

**Introduction**

Thanks for the opportunity to serve on the Pine Woods Association (PWA) Board of Directors. It has been a learning experience of how a resort corporation works. I am very thankful to have served with very capable other members of the board who knew / know far more about this place than I ever will. Our very capable professional staff of Ed Babcock and Kathy Piehl make the BOD members life very easy because they handle most everything. I wish to give them special thanks. I also wish to thank our volunteers on each of the standing committees for their super service. They along with Ed and Kathy provide the continuity this organization needs because of the limited number of weeks of operation. I wish to also make a very special thanks to our accountants, Smith and Associates, with a special call out to Robin and Jamie. These folks are very, very responsive to our requests for information.

**Passing Existing Shares to others**

There have been some questions to Carl G, Curt DV, and myself about how to transfer existing shares to others, in your cottage to others. Please notify the existing PWA secretary of the details of the transaction, and also notify our very capable accountants. There are no more stock cert's issued, so all are electronic records.

**Centenary celebration – 2019 -**

Lily Fink Harrington has graciously offered to serve as the Centenary committee. Folks, we have 2 years to plan this event. If you have any suggestions, memories or photographs please pass them to Lily F. H.

**Money requirements**

Cash is the lifeblood of any functioning organization that has employees, revenue and expenses. The last 2 years have not been kind to our cash position. We have had back to back insurance deductibles of \$5,000 each from falling branches or trees, total \$10,000 from our cash reserves. This cash needs to be replaced ASAP so the new BOD can sleep easily and not worry about having an overdrawn checking account.

**Dining Hall**

The dining hall is the glue that holds this community together. Without the dining hall we are just a bunch of cottages on a body of water. It is just wonderful to see the dining hall so full, people have to share chairs from table to table.

**Service to Pinewoods**

Any non-profit organization needs the commitment of dedicated volunteers. I encourage each and every one of you to volunteer for a committee assignment or offer to serve on the BOD. **PWA needs you.** Even if you cannot serve this year, or next year, please put your name in the hat for the years coming up. Each of you bring a unique perspective to the organization, and new blood and viewpoints are **ALWAYS** needed.

Thanks again for the opportunity.

John DeBeer

