

Lake George Property Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 31, 2008

- Meeting called to order by President, Dave Lewis at 11:42 a.m.
- Roll Call
 - Present – Ardner, Carey, Garner, Hamilton, Hudson, Hunt, Lewis, Smith, Street, Swanson, Tobin, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
 - Excused
 - Susan Street for October '08 meeting
 - Marie Garner for April '09 meeting
- All officers were re-elected to their former positions
 - President – Dave Lewis
 - 1st Vice President – Kim Hamilton
 - 2nd Vice President – Rolf Hudson
 - Secretary – Mike Hunt
 - Treasurer – Marcia Wentworth
 - Directors
 - Craig Ardner
 - Roger Carey
 - Marie Garner
 - Kim Smith
 - Susan Street
 - Pat Swanson
 - Mike Tobin
- Board agreed this meeting would serve as September's Board Meeting.
- Committee Assignments
 - Auditing
 - Chairman Marie Garner, Pat Swanson
 - Boat Parade
 - Co-chairman Mike Tobin, Co-chairman Marie Garner
 - Boater Safety
 - Chairman Mike Hunt, Dave Lewis
 - Directory
 - Chairman Kim Hamilton
 - Education
 - Chairman Craig Ardner, Kim Hamilton, Don Sladick
 - Financial Planning
 - Chairman Mike Hunt, Marica Wentworth, Pat Swanson, Debbie Bergey, Rolf Hudson, Roger Carey
 - Ice Rink
 - Vince Doyle
 - Lake Quality
 - Chairman Roger Carey, Craig Ardner, Mike Tobin, Joe Rentz, Dennis Zimmerman, Bob Mcpartlin
 - Membership

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- Chairman Roger Carey, Maggie Carey, Pat Swanson
- Merchandise
 - Chairman Susan Street, Craig Ardner
- Newsletter
 - Chairman Roger Carey, Maggie Carey
- Poker Run
 - Chairman Kim Smith, Dave Lewis, Craig Ardner
- Softball Tournament
 - Chairman Mike Tobin, Jim Haggard, Don Sladick
- Township Liaison
 - Chairman Kim Hamilton
- Website
 - Chairman Roger Carey
- Member Vince Doyle discussed his vision for organizing an event on the lake for ice skating and hockey. Vince will investigate what paperwork is required and will report back to the Board when he has gathered information. A tentative target of Jan or Feb '10 was suggested.
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:13 a.m.

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Corporate Membership Meeting Minutes
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- Meeting called to order by President, Dave Lewis at 10:00 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Present – Ardner, Carey, Garner, Hamilton, Hudson, Hunt, Lewis, Smith, Street, Swanson, Tobin, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
- Minutes of the May 25, 2008 General Meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- Treasury Report
 - Marcia Wentworth reported a total treasury of \$31,606.08
 - Treasury report accepted as read.
- Elections of Officers – All six board members running in the election were re-elected.
- Guest Speaker, Bre Grabil from Professional Lakes Management (PLM)
 - Lake George
 - This summer, Lake George underwent treatment with a new chemical product, Renovate OTF (On Target Flake). This is the same product as conventional Renovate, but in a granular form. The granular form provides more control when treating the lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil. PLM also uses the chemical Reward to treat Eurasian Watermilfoil. Reward is an “on contact” chemical and is difficult to target. Another advantage for Renovate OTF is that it attacks the root system of Eurasian Watermilfoil and is a more long lasting solution than when Reward is used.
 - One disadvantage to Renovate OTF is the 120 day irrigation restriction. Bre explained that the DEQ requires a posting of 120 days because that is the amount of time to dissipate the chemicals at maximum dosage. Typically, a 14 day irrigation ban is sufficient at the dosages used on our lakes. Bre recommended that members review either PLM’s website (<http://www.prolakemgmt.com/>) or the LGPOA’s website (<http://www.lgpoa.net/>) to find out when the irrigation ban is lifted.
 - Shingle Lake
 - This year PLM had hoped to use the chemical Sonar to treat Shingle Lake. However, the permit from the DEQ was not issued to allow this. PLM is preparing the paperwork to treat the entire lake with Sonar in Spring 2009. Treatment would happen around two weeks after ice out, probably in the beginning of May. After the application of Sonar, Shingle Lake should not need any additional treatments for Eurasian Watermilfoil for the remainder of the year.
 - Bre recently completed a Fall survey and found that both lakes are in very good condition.

