

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: All board members were present except for Dave A., Barbie and Stan.

GUESTS: 30 Guests were present.

President Ed Leedom called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with introductions of the board members. A round of applause came from the floor to recognize the board for all they do.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the 2012 Annual meeting was presented. There was a motion by Bob and a second by Dave V. to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A copy of the 2012/2013 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 from the floor to approve the financials. All were in favor.

AUDIT: An audit of the financial statement was done by Roger and everything was found to be in order. The one thing Roger found is that the yearend financials end on May 31st vs. the June 30th per the by-laws.

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

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| Fireworks | \$1,720.73 | (\$14,000 paid for 2013 fireworks) |
| Fish Stocking | 5,234.50 | |
| Fishing Derby | 1,883.79 | |
| Building Restroom | 2,150.00 | |
| Contingency Fund | 4,855.00 | |

MEMBERSHIPS: As of the end of May, 387 members have signed up for membership and four more joined this morning. This is up from 381 last year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Ed explained the purpose of the association is to be a go between with attorneys, county sanitarian and the Ahrens family. Members should 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.

TRANSFER UNIT LEADER ACCOUNT: Laura explained that \$1941.94 was left over in the unit leader's account and transferred back to the Association. This was allocated to Tour of Homes to start off expenses that will be incurred. \$1,000.00 check was made out to Vicki Gorman who is spearheading this event.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TORNADO SIREN: Carter has had it tested twice so far this year and it has worked perfectly.

BOAT RAMP: The recent flood waters retrieved a piece of the leg that was missing from the ice during the winter. Dave and Harry replaced it and got them secure.

BOUYS: There are still a few that need to be replaced but they have been purchased. There was a concern from the floor regarding one on the East Lake, North cove.

POP CAN CAGES: We still have an ongoing problem with garbage. Everyone can help by mentioning to anyone they see dumping garbage there. The dirty baby diapers can get really nasty. A big thank you goes out to Julie, Deb and DeeDee for taking care of the cages at the lake. Also, to Jim and Bryce for doing the one in town. White lattice will be added to the cages to hide the contents.

ANCHOR: It was decided to cut back on the Anchor for a couple of years and see how it goes. There will be an issue February, April, June and October. The winter months are hard to get contents to fill it. Laura wanted to announce that the preparation fee was being donated back to different fund raising events.

BUILDING: A new air conditioner has been installed. We still need a new floor and plumbing in the restroom which is one of the fund raising events this year. The floor in the building where the new part connects to the old is separating and will also need some attention.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The pancake breakfast served 179 people and made a profit of approximately \$671.04. We had a great turn out despite the weather.

WATER TESTING: Carter took it upon himself to start testing the lake water to make sure it is safe for kids and grandkids. He will be taking the first sample today which consists of five samples from each lake. This is then sent in and tested for e-coli. He will continue to do this every month through October. A member from the floor has been doing some research on the algae which produces heavy in warm, shallow water and can cause illness. He has spoken with John Ahrens and will be getting more information on how to eliminate this. Regarding the septic systems, there is a new County Sanitarian and Roger commented that he will be attending the next regular board meeting. He appears to be on our side and wants to see stricter enforcement, starting with record keeping and making sure people have contracts to maintain their system. This may cause some issues for some lot owners who are violators whether known or unknown.

WEBSITE: The board gave Denny DeNooy a round of applause for the terrific website. Denny reported that there was an issue with the Trading Post and he personally went to Ames to speak with the host about it and got it corrected. He encourages everyone to send in pictures and is open to suggestions to make it even better.

HOG CONFINEMENT: We recently fought a hog confinement that was going up two miles away by Prestage Farms. We ended up settling out of court and that will be what the future contingency fund will be used for. Prestage signed an agreement to not only stop the building two miles away but also within a six mile radius of the three lakes. Other companies are still out there but we will fight them as well. We also want to mention that we had help from individual home owners who created their own legal fund and rose over \$20,000 to help fight this. Carter also presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the beautiful homes and all the fun activities going on out here, which we feel was significant. Lisa Gassman from the floor offered her assistance as she works with the Marshall County Board of Supervisors and is familiar with a lot of the issues we have here.

