

Lake George Property Owners Association

Corporate Membership Meeting

September 1, 2019 DRAFT

1. **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** President Troy Kibbey called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll call:** Present: Troy Kibbey, Rolf Hudson, Kent Cousino, John Jordan, Dave DeLeeuw, Bob Barkley, Nancy Shaw, Rick Kibbey, Connie Tuck, Jan Penton, Kelly Clark, Absent (unexcused): Joe Rentz
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the General Membership meeting of May 26, 2019 were read. Motion to approve the minutes after one minor correction was made by Errol Bucher seconded by Cindy Englehart to approve. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's report:** A summary of all account activity was presented. Our current combined total is \$33,173.14. John read all of the bank accounts and their balances. Fish fund \$315 is the present value of this fund. There was a question as to where our extra \$3000 was spent. John explained that many of the expenses this year were tied to the 50th Anniversary, i.e. giveaways for the Expo, shirts to sell, etc. Motion was made by Gail White to approve, the motion was seconded by Wayne Harrington to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.
5. **Correspondence:** Troy received an email from a large group who assists in the restocking of fish in lakes. He wanted to bring it to our attention so we are aware he has a contact if the membership wants stocking fish in our lakes investigated more.

Dale Majewski - Fire Chief of Lincoln County passed the boot for muscular dystrophy. They are issuing burn permits. Can still use fire pits.

6. **Introduction of Current Board:** Board members introduced themselves and their role on the Board. We discussed the election. Mark Featherston made a motion to approve that the person with the least amount of votes will fill the 1-year term that Jan Penton decided to step down from. Deb Briggs seconded the motion to approve. Motion passed.

Dennis Zimmerman made a motion to close the ballots as presented and Mark Featherstone seconded the motion. Motion passed. All those who were running, Russ Smith, Craig Henry, and Lori Heimburger, for a position introduced themselves. Ballots were collected. Five people were on the ballot and all five will have a position on the board.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Auditing:** The annual audit was completed by Rick Kibbey, Kelly Clark, and one member at large, Kim Hamilton on August 10, 2019. All books were in perfect order.
- b. **Boat/Street Parade:** Nancy – Next year’s boat and street parade will be held on Saturday. She thanked all those who participated and donated in and for both parades. We had new signs made this year. Dollar General threw away some of the new signs but one was retrieved. A person asked if we were going to continue having the parades. The Board decided we will continue having both parades. Troy suggested that we need help with these from our members to help make these successful.
- c. **Boater’s Safety:** Joe Rentz was absent so no report was given. We will have more to come in our newsletter.
- d. **Directory:** Troy Kibbey and Bob Barkley are working on this. Be sure to update your information so you receive the directory.
- e. **Fund Raising:** We currently don’t have any fund raisers so we need to either come up with fund raisers or we have to cut back on what we are spending/donating.
Gail asked if there is any mention of an auction at the membership meetings. This was briefly discussed.
- f. **Hospitality:** Connie made sure that coffee and cookies are available.
- g. **Lake Quality:** Joe Rentz was absent so no official report was given. Dave DeLeeuw does check on every boat tournament we have at Lake George. The last tournament, all fisherman caught their limit (catch and release), one bass was well over five pounds. Deb asked if we can spend some of money to restock our lakes with fish so they have time to grow. The fish report does state what is suggested to restock our lakes with; however, we do not know how much it will cost. It was suggested that we research the cost for stocking fish. We also need a survey for Shingle Lake. Tony Clark asked if the bass tournament fisherman would donate towards our fish fund. Dave DeLeeuw thought they would not because they are trying to make money. Rolf Hudson made a motion to form a committee to research the fish fund to determine the cost for Lake George as well as look to get a survey for Shingle Lake for a fish report. Rick Kibbey seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- h. **Membership:** Kent Cousino – 153 total members. We received five new memberships this morning. Those who signed up stood to introduce themselves. Mark Featherstone asked how we had 208 members in May, but only have 153 now. Dave explained the influx of members. The membership goes up during our “Miss You Want You Back” campaign.
Nancy Shaw reminded us that you don’t have to live on the lake to be a member of the LGPOA. This may not be clear to residents in the area as it was not initially clear to her.

