

LAKE GEORGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2013 (Approved August 8, 2013)

- A. Meeting called to order at 9:58 am by President Rolf Hudson. Rolf and the board welcomed Gail White to our group.
- B. Roll call. Present: Bill Bringer, Debbie Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Fred Evenson, Merle Harmon, Rolf Hudson, Sandy Myers, Jan Penton, Marcia Wentworth, Gail White. Excused: Connie Tuck.
- C. Minutes from previous meeting. Not completed yet but will be distributed and approved electronically.
- D. Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Jan, second by Bill to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.** It was noted that the "Money Deposited for Special Projects" is part of the Edward Jones money market checking account, and is our "Community Improvement" fund.
- E. Correspondence: Rolf reviewed a thank-you letter sent from Gail for the donations in memory of Warren.
- F. Committee Reports;
 - a. Auditing. Will be done before the September annual meeting.
 - b. Boat Parade/Street Parade. There were only 6 boats in the parade. The winners were as follows: 1st place "Toy Story", the Abraham family, 2nd place "Gilligan's Island", the Petru family, 3rd place "Uncle Sam's Patriotic Band", the Shaw family, and 4th place, "Good Ship Lollipop", the Ross family. There was much discussion about whether or not to continue the parade in the future and it was decided we would put an article in the newsletter and also discuss with the membership at the September annual meeting. We also discussed the possibility of doing the flares again, as many people have asked about them.
 - c. Boater Safety. Fred reported that the boater safety class was attended by 20 people. Next year the class time will be extended to 9am – 4pm, adding one additional hour. Boater Safety information is available at the Secretary of State offices.
 - d. Directory. Bill reported that the notices to advertisers will go out later this month.
 - e. Fund Raising. Gail will replace Warren on this committee. The committee will have a follow-up meeting at 10am on Thursday, July 18 to discuss further actions.
 - f. Hospitality. Cindy reported that she will make calls for donations of baked goods but will be cutting back.
 - g. Lake Quality. Fred reported only a couple people have made use of the muskrat traps. Dennis Zimmerman did a clean out of debris at the drainage site for Lake George. This is a Drain Commissioner responsibility, but there is no money to spend on this activity, so the Township got permission from the gas company to go on their property to do the clean-up.

We discussed the speed limit and size limit of boats and how that is being abused. Rolf will write a letter of concern to John Wilson regarding size, speed and illegal (small) MC numbers and remind him this is a police ordinance in our township and to enlist his help in enforcement. This letter will also be published in the next newsletter to remind all the members of the rules and what they should do if they see a violation.

Dave Deleeuw discussed, and showed us, what he found in the lake in front of his new home as an example of the junk in our lake and how a general clean-up would benefit. We will have this display at the September annual meeting. There was discussion about the large quantity of dead/dying snails floating on the water since around the 4th of July. Fred will check into this at the next meeting he attends on lake quality.

- h. Membership. Dave mentioned he received another new member from the "Miss You" campaign. That takes our membership to around 210.
 - i. Merchandise. The Expo brought in \$438 in merchandise and another \$39 in special orders. It was decided that we will only do special orders at the Memorial Day and Labor Day membership meetings. Cindy and Sandy will do an inventory and will place an order prior to the Labor Day meeting. They were given approval to spend up to \$500 and to seek further approval if the amount goes over that.
 - j. Newsletter. The next newsletter will go out two weeks prior to the Labor Day meeting. Dave will get the mailing labels and stamps to Rolf by August 1.
 - k. Township Liaison. At the township meeting, lake levels and boat size were discussed. It was also mentioned that the Harrison Library offers free computer classes, including Windows 8.
 - l. Community Liaison. Jan mentioned the NWA meeting today at 2pm. She was pleased with the turnout at the Expo and has lots of plans for additional activities next year. The veterans memorial at Citizens Park was dedicated before the street parade. There will be a flag at the memorial by next year. Jan will also talk with all the merchants in town and will suggest they all purchase and display a flag during the summer holidays. Additionally, she will investigate if this is something Ringley Hardware could carry and sell to the downtown merchants. Gail mentioned upcoming Boosters Club events in September; the Chicken BBQ on September 1 and the golf outing on September 21.
- G. Old Business.
- a. Mentoring. Discussed how we could use resources for lakeclean-up activities and could we possibly tie into Earth Day in April. Suggestions were made regarding Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, as well as the National Honor Society. Cindy will check with Farwell Schools.
 - b. WinterFest. We again briefly discussed this issue and decided we cannot take it on as most of the board members are gone for a good part of the winter.
- H. New Business.
- a. Dave has a returned copy of "Saving the Family Cottage. This is a great book available for our membership to borrow.
 - b. Motion by Merle, second by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 am. Motion carried.**