project was completed this winter and water is running out well. Sask Water has advised that the underground springs are at max because water table up. The fencing along the new part of the dredging area is to be completed before the end of May. Volunteers needed. Last year a request was made with SK Water to do a study on water levels. The person in charge is off on indefinite sick time and the replacement cannot find the Board request. The Board will discuss sending another letter.

Appreciation was given to Trevor Cross on setting up the website for the lake. He has done an excellent job. Website is emeraldlake.org.

Beach Store – Glenn gave a brief outline on work happening with the new beach store. Store cost is approximately \$125,000 at this time. We are going to borrow \$100,000 and hope to receive a grant in the amount of \$19,000 to \$20,000. Plans provided for review by members.

Well house – Brad said the new well house was completed in the fall. Bruce Mansell has his water papers and will be looking after this.

AGM Minutes Continued:

Lot measurements – Noreen gave an outline on the change in lease fees for 2013. She said that if you want to have your lot re-measured, to send a letter to the Board indicating your request. The Board will choose dates for re-measuring and you will be called to set up a day and time. Joe Blondeau asked if any type of trees can be planted. Board will look into this.

Park Model Trailers - Vicki gave an update on Park Model Trailers at Emerald Lake. She advised they are welcome if it fits in the lot and no trees are removed. If upgrading to a park model, they should contact the Board verbally or in writing so that measurements can be taken of the lot. Board will work with the patron. Only 30 amp power service to sites.

Defibrillator – Glenn asked for thoughts on purchasing a defibrillator for the park (part of our 5 year plan) Donations were made at the meeting and a donation cup will be placed in store over the summer.

ELLA – Vicki is no longer part of ELLA as she replaced Bill Rawlyk's position on Board. No president or vice for ELLA. Election of officers is needed. RM appoints a seat on the Board from ELLA.

A question period followed each of the above reports. Concerns and questions were noted for attention by the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Brad presented the slate of directors pre-nominated by the Board and explained the process. Glenn and Brad are co-chairs; Roberta – treasurer; Yolaine – secretary; rest are executive officers. Vicki made a motion to accept Board nominees. Noreen seconded motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Todd Brandt asked for long-term plan. Vicki addressed this and provided list.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brad adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.