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- Native vegetation is important for a healthy lake.
- Bre urged members to eliminate usage of fertilizers containing phosphorous. Even small quantities of phosphorous negatively affect the lake ecosystem.
- Bre intends to treat the lakes for Purple Loosestrife next spring. In the meantime, she recommends that members to pull it out and be sure to get the root system to eliminate it.
- A member inquired whether Phragmites Australis (Common Reed) is present on the lakes. At this time, Bre believes this species is not present on our lakes, but it is a very aggressive plant that should be reported if found.
- Committee Reports
 - Membership (Chairman R. Carey)
 - LGPOA membership stands at 265 members.
 - Two new members present.
 - Lake Quality (Chairman R. Carey)
 - Per the results of the general membership vote in May, a fish survey is planned for both lakes this coming spring.
 - Website (Chairman R. Carey)
 - <http://www.lgpoa.net/>
 - Boater Safety (Chairman M. Hunt)
 - Class was held on Saturday, June 21st.
 - Sgt. Bill Larson was the instructor.
 - 21 students completed the course and received their certificates.
 - Softball Tournament (Chairman M. Tobin)
 - This year's tournament was cancelled due to lack of participation.
 - Will try again next year.
 - Merchandise (Susan Street)
 - Merchandise with the new logo is available as well as a few items with the old logos.
 - Susan will look into getting drink coasters for next year.
 - Boat Parade (Co-chairman M. Tobin, Co-chairman M. Garner)
 - Eleven boats participated in this year's parade and awards were given to the top four pontoons.
 - There was open discussion about possible themes for next year. The membership voted on these themes; video games, movies, patriotic and sports. The patriotic theme was elected as next year's theme.
 - Poker Run (Chairman K. Smith)
 - Members are encouraged to attend the Poker Run which is planned for the 2nd week of February (one week later than in the past).
 - Typically, the Swiss Inn offers shuttle service.
 - Audit (Chairman M. Garner) – The audit was completed and no discrepancies were found.

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- Finance Committee (Chairman M. Hunt)
 - Hope to have a 5-year finance plan available at the Spring meeting.
- Guest Speaker, Gene Ringley Jr., Township Supervisor
 - Lincoln Township Website, <http://www.lincoln-clare.mi-twp.org/>
 - The July 4th flares were paid for by the LGPOA and distributed by the local hardware store.
 - Shingle Lake Park
 - The grant is approved but is in Appropriations Committee so it may take a long time before the funds are available.
 - A new pavilion is needed at the park.
 - Gene suggested that the LGPOA consider donating to the Shingle Lake Park development project. (This idea was voted on by the membership at the May 08 meeting and ranked sixth out of nine ideas)
 - Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
 - A captive herd deer with CWD was found in Kent County. CWD is a serious disease that could significantly affect hunting in Michigan.
 - As a result, all baiting is banned for six months in Lower Michigan while the authorities evaluate the risk to free ranging deer in Michigan.
 - Neighborhood Watch Program
 - Other areas have had dramatic improvements in crime reduction with a Neighborhood Watch Program.
 - Would like Program Captains coordinate efforts.
 - The local church would like you to donate your non-perishable goods for their Thanksgiving and Christmas food program.
 - “Meet the Candidates” forum planned for Thursday , October 9th @ 6:30 in the Township Hall.
 - The Lincoln Township Citizen’s Action Group (LTCAG) meets the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7:00 in the Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend and become an active member.
 - Compost Site
 - The compost site is now open 24 hours/day .
 - No tires, plastic bags or trash allowed.
 - Use only paper bags.
 - You can drop off brush and shrink-wrap.
 - On the third weekend of the month, recycling bins are available.
 - New ORV Bill
 - The new ORV bill has been passed and the county will be drawing the lines where ORV’s will be allowed to travel.
 - The speed limit for ORV’s will be 25 MPH.
 - ORV’s will be allowed on roads, generally north of US 10.
 - There is a chicken BBQ today at the Lake George Boosters Club.

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- The fuel surcharge for rubbish pickup will be increasing by approximately 10%.
- President Dave Lewis invited candidates attending the meeting to introduce themselves to the attending membership.
- Guest Speaker, Lowell Howard
 - Lowell and his brothers are working to gather historical information about the Lake George area.
 - A website is available to make contact and share information. <http://the-back-yard.com/lakegeorge.htm>
- New Business
 - Member Vince Doyle suggested that the LGPOA consider having an organized ice rink event in the winter. Vince was invited to attend the next Board Meeting to discuss the idea further.
 - A member requested that people evaluate whether their trees have overhanging limbs onto their neighbors property that might be a hazard and take precautionary measures.
 - A member cited concerns about some of the Lincoln Township ordinances. President Dave Lewis encouraged members to review the ordinances themselves, as they are readily available on the Lincoln Township website.
- Old Business
 - Muskrat Trapping
 - Many muskrats were trapped in the Spring and an informal poll showed that a few members have seen the animals on the lakes but not in the quantities as in year's past.
 - The membership was asked whether the trappers should return again this Fall, at no cost to Lincoln Township or the LGPOA.
 - Overall agreement was that the trappers should return again in the Fall to control the muskrat population.
 - Kim Hamilton asked that members contact him if they see muskrats near their property so that he can direct the trappers to target specific areas.
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 p.m.