

# Lake George Property Owners Association

## Membership Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2012 Approved September 2, 2012

- A. Meeting called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 10:00 a.m./Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Rolf Hudson, Kim Hamilton, Fred Evenson, Marcia Wentworth, Deb Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Pat Swanson, Roger Carey, Sandy Kotch-Myers, Bill Bringer. Excused: Marie Garner.
- C. Minutes of September 2, 2011 Corporate Meeting were reviewed. Motion by M. Wentworth, second by P. Swanson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.
- D. Treasurer's report was reviewed with, and made available to, the membership. Motion by B. Bringer, second by P. Swanson to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.
- E. Correspondence. There was no new correspondence to review.
- F. Introduction of current board. It was noted that excused board member Marie Garner fell down her balcony stairs yesterday and badly broke her arm/wrist.
- G. Silent Auction Explanation. D. DeLeeuw announced the process to be used for the silent auction items.
- H. Committee Reports.
  - a. Auditing. The books will be audited before the Labor Day Meeting.
  - b. Boat Parade. The boat parade will be Saturday, July 7. Line-up will be at 7:00pm and the parade will start at 7:30 pm. Cindy Englehardt reminded the board that we had agreed to get ribbons for all participants.
  - c. Boater Safety. The class will be held Saturday, June 23. Registration is at 8:30am and the class will be from 9:00am until 3:30pm, lunch provided. You have to be at least 12 years old to attend the class.
  - d. Directory. The new directory was mailed in January.
  - e. Financial Planning. Priority one item is muskrat control, which is separate item further in the agenda. Priority two item is boat wash stations at both lakes. Roger feels this is very cumbersome and may not be feasible at this time, although the board will have further discussion on the issue.
  - f. Lake Quality. Nothing further to report besides boat wash stations.
  - g. Membership. As of today we have 239 members, with one new member, Pat Brownly from Shingle Lake.
  - h. Merchandise. Sandy announced we are having a liquidation sale until all current merchandise is gone. We want to have a new logo and include hats and other items in the future.
  - i. Newsletter. No report.

- j. Softball Tournament. The tournament will be the weekend of June 16 and 17. We have had very good response with more teams wanting to participate this year. We will need volunteers the week before to get the field ready. Talk with Rolf if you can help.
- k. Township Liaison. The emergency siren is now in sync with the county siren. It is tested the first Thursday of every month at 3pm. Rubbish pick-up times are changing. The start time will gradually move from 8am to 6am and will be implemented incrementally over time. Building permits are now needed for insulation, windows and siding. The township had to add these additional permit fees because of pressure from the State to implement our own fees or use the County/State rates of \$70 - \$90. Our fees for any of the above will be \$50 and are effective July 1, 2012. There will be a special Township Board meeting on June 29 for budget adoption and approval of the attorney and CPA firm for the Township. ORV Reminders: you can ride on any street; however, the speed limit is 25 mph, you must stay as far to the right as possible, and if an ORV/golf cart is involved in an accident, the ORV/golf cart is always assumed at fault. There was a question about recycling shrink wrap. Lincoln Sanitation will pick it up but it is not recycled. There is a place in Cadillac that will recycle it.
- l. Website. Roger is now putting all community calendar events on the website. He has added all tentative weed treatment dates to hopefully help members plan their vacations at the lake.
- l. Muskrat Control. Kim reported that he could not find anyone anxious to take on our lakes. He did identify a person who traps for the Road and Drain Commission. He does not have a license to trap out of season, only in season, which is the best time to do it and the pelts bring the most, about \$15 each. If we have him do it in the fall, he will not charge us and do it for the pelts only. If we want him to do it out of season, he would have to get a special permit from the DNR and he would charge us. Rolf asked for a show of hands as to how many would want to do it now vs how many would want to wait until fall. It was decided to wait until Fall.
- J. Proposed By-law changes. Merle Harmon, the chair of the By-law Committee, led the discussion about how the board had approved a draft of updated by-laws, and that the membership would be asked to vote in September. Highlights will be in the next newsletter and both the current and proposed bylaws will be posted on the website.
- K. Neighborhood Watch/Expo. Jan Penton announced the Expo in conjunction with the Clare County Sherriff's Department will be held in the village of Lake George on Saturday, June 16. There will be bike raffles, face painting, finger printing, police equipment demos, such as diving equipment, jetskis, quads, helicopters, a new police car, etc. There will also be craft and information booths, food, clowns and many other activities. Jan also mentioned there was an email sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to receive the weekly police reports for our area.
- L. Old Business. None.
- M. New Business.
  - a. Zoning Reminder. Contact the Zoning Administrator, Al Lambert, for ANYTHING and EVERYTHING you want to do on your property. You may save yourself time and money later.

- b. Dog Ordinance Reminder. The township ordinance says you must leash and pick-up after your dogs.
  - c. The new road end ordinance, preventing docks and overnight parking of boats is now a State Law. Violations should be reported to the police.
  - d. Buoys in the lake. A permit is needed to place a buoy in the lake. Violations should be reported to the police.
  - e. Tom Godau brought up the fact that we have gotten away from discussing Safety issues at these meetings. We used to have the marine patrol/sheriff present to discuss these issues and many agreed that was a positive thing to do. He also reminded us that there is a speed limit on the lakes and the maximum boat size on Lake George is < 21 feet. People seem to be going faster and faster and many do not know the definition of "no wake"; i.e. the slowest speed possible to maintain forward motion. We should all help enforce these issues to help maintain safety and protect our lakes.
  - f. Buoys are missing from the swimming area of Shingle Lake Park. Fred Evenson will locate the buoys and will be in charge of them in the future.
- N. Silent Auction and 50/50 Results.  
The 50/50 winner won \$86.  
The Silent Auction brought in \$519. A huge THANK YOU to all the donors and to all the bidders. Your feedback would be appreciated as to whether or not we should do this again in the future.
- O. Motion by P. Swanson, second by D. Briggs to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am. Motion carried.