ROADS/ACCESSES: Barbie was unable to be here today. As far as where the Boards goes, we get a lot of slack and we don't have any authority to do anything about it. We give

recommendations, requests and ideas to Barbie who passes these on to Ponderosa Utilities. We are trying every month to look for answers or new innovations to pass on. There is power in the people. We have heard there is currently a law suit regarding the billing system and how the utility money we are charged is being spent. The party was present and would be happy to speak with anyone regarding this after the meeting.

UP COMING/NEW EVENTS OR INITIATIVES FOR 2013-2014

FISHING DERBY: Harry Meek has volunteered to head up this event again which will be held Fathers Day weekend (next weekend). It has been limited to ages 15 and younger and will have three categories, pan fish, catfish and small fry. Jim Knoblauch also mentioned the sponsors for the t-shirts that the kids receive free because of them. If you still would like to be a sponsor, he will be available today until 5:00.

TOUR OF HOMES: Tour of Homes will be spear headed by Vicki Gorman. It is scheduled for July 14th from 12 – 4 and tickets will be available that day in the Marina area. There is more information to come and Vicki encouraged everyone to bring friends and family. She would like to thank the people that have opened their homes and would like to have one more volunteer. She has had over 50 no's to date.

GUIDELINES/RULES FOR BOAT/MOTOR SIZES ON LAKE: We recently heard that a 40' speed boat was coming to the lake and decided to look into what other lakes did in cases like this. We did some research and have come up with "guidelines" to present to the Ahrens to consider for the future.

GUIDELINES FOR USING "BUBBLERS": This is a tough situation as there are many expensive docks that homeowners try to protect from the ice in the winter. However, this last winter presented a problem with too much open water and people that want to ice fish, snowmobile or ice skate are at risk of running into thin ice or not being able to access the lake at all. We have done some research on how to use these bubblers such as timers and when they are actually necessary. It is our wish to maintain a happy medium for all lot owners. The open water also keeps the geese here which are a detriment to our water quality.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS: Roger mentioned that he felt Lake Cimmaron was a real problem because of all the tiled farm land around it eroding into that lake which will eventually end up in our lake.

Another member from the floor asked if there was a guideline for how far docks could extend out into the water. The answer was no limit.

Another member has been speaking with another dredging company about how to dredge and how much it would cost. They recommended scooping it out and putting it on a barge and removing it completely, also the removal of stumps should be done at the same time. They said if the silt ponds are full, it will just come back in. Their price would be less than what we pay for a year and could have one cove each year done for that price. There is still ongoing talks to get a more concrete estimate. Our dredger has been sitting on the lake for a month but it doesn't even float. Question is, are we paying for everyday?

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

DIAMOND TRAIL BIKE PATH LAWS: Although efforts have been made to change the law, it is still 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 BOUYS, SIGNS AND FLAG: No wake means that any wave you make should not have any effect on the shoreline by the time it reaches it. This is regardless if it is because of high water or in more shallow coves. This is to prevent damage to personal property, docks, lifts and the shoreline itself.

LAKE RULES: These are on the web and in the Anchor. Be sure your guests know the rules.

VOTING FOR NEW LPA BOARD MEMEBERS: Three board members terms were up. Ed Leedom and Dave Arendt agreed to re-run. Jim Cocking did not. There was a nomination from the floor for Bryce Vander Kamp to take his place. A motion for acceptance by declaration of acclamation was made and seconded. A special thank you was given to Jim for his years of service.

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

The next regular meeting of the board will be Thursday, June 13, 2013.

LPA Annual Meeting will be the second Saturday in June, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Allen