

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: All board members were present except for Dave, Tom and Jim.

GUESTS: 24 Guests were present.

Vice-President Dennis Kilburg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the 2011 Annual meeting was presented. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A copy of the 2011/2012 annual financial report was made available to all guests and was reviewed. There were no changes, corrections or additions. There was a motion and a second to approve the financials. All were in favor.

FUNDRAISING BALANCES: Monies raised and brought forward to date are as follows:

Fireworks	\$1,458.36	(\$14,000 paid for 2012 fireworks)
Fish Stocking	5,289.50	
Fishing Derby	1,926.29	

MEMBERSHIPS: As of the end of May, 381 members have signed up for membership. This is down from 450 last year. Recommendations of having an application form on the website as well as publishing a list of names of the membership were recommended to increase numbers. Membership packets also need to be brought up to date and handed out to new property owners.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Dave Arendt wrote a letter that was handed out to the members. It read: The state of the association is good. We are in sound financial shape. An overwhelming majority of the comments we receive with the dues checks are very positive.

Members continue to support the fund raising objectives such as the annual fireworks display, fish management program, and the fishing derby. Everyone seems to enjoy these activities.

I would like to express my appreciation to Barbie Ahrens for continuing to attend the association board meetings. I know they can sometimes be a little difficult, but Barbie takes our concerns as our desire to make the lake better, and not just criticisms.

I would still like to see more property owners as members of the association. It is the strength of numbers and the spirit of community that will enable the association to better represent the interests of every property owner at the lake. I encourage everyone to speak with their neighbors and encourage them to be a part of the Association.

In conclusion, it has been my pleasure to serve on the association board as its president. I would like to thank each of the board members, the unit leaders, and all the volunteers who give of their time and energy to help make Lake Ponderosa a fun and pleasant place to be. Much of the atmosphere at Lake Ponderosa is dependent on us, the property owners. By working together we can accomplish much more than if we each try to go it alone.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: LPA AND UNIT LEADERS:

FIREWORKS: Date is set for Saturday, June 30th @ 10:00 pm. The causeway will close at noon for set up. \$14,000 has been paid with any remaining balance to be applied towards next years' event. The two can cages which have been very successful. Thank you goes out to all the volunteers who maintain the cages as well as to the Marina and Super Value for letting us use space to set these up.

BOAT RAMP: The fence has been replaced with Jim and Ed taking care of the labor. The yellow poles need to be put back up for protection to the new docks. Landscaping around the flagpole was funded and headed up by the unit leaders and looks wonderful.

BOAT RAMP DOCKS: The new docks have been paid for in full.

FISHING DERBY: Harry Meek has volunteered to head up this event again which will be held Fathers Day weekend. It has been limited to ages 15 and younger and will have three categories, pan fish, catfish and small fry. Over 125 kids participated at last year's event.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The pancake breakfast served 109 people and made a profit of approximately \$600.00. It is held in conjunction with the lake wide garage sales which bring in hungry bargain hunters.

TOUR OF HOMES: Tour of Homes was spear headed by Pat Richards who is not a unit leader. She did a wonderful job. The Unit Leaders presented a check for \$3,000 to the association for the Ice-cream social, tour of homes and cook books that they sold.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Jo Ann Stiffler reported that a meeting will be held to determine if there will be an ice cream social this year. People will need to step forward and help for this to happen.

FISH MANAGEMENT: We hired a fish management company and the report indicated that we have an over abundant amount of fish for the habitat and therefore we will not be stocking any fish this year. Another sampling will be done in Spring 2012.

ROADS AND RUNOFF EFFORTS: Barbie reported on the access's that have been repaired and what needed to be finished on them before they move forward. Several others are being assessed as to what the best options will be to prevent future run off into the lake.

LAKE WATER BEING TESTED MONTHLY: Carter Thompson takes a sample from six locations every month to assure our lake water is safe. All reports to date have been very good. He has been paying for the testing out of his own pocket.

STORM SIREN: Carter has this tested monthly on the 3rd Saturday.

NO WAKE BUOYS: Three new ones have been purchased and installed this year. They should not be moved and if you see anyone doing so you should report them to Barbie. They will be held responsible for any property damage done by moving them.

FISH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: The lake was shocked and Ed and Bob rode along. The report is not back on recommendations for what should be stocked. Some members were concerned about not stocking walleye and that is what they gave their money for. The board assured that no money has been taken from that fund to date for the management program but will in the future.

NEW ROOF: A new roof has been put on the association building and garage. Mike Plants donated his time and labor. Materials were billed directly to the association from Ponderosa Supply.

SEPTIC SYSTEM MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE: Roger Holck has met with county officials on what their requirements are and how they keep records. He found that Barbie had better records than they did and they agreed that something needs to be done. They are looking into a data base to store the information but budgets are done until year 2014.

NEW EVENTS OR INITIATIVES FOR 2012 – 2013: We need to encourage more property owners to join the association. Other suggestions were to require rip rap on shorelines and the removal of broken down lifts, docks, etc.

LPA WEBSITE AND NEW “TRADING POST” SECTION: Denny DeNooy has taken over the website and has done a great job. He recently added a trading post section for Lake Ponderosa property owners and would like more pictures and the possibility of adding a lost and found.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

DIAMOND TRAIL BIKE PATH LAWS: It is not legal to operate non-licensed motorized vehicles on the bike path along Diamond Trail or the abandoned road just south of the dam. You could be stopped and receive a ticket. Comments regarding the “path” along the lake were brought up but that is also county owned and illegal.

NO WAKE BUOYS: The board ask all property owners to please leave the no wake buoys alone. They are where they are for safety and protection of shorelines and docks, and they are very expensive to have to keep replacing.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN: The speed limit on lake roads is 20 mph. Excessive speed on the roads is one of the largest deterrents to smoothing out the roads.

OTHER: Jet skis fly by other boats and docks. It is common courtesy to slow down and to pay attention to your surroundings. Trash seems to be less of an issue. There are several people that take it upon themselves to pick up trash through out the year and not just on clean up day. People living here are taking more pride in their community.

OPEN FORUM: Concern was expressed regarding the tunnel signage and that it is hard to see if anyone is coming from the other direction. There did not seem to be enough concern to change the signage. The bathroom in the association building also needs to be over hauled which will be done before winter. Any non property owner found fishing should be turned into the Ahrens. They are considered trespassing.

MOTION TO INCREASE ANNUAL DUES FROM \$25.00 TO \$35.00: This increase would help funds in the case of hog confinement applications and other unforeseen legal battles. It was moved and seconded from the floor to increase the price effective 1/1/2013. All were in favor.

VOTING FOR NEW LPA BOARD MEMEBERS: The three nominees for the open positions were asked to introduce themselves. Robert Helmick and Stan Gerdes said a few words. Terri Pothast spoke about her brother Dave Vajgrt who was unable to attend. No nominations from the floor were presented. A motion for acceptance by declaration of acclamation was made and seconded. A special thank you was given to Dennis and Tom for their years of service as well as the board in general and the Ahrens family.

There was a motioned the meeting be adjourned and a second.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Thursday, June 14, 2012.

LPA Annual Meeting will be the second Saturday in June, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Allen