

Lake George Property Owners Association
Corporate Membership Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 6, 2009

- 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, Penton, Schultz, Street, Swanson, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
- Dale Majewski passed out a boot to collect donations for MDA.
- Board member introductions
- Minutes of the May 24, 2009 Corporate Meeting were not reviewed but are available on the website.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Current total balance of \$33,446.77
 - \$8,075.88 in checking
 - \$5,370.89 in money market fund
 - \$20,000 in certificate of deposit
 - Treasury report was accepted.
- Election of Officers
 - **Motion and a second, to elect the six people on the ballot to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - Elected Board Members
 - Pat Swanson (incumbent)
 - Roger Carey (incumbent)
 - Al Schultz (incumbent)
 - Carol Sladick
 - Fred Evenson
 - Katherine Broker
 - M. Hunt, C. Ardner, and D. Lewis were the three incumbents that did not run for re-election.
- Committee Reports
 - Audit (Chairman M. Garner/P. Swanson)
 - The audit was conducted in August and no discrepancies were found.
 - Boat Parade (Chairman M. Garner)
 - The boat parade was held on July 4th, 2009 on Lake George.
 - This year's theme was patriotic.
 - Anyone interested in being a judge should contact Marie Garner.
 - A member suggested that the judges be alerted to the winning boats soon after the judging is finalized as they often get asked who won the boat parade awards.
 - Cartoon characters were suggested for next year's theme.
 - The membership will get to vote for a theme next spring.
 - Boater Safety (Chairman M. Hunt)

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- The boater safety certification class was held on Saturday, June 6, 2009.
- Sgt. Larson was the instructor, assisted by M. Hunt and D. Lewis.
- Approximately 17 students earned their boater safety certificates.
- Directory (Chairman K. Hamilton)
 - Kim reported that \$1,025 has been collected for advertisements in the directory.
 - Kim plans to call another 20 people to see if they want to be a sponsor.
- Education (Chairman C. Ardner) – Nothing new to report.
- Finance Committee (Chairman M. Hunt)
 - The 2010 budget was presented by M. Hunt as a handout.
 - The financial committee plans to present the past expenditures at the spring meeting and to review following year's budget at the fall meeting.
 - The 2010 budget includes a bathymetric survey which was the second most popular choice in last year's membership survey. The most popular choice was a fish survey which was conducted this spring.
- Lake Quality (Chairman R. Carey)
 - The preliminary fish report is available and will be reviewed in detail later in the meeting.
- Membership (Chairman R. Carey)
 - LGPOA membership stands at 200 members.
- Merchandise (Chairman S. Street)
 - The Lake George coasters are available.
 - Shingle Lake coasters are not available yet.
- Newsletter (Chairman R. Carey) – Nothing new to report.
- Poker Run (Chairman TBD)
 - 104 participants at last year's poker run.
 - \$843 net profit.
- Softball Tournament (Chairman R. Hudson)
 - The softball tournament was held on June 20th & 21st, 2009 at Hamlin Field.
 - Nine teams participated.
- Township Liaison (Chairman K. Hamilton) – Deferred to guest speaker Dennis Zimmerman.
- Website (Chairman R. Carey) – Nothing new to report.
- Fish Survey Report (Guest Speaker – Maggie Carey)
 - Fish were collected using three gear types; small and large trap nets, gill nets, and a 150-ft bag seine.
 - Shingle Lake had fairly low levels of chloride so is probably not receiving large amounts of chlorides from road salt or septic tanks. Lake George had even lower chloride levels than Shingle Lake.

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- Shingle Lake was stratified in three layers with very little oxygen below 18-20 feet. So, fishing below this depth in summer is useless as fish can not survive in this zone. However, the depth of Shingle Lake does offer colder water in the middle layer that has sufficient oxygen and lends itself well to northern pike.
- Lake George is a long lake but is relatively shallow. It does not stratify like Shingle Lake during the summer. It's likely the boat traffic and shallowness allows mixing of the water to prevent stratification. However, this prevents cold water zones with oxygen that northern pike prefer. Not as many northern pike were caught in Lake George as Shingle Lake, likely due to the lack of cold water refuge and a good spawning stream like Shingle Lake has.
- Both lakes have largemouth bass, northern pike, black crappie, yellow bullheads, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, and green sunfish. Additionally, blackchin shiners were found in Lake George.
- Guest Speaker, Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor
 - The DNR has agreed that geese and cormorants are a problem.
 - Clare County has tight budget restrictions so there may be noticeable change in services such as road maintenance and snow plowing.
 - There will be some construction starting on the park improvement project this year.
 - Plans are being drawn for the downtown enhancement project. The drawings should be 50% complete this month.
 - The Lake George special assessment district expires this year. This is the fund that pays for chemical treatments to the lake as well as environmental management. There will be a special meeting on September 14th to have an open discussion with the township to evaluate renewal.
 - Shingle Lake's special assessment district expires next year.
 - There is a seawall on Oak Street that is a public access and is very high above the water line (~ 4ft). Citizens have inquired if something could be done to improve the situation. Dennis suggested that a stairway could be installed but the township does not have the funds for this. Dennis asked if the LGPOA was willing to fund the improvement, which he expects to cost approximately \$500. A hands vote was taken and the majority of members present agreed that they were willing to fund the project. The LGPOA board will discuss the idea at the next board meeting and take the membership support under advisement.
 - Dennis received questions about the marine safety record this year. Dennis responded that the marine report is not available yet. The report is completed after the Labor Day weekend.
 - There was discussion about the date and time of the township meetings and its relative convenience to attend.
 - There was a question whether the Shingle Lake Park improvement construction would utilize professional workers or would volunteers be

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needed. In cases where safety are concerned it will likely be professionals that are insured, however, there will likely be opportunities for volunteers to assist in some way.

- Membership Votes
 - The board proposed the idea of publishing the directory on the website as well as distributing a hard copy. Overall, the membership did not support publishing the directory on the website.
 - A sample of a lake brochure was passed out and members were asked to consider whether something like this would be beneficial for our lakes. This will be discussed in more detail at a later general meeting.
 - By-law amendment
 - The board requested the membership agree to a by-law amendment allowing one signature on LGPOA checks versus the current verbiage which requires two signatures.
 - **Motion and a second, to allow one signature only for checks less than \$1,000. The majority of the members present did not support this motion.**
 - **Motion and a second, to allow one signature for all checks. The majority of the members present supported this motion. The proposed by-law amendment distributed at the meeting is accepted.**
- Old Business – None
- New Business – None
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 a.m.