

# Lake George Property Owners Association

## General Membership Meeting

May 26, 2019 DRAFT

1. **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** President Troy Kibbey called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a moment of silence for past and present service men and women.
2. **Roll call:** Present: Troy Kibbey, Rolf Hudson, Kent Cousino, John Jordan, Dave DeLeeuw, Bob Barkley, Nancy Shaw, Joe Rentz, Rick Kibbey, Connie Tuck, Jan Penton, Kelly Clark, Absent (excused): none
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the General Membership meeting of September 2, 2018 were read. Motion to approve the minutes by Errol Buchler seconded by Gary Winfield to approve as read. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's report:** A summary of all account activity was presented. Our current combined total is \$32,450.59. John read all of the bank accounts and their balances. Fish fund \$186 is the present value of this fund. \$33, Motion made by Gail White, second by Mark Featherstone to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed. Dean Beveacqua asked if we have a breakdown of expenses. John responded that he has a complete breakdown of all expenses and members are welcome to review.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Introduction of Current Board:** Board members introduced themselves and their role on the Board.
7. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Auditing:** The annual audit will be completed by Rick Kibbey, Kelly Clark, and one member at large in August.
  - b. **Boat/Street Parade:** Nancy - This year's theme is Captain's Choice and will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 7:30pm which is registration. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LGPOA. Our goal is to get at least 25 boats on the lake and 50 for the street parade. The street parade will be held on Sunday, July 7. Registration is at 11:30 am.
  - c. **Boater's Safety:** Next class will be held at the Lincoln Township Hall on June 22, 2019 from 9am-5pm. Joe Rentz and others are looking for a grant through the Sherriff's department so we can give our free life jackets as we did last year. One attendee mentioned she sent two kids to last year's class and they felt it was very informative. Another member also attended and mentioned that he learned that you cannot drive your boat with docking lights on after dark. He asked how we could enforce this. Joe Rentz mentioned he can contact the

Sheriff's Department. We could also put this in the newsletters to remind boaters they cannot do this.

- d. **Directory:** Troy Kibbey – we will receive a directory for 2020-2021. It is very important that all members verify that their information is correct and updated. Once the directory is printed, we cannot do anything about it at that point until the next year.
- e. **Fund Raising:** We have koozies, a few sweatshirts, and shirts still available. Troy will take orders (pre-paid). Our board meetings are now the second Saturday of each month at 10am. Orders can be picked up at that time.
- f. Hospitality: Coffee and cookies available
- g. **Lake Quality:** Joe Rentz – water is high at both lakes due to the wet spring. A member asked about the report from the DNR, which was mentioned in the September 2018 meeting minutes. Joe talked to the Cadillac biologist and said the lakes are pretty healthy. Pike numbers are low on Lake George. If we stock down the road, they recommend feeder fish, blue gill, and perch. Troy asked if we get this information for the next newsletter. Joe will send the lake report to Kelly Clark and she can post it on the website.
- h. **Membership:** Dave DeLeeuw – despite the turnover of cottages, our membership is strong It looks like we will end the year with 208 members.
- i. **Merchandise:** Connie Tuck is selling what we currently have.
- j. **Newsletter/Website:** Rolf Hudson - The spring issue was sent out in early May. The next newsletter will be mailed around the middle of August. If you did not receive a newsletter, it may mean that your address is not correct. Please contact Dave DeLeeuw to update your mailing/contact information. Troy pointed out that Rolf is term limited and will be doing his last newsletter in August and Troy will be taking over.  
Letters from PLM were sent letting the property owners of the lake treatment schedules. Rolf said that there no restrictions in the letter.
- k. **Township Liaison:** Rolf is asking Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor to speak on his behalf about township updates.
- l. **Community Liaison:** Jan asked for \$1500 for Neighborhood Watch. We have Deputy Ashely and Robert Huckstein, who is a retired deputy from around the Detroit area. He has been involved with the boat safety last year so he could get to know the area. They are watching out for a potential homeless person who may be living in the woods. There is still a meth issue in surrounding areas. Kids were doing damage over at the park – this is now under control. If we get more money for the Neighborhood Watch, Jan would like to put that money towards the cameras in town. Jan has asked for more signs for the Brown/Jackson street areas.  
Update on upcoming Expo: Expo is June 15, 2019 (always the third Saturday of June). She is pretty well set for this year. We will have a rollover simulator.

Connie has asked the alpaca farmer in the area if he would bring the alpacas to the Expo this year. Michigan 4H extension wants to set up at the Expo to do so things for the kids in our area. She wants to have a 4H program for our kids in this area. We hope to have fingerprinting for kids. Jan has 33 trophies to give out this year.

Troy mentioned that LGPOA will have a tent at the Expo and we will have giveaways for the children. We have a limited supply so we would like to have our members get the giveaways.

- m. Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor, spoke to the group on a wide variety of pertinent topics including: dust control, composting and leaf pickup – compost is open Sunday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-noon and leaf pickup is on Thursdays, burn permits – check the MI Department of Natural Resources websites for burn information, fire department – 167 incidents as of May 1, 2019. Most were rescues. Neighborhood Watch, Senior’s Meal Site – Deb Trim is now retired and was replaced by Deb Lewis, Clare County Sherriff’s Department – meth problems are building. If you see bottles on the side of the road that may contain foaming fluids – don’t touch this – instead call the police, Lincoln Township Hall and Park Facilities – to reserve the hall or park facilities, contact the Township Clerk, Carol Majweski, Lincoln Township Road Projects – looking at four small projects which requires participation with Freeman Township, Fishing and Boating – free fishing weekend in June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> this year, abide by the “100-foot rule”, and observe the counter clockwise traffic pattern.

LG and Shingle Lake – are different in how the water is mixed. Shingle Lake stratifies – turn-over every so often. In Lake George, the water is turning over all of the time, which is brings up stuff from the bottom. We will also get pollen a few times per year on the lakes. Lake George is only about ½ inch above legal level. The water level is being monitored. A property owner is concerned about lake levels at Shingle Lake – he was directed to the Drain Commissioner. This has to be petitioned and will cost about \$25,000 in legal fees with no guarantees that the judge will lower our lake levels.

- n. **Old Business:** Question was raised about the DNR purchasing the property on Lake George. The property is back on the market so we think that it is a non-issue

- o. **New Business:**

Amendment 5. Addition to Article VII. Directors, Section 3.

The addition to Section 3 will be as follows:

In the event of a tie between multiple candidates during the election of Board members, the tie shall be resolved by a “Draw from a Hat”. The names of all candidates’ names involved in the tie shall be put into a “hat” and by blind draw a name shall be

drawn from the hat by the president of the association or another neutral party. The first name drawn shall be considered the winner. If multiple candidates are tied for two or more positions, draws will be continued until all positions are determined.

A motion to approve the amendment was brought by Errol Buchler and seconded by Mary Kay Jordan. Motion was approved.

Elections – we will have two board member seats available during our corporate meeting in September and two members will be up for re-election.

- p. **Public Comment:** Gary – tomorrow is the Memorial Day ceremony at 11am at the cemetery, fire rifles and lunch will follow at Post 404 American Legion. We have a tri-fold that we can give to the real estate agencies in order to get more LGPOA members.

Gail White provided a reminder that breakfast will only be on holiday weekends at the Booster's. Saturday breakfasts are discontinued.

50/50 Winner of \$104 was Mark Featherston.

- q. **Adjournment:** Motion by Pat Swanson, seconded by Craig Henry to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.