

Lake George Property Owners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2012 (Approved November 14, 2012)

- A. Meeting called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 10:01am.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Rolf Hudson, Marcia Wentworth, Deb Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Pat Swanson, Roger Carey, Merle Harmon, Bill Bringer, Cindy Engelhardt. Excused: Sandy Kotch-Myers. Absent: Fred Evenson.
- C. Minutes from previous meetings. The minutes from September 2, 2012 board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Cindy, second by Pat to approve as written. Motion carried. The minutes from September 2, 2012 Annual Corporate Meeting were reviewed and minor corrections made. These will not be approved until next Memorial Day meeting, but will be posted to the website.
- D. Treasurer's Report. Marcia reviewed the Treasurer's report. Motion by Dave, second by Merle to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
- E. Correspondence. Roger reviewed a letter regarding how to get information about Clean Boats/Clean Water. No action required. Deb reviewed a note from Carol Majewski about moving our file cabinet and copier out of her office and into the hallway by the back entrance. This will work out great for everyone, but Carol asked the question as to whether or not we have insurance to cover these assets. The answer is yes and Deb will let Carol know this. This also triggered a discussion about paper and having a code for the copier. Marcia will get a case of paper in the near future and Rolf will look into setting up a code to use the copier.
- F. Committee Reports.
 - 1. Audit – Nothing to report.
 - 2. Boat Parade – We still need a person to chair this committee.
 - 3. Directory – Bill will get with Kim Hamilton to take over the responsibilities.
 - 4. Boater Safety – No report.
 - 5. Lake Quality – Roger handed out a report on the conference he recently attended about the benefit of natural shorelines, invasive plants and other factors affecting our lakes. He also handed out a copy of an article he has submitted to MLSA and Riparian Magazine. He then discussed SB778, regarding a dock at a public road end. The DEQ has to have a public meeting if this is being considered, but will not issue a permit to a private citizen or an association; only a township or public entity. An issue came up on Bertha Lake where a riparian owner put herbicide in the lake and he is being investigated by the DEQ and will probably receive a fine. HB5690 is a bill that would allow Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting without a permit. There are many negative effects we discussed and there was a motion from Bill, second by Marcia to direct Roger to protest this bill on behalf of LGPOA. Motion carried.
 - 6. Hospitality – Cindy received the instruction book from Marie, the seed money and three boxes of supplies.

7. Membership – Dave has done some analysis of the membership info Roger provided and sent out a graph. Membership is the lowest since 2004. We discussed ways in which we can increase membership and the possibility of doing a survey as to why people are not joining/renewing. Dave and Merle will have further discussion and provide an update at our next meeting. Current membership is 209.
 8. Merchandise – No report.
 9. Newsletter/Website – Rolf and Bill will get with Roger to take over those responsibilities.
 10. Township Liaison – Dennis Zimmerman mentioned at the last meeting that the group that put on the seminar that Roger recently attended would like to repeat the seminar in the Lincoln Township area, and they are looking for a sponsor. Rolf will get more information from Dennis. Silver Lake is working on establishing a special assessment district for the purpose of weed control. There will be a Veteran's Memorial in Citizen's Park. A large rock has been donated and there will be a brass plaque mounted on it.
 11. Fundraising – Discussed having another auction at the Memorial Day Meeting. Merle will call a meeting of the committee before the next board meeting.
- G. Old Business.
1. New Logo – we have not received any entries. The decision was made to extend the deadline to November 10 and put the information on the website.
 2. 12th board member – Rolf will talk with a couple of candidates and use electronic meeting to communicate and approve the decision. This term of this person will be until the next election in September 2013.
 3. By-Laws – Deb passed out signed copies of the new bylaws and will file the original along with the summary of changes document in the file cabinet.
 4. Kim Hamilton stopped in to the meeting to let us know that he was having a problem contacting the muskrat trapper. He will continue to pursue this, searching for a different person if need be.
- H. New Business.
1. Deb passed out dates for meetings in 2013.
 2. Pat brought forward request from Jan Penton regarding LGPOA purchase of banners to advertise the NWA Expo. It was discussed that it would also be a good idea to have banners to announce our general membership meetings in May and September. The township personnel would be responsible for putting up and taking down the banners. Pat will get back with Jan and have her get a price for both.
- I. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 at 10am.
- J. Motion by Dave, second by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 11:40am. Motion carried.