

# Lake George Property Owners Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

**May 9, 2013 (Approved June 13, 2013)**

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- A. Meeting called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 9:56 am.
  
- B. Roll call. Present: Bill Bringer, Debbie Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Fred Evenson, Merle Harmon, Rolf Hudson, Sandy Kotch-Myer, Jan Penton, Connie Tuck, Warren White.  
Excused: Marcia Wentworth.
  
- C. Minutes from April 11, 2013 were reviewed. **Motion by Jan, second by Sandy to fix two minor typos and otherwise approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.**
  
- D. Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Merle, second by Warren to postpone the Treasurer's Report until the next meeting. Motion carried.**
  
- E. Correspondence. Merle has received a letter from leuter Insurance discussing a way in which we could save a little money on our liability policy if we went with them. **Since we have just signed with Bonham, it was decided that we will revisit this next year at renewal time.**
  
- F. Committee Reports.
  - a. Auditing – The audit of the books will occur before the September meeting.
  - b. Boat Parade/Street Parade – the boat parade is Saturday, July 6 and the street parade is Sunday, July 7. We discussed having signs to advertise the parade and certificates for winners and participants. **Motion by Cindy, second by Merle to have Connie pursue 6 signs to be placed in strategic locations, and to also have Connie work on certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places, plus general participation. Motion carried.**
  - c. Boater Safety – the class this year will be June 22 with details as in previous minutes.
  - d. Directory – Bill is starting to work on the new directory coming out this Fall. He will be sending out memos to the businesses next month.
  - e. Fund Raising – We have several great donations for the Spring Auction, including items from Eagle Glen, leuter Insurance, County Wide Septic, Lincoln Sanitation, Dan Dan the Mattress Man, Snow Snake, Harmony Hill, The Doherty, the Lake George Campground, J&D Market, Isabella Bank and several local merchants. **Motion by Cindy, second by Merle that we establish a separate account at Isabella bank for the proceeds from the auction this year, plus the proceeds from last years' auction, plus the \$200 donated by Isabella Bank. Also that this fund will be called "Community Improvement" with the current target of**

**contributing to a new Pavillion at Shingle Lake Park if the township proceeds with the project. Motion carried.** The group also discussed the current situation with Luke Hamlin Field; i.e. that apparently the Township board will be letting this lease from the gas company expire. We discussed the history and the many great uses for this part, such as softball, tennis, walking/nature trails, dog park, etc. **Connie will do some research and discuss with Carol Majewski.**

- f. Hospitality – Cindy has several volunteers to bring baked goods to the General Meeting on May 26.
  - g. Lake Quality – Fred attended the MLSA conference April 25 – 26. He stated he learned a lot and that in general our lakes are in pretty good shape. He discussed effects on fisheries of having seawalls vs natural lakefront. **Fred will report on the treatment schedule of our lakes at the General Meeting on May 26.**
  - h. Membership – Dave reported that we received about 25% success with our “Miss You/Want You Back” campaign. These new people will be sent the Spring newsletter so they don’t have to wait to see a benefit. Rolf has procured 4 pamphlet holders to be placed at businesses. **Dave will add our logo to the pamphlet and send to Rolf for printing and to place in the holders around town. Staples will be doing our printing in the future.**
  - i. Merchandise – Sandy will explain the new logo at the General Meeting. We will have a small amount of koozies, hats, hoodies, and tshirts for the General Meeting, and will be taking orders for more. The board discussed colors and sizes to buy for this first order. **The board will all be wearing the new tshirts at the meeting.**
  - j. Newsletter – The latest newsletter came out last week. Fifty extra copies were printed to handout at the meeting if somebody did not get one. We got a very good price for the printing from Staples and we are considering the future of our printer/copier. We will be doing a Summer Newsletter. **Rolf will replace the newsletter in the display box outside the township hall with the pamphlet when it is finalized.** We discussed the newsletter being on the website and that it really is a benefit of membership and anyone can visit the website. **Motion by Bill, second by Sandy to no longer post our newsletters on the website and that Rolf will notify Sheryl. Motion carried.**
  - k. Township Liaison – The next board meeting will be Monday, May 13. Merle reported that yard waste pickup service started last week.
  - l. Community Liaison – Jan mentioned the upcoming Expo on June 15 and that fliers will be out very soon. Also, there is a Neighborhood Watch meeting this afternoon at 2pm. Warren announced the Boosters Fish Fry on May 17.
- G. Old Business.
- a. Muskrat Update. We have the name of a trapper that will trap for free in the fall, but it is illegal to do so now unless he has a special permit. Members will have to sign a permission slip to allow him access to your property to trap. Permission slips will be available at the Labor Day Meeting. In the meantime, the LGPOA will purchase 6 live traps for members to “borrow” to do their own trapping if they are interested. **Rolf will create a form to sign out**

**the traps and Fred will own the process of where to pick them up, how long they can be out and where to return them.**

H. New Business.

- a. Memorial Day Meeting Planning. Discussed who will do what and the set-up for the room. **The board members will be on-site at 8:30 am.**
- b. Loon Signage. We used to have signs at both lakes and want to put them up again. **Motion by Dave, second by Deb to have Marilyn Hudson purchase two signs at \$45 each as well as posts as needed to install at both access sites. Motion carried.**
- c. **Motion by Fred, second by Dave to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am. Motion carried.**

**The next board meeting is Thursday, June 13 at 10:00 am.**