

Lake George Property Owners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2011

- A. Called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 8:33 am.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Rolf Hudson, Kim Hamilton, Fred Evenson, Marcia Wentworth, Deb Briggs, Pat Swanson, Roger Carey, Merle Harmon, Sandy Kotch-Myers, Bill Bringer. Excused: Marie Garner and Dave DeLeeuw.
- C. October 9, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and corrections made. Motion by M. Harmon, second by P. Swanson to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Motion by F. Evenson, second by K. Hamilton to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
- E. Correspondence: Rolf received information from a company that provides websites. We decided this was not relevant to us as we already have all/most of these features. Roger received a message from Dave Lewis that he wants his email address included in the new directory.
- F. Committee Reports: Reports were given as follows:
 - a. Township Liaison -- Pat Swanson will replace Fred as responsible for this activity.
 - b. Auditing -- nothing to report at this time.
 - c. Boat Parade -- Roger has a sample ribbon that we could use and this would also serve the purpose of a certificate. Pat has the sample as she is on the committee, and will review with Marie.
 - d. Boater Safety -- Fred will set up next years' session for the 4th Saturday in June. Roger reported on House Bill 5115 that would allow online training and testing of boater safety. Rolf will write a letter stating our concern about this to Joel Johnson. (Concern is about reduced funding for Clare County if online training takes place).
 - e. Directory -- Kim reported he turned the last \$150 over to Marcia. Campbell Printing will do the printing for about the same cost as before. This will be in December and then the new directories will be mailed out in January. Roger will send the current list of members to Kim or directly to Campbell if they prefer.
 - f. Education/ORV - nothing to report.
 - g. Financial Planning -- The committee has met and made the following recommendations to the full board, in priority (results of voting) order. 1. Muskrat trapping: we will continue to do this when necessary. 2. Boat Wash Stations: We are still checking into DNR requirements, cost, and purchasing source. We want to pursue this as soon as we get the additional information we need. 3. Trash Receptacles: The consensus is that people should buy their own trash receptacles as there are many issues around size, theft, cost, etc. Merle is looking at a discounted price to rent from Lincoln Sanitation, otherwise LGPOA will not be supporting this item. 4. Fishing Contest for kids: We think this is a great idea and that it

- should be pursued along with other activities in town, such as 4th of July weekend, softball tournament, etc. We would like volunteers from the LGPOA as a whole to take this on.
5. Pavilion at Shingle Lake Park: This is a Lincoln Township issue but if and when the Township decides to build a new pavilion, the LGPOA would support this endeavor with funds and/or labor.
6. Cleaning up improved road ends: the committee will visit the 8 identified road ends on Lake George in the Spring, and make further recommendations at that time.
7. Lake Brochure: Roger showed samples from other associations. This is something we want to pursue. Bill will make a recommendation on the Table of Contents, then the committee will determine how to gather the information, get pricing, and select a printer.
- h. Lake Quality – Roger suggested that LGPOA join Michigan Waterfront Alliance as he feels there is a lot they do for us. Motion by M. Harmon, second by D. Briggs to join MWA for one year at a cost of \$100. Motion carried.
 - i. Membership – As of today, we have 209 members plus 3 businesses. There was discussion about the membership year; i.e. should we count May – May or by calendar year. If we count by calendar year, we are about 250. The bylaw committee will look at this issue along with fiscal year. The membership committee will also work on the tri-fold pamphlet that we would use to help solicit new members. Roger presented a form to use for Local Business Membership. The board recommends face-to-face contact with the local businesses vs just sending it out to them.
 - j. Merchandise – Sandy got the merchandise notebook from C. Englehardt and will do an inventory to confirm the information. Will probably need to order some items in the most common sizes.
 - k. Newsletter – Roger will be sending the winter newsletter out in early January. He will need articles by December 24, 2011.
 - l. Softball Tournament – We will be sticking to Father’s Day weekend as there were too many other issues with changing the date.
 - m. Policies & Procedures: All committee chairs should have a manual for their area of responsibility. Get from previous chair or if none exists, create the manual yourself. It was suggested and agreed that a better name would be “Guidelines” vs “Policies and Procedures”.

G. Old Business

- a. Debbie reviewed the results and recommendations from the Auction committee. The board prefers a silent auction vs a public auction. The list of donors/items were discussed and the board approved, but is concerned about how we approach the local businesses; i.e. we don’t want to hit them up multiple times (with the business membership), but we don’t want them to feel left out either. The committee needs to meet to ensure we are addressing these issues and then proceed to solicit the items. Deb will notify Dave to call a meeting of the committee.
- b. The By-laws committee will meet November 20 at 2pm at the Township Hall. They will look at meeting time/day (making it generic in the bylaws so each board can set their own schedule), fiscal year, budget year, membership year, mission/purpose/goals, etc.
- c. The Neighborhood Watch group is planning a spring event to showcase the Clare County Sheriff Department and to raise funds for NW. It was suggested and agreed that they do this the same weekend as the softball tournament. This is very positive that the various groups in the community are joining forces. There will be further information on this event.

H. New Business – none

I. Motion by R. Carey, second by S. Kotch-Myers at 10:03 am to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.