Coke County Roping Club minutes posted

A meeting of the Coke County Roping Club was held at the arena in Bronte Sunday evening, June 21, 2015, at 6 pm with over thirty people in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Bartley Murray, immediate past president, at 6:11 pm. He began by asking introduce everyone to themselves. He next pointed out to the group that the club was moving forward and looking to the future. He stated the meeting was not a time for looking back at old arguments, but a time of coming and working together.

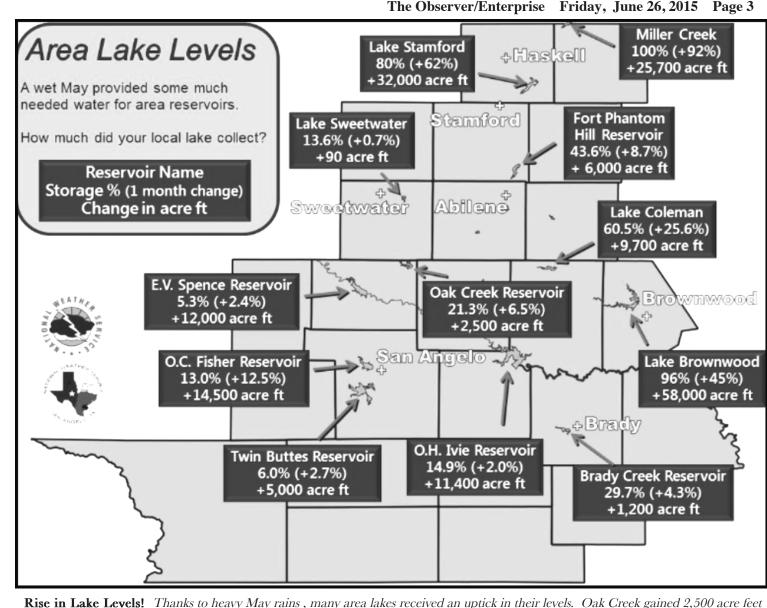
Wayne Coalson was recognized for plowing the arena on Saturday. The group was very appreciative of Saturday's clean-up effort.

Murray then explained the facts surrounding the proposed donation of the arena to Bronte ISD. He touched on how the current six members had wanted the property cared for and used for the community youth since membership interest and numbers had dropped so dramatically and remained low for years. He then explained that, after the renewed interest, club members moved to halt the donation that was creating discord in the community.

Terry Austin asked the group to recognize the current members of the club who were present (Bartley and Jennifer Murray and Wayne and Melinda McCutchen) and thank them for the years of hard work and dedication.

The bylaws and portions of the deed were read to the group and questions regarding these two documents were answered. Murray then explained the vital need for a liability insurance policy on the property. Kerwin Denton asked what size policy was needed. Marv McMullan detailed the policies purchased by AJRA. James Brunson explained the policies used in various events hosted by

cowboy churches.



Rise in Lake Levels! Thanks to heavy May rains, many area lakes received an uptick in their levels. Oak Creek gained 2,500 acre feet and Spence caught an additional 12,000 acre feet.

The discussion next focused on the physical maintenance and repairs or demolition needed. Murray explained that the current seating (stands) is dangerous and has been repaired for so long that repair is no longer an option.

Wendell Lee was able to answer questions regarding the bathroom, explaining the "septic tank" was a buried propane tank. Murray pointed out that the open 12" pipe covered by a "bell fixture" was extremely dangerous for animals and people. It was pointed out this needed hazard to be immediately removed. James Brunson said the cowboy church had purchased porta-potties and installed them on a trailer. Mary McMullan reminded the group that any new construction had to be ADA compliant. Brandy

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Virden pointed out the dangerous location of the current restrooms for use by spectators.

The physical location of the water line was given and the problems arising from this. It

was reported that the City of Bronte was unable to move the water meter and place it adjacent to the property, but had agreed to allow the club to run the water line in the bar ditch to the property line.

The electricity and lights on the property were the next items discussed. The electricity running to the announcer's stand was extremely hazardous to those working in "the box" (Continued on Page 4)





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