

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: All board members were present except for Dave V.

GUESTS: 30 Guests were present.

President Ed Leedom called the meeting to order at 8:05 am with introductions of the board members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the 2013 Annual meeting was presented. There was a motion by Bob and a second by Stan to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A copy of the 2013/2014 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.

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

Fireworks	\$3,486.59 (\$15,000 paid for 2014 fireworks)
Fish Stocking	7,174.50
Fishing Derby	947.17
Contingency Fund	1,377.00

MEMBERSHIPS: As of the end of June 15th, 423 members have signed up for membership.

REPORTS:

TORNADO SIREN: Carter has the siren tested the second Saturday of every month. So far there have been no issues.

BOAT RAMP: There are a few things missing on the docks but will be getting those replaced. Because the docks are further apart, there are some issues with the concrete approach going into the water. This has just come up and further discussion regarding widening this will continue at future board meetings.

BUOYS: All buoys are in place. The one that came loose by the causeway is back in as well. There are a lot of "prop" bites from boats running them over which causes water to leak in and then they sink. It costs the association around \$300 every time we need to replace one. If you see one out of place, please do not move it yourself – contact a board member.

POP CANS CAGE: We currently still have two locations. One is here at the gate arm and one is in town by Super-Valu. Please thank them the next time you are in there for the space they provide. This has been an excellent fund raiser but couldn't happen without our volunteers. Julie Maas, Bryce Vander Kamp, Deb Wolfe and crew. Please sort your cans from the plastic and bottles and be sure not to include any trash.

ANCHOR: The Anchor has been terrific since Lynn Carlson took it over. She does a great job in getting it out on time despite late articles. She also has a knack for putting fun things in and

graphics to make it more interesting. Laura added that Lynn donates back the money she is paid to do this. Everyone should tell Lynn thank you if you see her.

BUILDING: The restroom has been repaired by Robb Redlinger. The extra funds raised for this was transferred into the general fund. There is a problem with the floor which will need to be fixed in the near future. There is a large crack between the old structure and the new which is getting increasing bigger. We may need to do a fund raising event for payment for this.

WATER TESTING: Carter took it upon himself to start testing the lake water to make sure it is safe for kids and grandkids a couple of years ago. Since that time, he is happy to announce that the lake is clean and safe for swimming. A recent sample was just sent in for testing.

WEBSITE: The board gave Denny DeNooy a round of applause for the terrific website. He has lots of great pictures of the fishing derby as well as general pictures taken here at the lake. If you see him, please thank him for everything he does at no charge to the association.

ROADS/ACCESSES: Different products have been tried over the past year and it seems the current calcium chloride is working pretty well. If anyone has any issues such as culvers, general road conditions, etc., please get them to Bill Ahrens so they can get on the list.

SIGNS: Please thank Dave Arendt and Bob Helmick for putting up and taking down the signage for every event.

FISH SURVEY: Everyone here should feel blessed to have access to this great fishing lake. We currently have 9.3 million fish. Harry kidded that if you can't catch fish here, you better take up golf. All the averages were good on the bass and crappie. It was recommended to add approximately 1,000 walleye in the fall. The official report will be in the Anchor and on the website.

SEA CREATURE: There has been a new species found at the lake with a scientific classification of Phylactolaemata. It can only live in freshwater environments and they live in colonies. When they mature, some types stick to the parent colony, some fall to the bottom, some contain air spaces that enable them to float, and some remain in the parent's cystid (outer casing) to re-build the colony if it dies. They can be transported across long distances by animals, floating vegetation, currents and winds.

UP COMING/NEW EVENTS OR INITIATIVES FOR 2013-2014

FISHING DERBY: Harry Meek volunteered to head up this event again which will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting today. 156 kids have signed up and will all receive tee-shirts and prizes. This is the 16th year Harry Meek and volunteers have made this event a success. Harry and Jim Knoblauch asked that we patronize Bass Pro Shop and the Lake Ponderosa Marina for all their support over the years.

DREDGING: The board started looking into dredging alternatives about a year ago. They have spoken with Superior Seawalls and received a bid of \$86,800 for 10 days. This bid has been shared with the Ahrens family but they are getting some additional bids. They plan on getting something done yet this year and will be going outside vs. keeping it in house as years past.

WELCOME PACKET: Several years ago we had a welcome packet for new owners which included contacts, rules, and general information. This dissolved with the Unit Leaders. A new packet was presented at the board meeting Thursday night for approval. Once approved, we will have some made up and handed out to new lot owners as well as have them on hand at Jumpin' Jimmies for anyone who would like to have one.

BLUE GREEN ALGAE: Mr. Wilson came to a board meeting and spoke with us about the blue green algae in the coves. We have purchased the product recommended at keeping this down to a minimum which needs to be sprayed on the surface with a 30 gallon tank sprayer. The cost of the product was \$1,500.00 for 30 acres which is only 10% of the total lake. As soon as it blooms, we will be out spraying.

FIREWORKS: Will be held Saturday, July 5th at 10:00 pm.

ADULT FISHING TOURNAMENT: Stan Gerdes and Doug Klemme have organized an adult fishing derby to be held July 12th from 6:30 to 11:00 am. There is a \$20.00 entry fee, you must have a live well and release fish after they have been weighed/measured. This will be for bass and crappie.

REMINDER 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.

ATV: Please remember to have lights on at dusk and abide by the Iowa state laws as to age appropriate drivers.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: The board brought to the members an issue of some of the winter meetings being hard to get to because of weather. According to the by-laws, if a board member misses three meetings they are off. There is also a limitation of the members that want to go south in the winter not being able to attend all but three. Many great board members have had to resign because of this and there are so many other things we do besides the meetings. A nomination was made that the board hold nine meetings throughout the year. It was seconded and all were in favor.

OPEN FORUM:

FLOOD INSURANCE: The 1990, 100 year flood map has been replaced with one that predicts water levels eight to twelve feet higher than previous. This will hurt the property value out here

but we plan on fighting this. Kalona has fought it and got changes made. We are currently working with the DNR and the county has proposed to get NFIP. Premiums could range from \$200 to \$10,000 per year.

ELECTION OF LPA BOARD MEMEBERS: Three board member terms are up. Julie Maas, Carter Thompson and Jim Knoblach, all agreed to re-run. Bryce Vander Kamp asked to resign so he could spend more time down south for the winter. Robb Redlinger agreed to run in his place. A motion for acceptance by declaration of acclamation was made and seconded. Robb introduced himself.

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

The next regular meeting of the board will be Thursday, July 10, 2014

LPA Annual Meeting will be the second Saturday in June, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Allen