

LGPOA 7/11/26 Meeting Minutes

Approved

P = Present / E= Excused / U = Unexcused



	P	E	U	Term	Re-Elect	Term Out
Holly Brown	X			25-28		
Scott Brown	X			25-28		
Ted Christoff		X		23-26		
Kaylee Cotton	X			25-28		
Kent Cousino	X				23-26	2026
Mary Fry	X			24-27		
Garrett Kozden-King	X			25-28		
Deb Kuptz	X			23-26		
Dan Lease	X			25-28		
Jamie Lease	X			25-28		
Lynn Miller	X			21-24	24-27	2027
Mary Lynn Panwas	X			24-27		
Aaron Smalley		X		22-25	25-28	2028

1. Roll Call – Secretary
2. Treasurers Report: Mary-Lynn

Deb informed us that our 501(c)4 nonprofit is not limited to how much money it can have, although there are restrictions on how the funds can be used. The board should be able to demonstrate that the funds are being used, or reserved, to further the organization's community mission. The ramifications of holding over \$50,000 in assets plus income is that LGPOA would need to file a more complicated tax form (990-EZ, not the 990 postcard). Deb has the name of a CPA in Clare, and she will try to get more clarity on how to proceed.

Bylaws Requirement: Section XI, paragraph 5 of the LGPOA Bylaws states that, to ensure the association can respond to critical financial situations, LGPOA must maintain a contingency fund of at least \$15,000. Any use of the contingency fund requires a supporting vote by the LGPOA membership. Therefore, we are far from needing to draw on the contingency fund.

3. Events Report

Deb suggested creating a centralized event reference book for future use. Updated annually after each event, it would include additional notes, improvement ideas, planning and execution details from event leaders, and a budget outlining revenue and expenses.

- a. Karaoke on the Bay Date: 07/11/26 Chair: Garrett Kozden-King
Suggestion for next year – add a friendly singing competition and award prizes to encourage greater participation.
- b. Scavenger Hunt Date: 08/01/26 Chair: Mary Fry
Prize money will be based on the number of participations.
- c. Witbeck's Fundraiser Date: 08/08/26 Chair: Kaylee Cotton
Working on a schedule for a block of times for the volunteers.
- d. Summer Celebration Date: 08/15/26 Chair: Deb Kuptz
LGPOA provides the fish, fries, and slaw. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass of their choosing. Time: Start at 5 – dinner at 6 pm
 - Outdoor games – Corn Hole
 - Meet & Greet – Ice Breaker
 - 50/50 Raffle

Events Report (continued)

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| e. General Membership Meeting | Date: 09/06/26 | Chair: | Deb Kuptz |
| f. Fall Side x Side | Date: 10/24/26 | Chair: | Lynn Miller |
| g. Tree Lighting Celebration | Date: 12/05/26 | Chair: | Deb Kuptz |

4. Lake Quality: Scott Brown
Scott to contact the fishery for pricing to restock fish in both Lake George and Shingle Lake. Fish recommendations are provided by the DNR based on their testing. Scott noted that the last time the lakes were restocked, walleye was stocked in Shingle Lake, and catfish were stocked in Lake George.
5. Newsletter/Website: Jamie Lease
a. Mailing date for the Summer Newsletter is August 22nd. Ideas or articles for the newsletter are welcome.
6. Directory / Sponsorship: Deb Kuptz / Dan Lease
7. Community Liaison : Kaylee Cotton
8. Old Business :
Kent stated that he had received some pushback from a few people regarding the lack of notification about the boat parade theme.
9. New Business:
- Ideas for investing association funds back into the community.
- One proposal is to provide fifty drawstring backpacks filled with supplies for local children. Kaylee will determine whether other community organizations already offer a similar program, and Holly will prepare a cost estimate for purchasing the backpacks and supplies.
- Lynn will lead the assessment of needs at Hamlin Field and recommend any necessary improvements or work. Once that review is complete, we can estimate the funding required. At a minimum, we could organize a general field clean-up.
- Provide commemorative mugs for members.
- Expand the Tree Lighting event by adding Santa, Christmas gifts for children, and cookie decorating.
10. Meeting Adjourned:
Deb motioned to adjourn the meeting, Garret second the motion and all voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 – am

**Next meeting scheduled is Saturday Aug. 8, 9:00 am
meeting, Township Hall.**