- i. **Merchandise:** Connie Tuck is selling what we currently have, including taking orders for our new logo stock - hoodies are \$30 and zip-ups are \$35.
- j. **Newsletter/Website:** Rolf Hudson – see Kent if you did not receive the last newsletter that just came out – your information may not be up-to-date. Thanks to the Rolf Hudson for doing the newsletter for so many years! Troy hopes to get someone to take this over or at least help with the newsletter.
- k. **Township Liaison:** Rolf is asking Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor to speak on his behalf about township updates.
- l. **Community Liaison:** Jan Penton – generally boater’s safety is the last Saturday in June. The Expo is the third Saturday in June. She thanked the Board for being co-sponsors. She asked the membership if anyone wants to support our efforts, please speak up or get a hold of the board members.
- m. **Guest Speaker:** Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor, spoke to the group on a wide variety of pertinent topics including:
 - Roger Carey will return as the Township Zoning Administrator. His office is located at the Lincoln Township Hall.
 - On September 3rd Dean Kress will take over the Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Part of his duties includes ordinances such as blight, dogs and kennels, fireworks usage, and excess noise.
 - Golf carts – most people have abided by the golf cart regulations. However, there are two areas that need to be mentioned: a golf cart may not be driven on any road where normal speed limit is more than 25 mph. Persons under the age of 16 years old are not allowed to drive a golf cart. Anyone under the age of 16 driving a golf cart can be ticketed.
 - There have been dozens of reports regarding the 100-foot rule violation on Lake George regarding. If there is not room to clear 100 feet away from seawalls, docks, swim rafts, and other watercraft, including kayaks, rowboats, pontoons, and other speed boats.
 - Gypsy moths – if you believe you have a growing population, you may qualify for 2020 treatment. If you believe there is an issue, contact the Clare County Gypsy Moth Control Department.
 - School Buses and Carts & Horses – reminder to observe bus laws and stop until children have safely crossed the street. Also, respect the horse-drawn vehicles on the roads.
 - Clare County Road Commission – Projects that can be funded in part by townships will be considered by the CCRC for 2020.
 - CLMP – The annual water sampling on Lake George and Shingle Lake were conducted towards the end of August/beginning of September. At this time, both lakes are in good shape and actually have shown slight

improvement since the program began in 1990. Nutrient loads a down a bit, water is clearer, and we have been able to keep zebra mussels away.

- Future Township plans include a possible collaboration with Freeman Township to do a chip and seal road improvement project. They are exploring the idea of installing cameras at certain sites throughout LG and at Shingle Lake Park.
- Election in November for a bond renewal.
- The Fire Departments would like to add additional men and women to the roster.
- We have openings on both the Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Contact Dennis Zimmerman or Carol Majewski for details.
- Township Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Township Hall at 7pm. Regular meetings of the Township Planning Commission are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Township Hall. Regular

n. **Old Business:** None to report

o. **New Business:** Elections – There are 2 three-year terms available and 2 positions up for re-election plus a 1-year term for Jan Penton’s position. We had five members on our ballot so all members will fill one of the five positions.

Suggestion for the newsletter – add that you don’t have to live on the lake, but the bi-laws state that you have to own property ½ mile from the lake(s) or you can be a business member ½ mile away from the lake(s).

For new members – if you give Jan Penton your email address, she will put you on the list to receive the police report.

Question about the fish committee – isn’t this a good time to form the fish committee? Yes, this is the perfect time! Anyone who wants to be a part of this committee stay after the meeting so we can discuss.

p. **Public Comment:** Concern of the wakes being created was brought up – if this is an issue; we need to write congress people, senators, etc. These wakes are creating property erosion and seawall damage. Gail White asked if we could create a new ordinance about these boats. Unfortunately, it was brought up that people would not follow a new ordinance because they don’t always follow the speed limits, the 100-foot rule, etc. How do we as a group address these questions? The best way we can tackle this is to write letters to our congress and state legislatures; however, please note that we are also fighting the boat lobbyists.

Go to Michigan.gov to get the legislators information to send emails. We can also put this information in our newsletter. It was suggested that the LGPOA write a note to the membership asking those to reconsider the use of their boats. The boats in issue are the boats that have extra water weight in the back and have people surfing.

Dale asked if we could get a DNR at this meeting next May to address these issues. He also asked why we don't have a flair lighting at the 4th of July any longer. It is a good way to bring the lake community together.

50/50 Winner of \$169 was Ted Christoff and he donated \$50 back to the fish fund.

- q. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Rolf Hudson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy Englehart. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.