

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2015

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

GUESTS: 36 Guests were present.

President Dave Arendt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with introductions of the board members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the 2014 Annual meeting was presented. There was a motion by Bob and a second by Julie to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A copy of the 2014/2015 annual financial report was made available to all guests and was reviewed. There were no changes, corrections or additions. Bob made a motion and Ed seconded 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	11,377.00

MEMBERSHIPS: As of the end of June 12th, 386 members have signed up for membership.

REPORTS:

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

BUOYS: All buoys are in place which includes two new ones purchased and installed this year. 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: Julie Maas stated we have changed personnel regarding the pickup of the cans and it seems to be working out great. We are ahead of where we were last year.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The pancake breakfast was a success. There were around 175 people served which brought in \$1200.00. Less expenses, we had a \$983.13 profit. Thank you everyone who got up early to get things ready and worked the start of your holiday weekend.

WATER TESTING: The IOWATER testing program is now being used here at our lake. It is a physical and chemical assessment of water quality that will be carried out bi-monthly till we get a data base on 3 permanent and 2 occasional sites for now. Chemical tests performed are pH, Nitrite/Nitrate, Dissolved Oxygen, Phosphate, and Chloride. All test results except pH are listed as mg/L. For comparison sake 1mg/L is equivalent to 1" in 16 miles. There are also habitat and biological assessments.

Following are Iowa lake averages (1st), and test results from our Site #1 on 5/28/15 (2nd).

	IOWA	Site#1
pH -	8.5	8
Nitrites -	0.0mg/L	0.0mg/L
Nitrates -	0.07mg/L	0.0mg/L
Dissolved Oxygen -	8.7mg/L	12mg/L
Phosphate -	0.08mg/L	0.0mg/L (New test media on order)
Chloride -	22mg/L	0.08mg/L (<25 is lowest reading on test)

Test results are available to anyone by going to the IOWATER web site using the following link

<https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowater//database/viewdata.asp>

The site numbers are:

- 979060 Center of mouth of "Bay of Pigs"
- 979061 Center of West Lake at center of "Harms' Bay"
- 979062 Center of East Lake at center of "Brus' Bay"
- 979063 Start of bay between entrances 6/7
- 979064 Start of bay between entrances 8/9

Go to site, enter our site number, click "get site" and pick date from drop down menu and then "standing water log", then "get log". You then have access to full test data reports.

At this point in early testing our lake is in pretty good shape, the main parts of East/West lake are healthy according to Iowa lake standards. The big, and I mean big problem appears to be the holding ponds around the West lake. They are all shallow, full of silt, large congealed mats of Algae, scum and mosquito habitat. Any heavy rainfall moves every bit of that through the culvert directly into our bays and eventually into the main lake.

Ed will be making a chart and graph so we can see trends.

Carter sent in the first e-coli and the levels were a bit elevated but not alarming.

WEBSITE: Dave wanted to remind everyone that there is a "Trading Post" section on our website that is free to use for lot owners.

FISHING DERBY: Harry Meek volunteered to head up this event again which is held the Saturday of Father's Day weekend every year. 125 kids have signed up and will all receive tee-shirts and prizes. This is the 17th 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.

FLOOD ZONE CHANGES: The flood elevation is going back to the 100 year plan and should be updated July 16th of this year. Thank you to Ed Leedom who assisted in many ways in getting a hold of the people needed to get this changed. It would have affected 80% of property owners here at the lake.

FISH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Harry Meek stated the May results were not back in time for the Annual meeting. It was a great test and perfect timing. He stated if you can't catch fish here, you better get a different hobby. He did mention that there were few grass carp and wondered if we needed more. They do not reproduce.

UP COMING/NEW EVENTS OR INITIATIVES FOR 2015-2016

BLUE GREEN ALGAE: Dave A. spoke with Jo Ahrens. She informed him that they have contracted to have the lake treated for algae this year. The application will be performed by licensed applicators. Exact date will depend on weather and conditions.

She told me she has also spoken with David Kercheval about his pond. He has spoken with one of the Seaton's about dredging his pond, but they are waiting until it is dry to do this to minimize tearing things up.

NEED TO ENCOURAGE MORE PROPERTY OWNERS TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION: The question was raised as to why join? What in the benefit? An explanation of some of our accomplishments was presented such as fighting off two hog confinements - which included the largest hog confinement corporation agreeing that they would not pursue property within six miles of our lake. New gate arm to help keep our lake private, new tornado siren for our safety, fire hydrants and new entrance signage to help direct our family and friends. Not to mention the numerous social activities.

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. The No Wake Buoys are in place where they are for safety and protection of shorelines and docks, and they are very expensive to have to keep replacing. Please – all property owners – leave the no wake buoys alone.

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

OPEN FORUM:

ELECTION OF LPA BOARD MEMEBERS: Three board member terms are up - Dave Vajgrt, Stan Geerdes and Bob Helmick. Bob agreed to re-run. Rod Curren and Rob Lenstra

agreed to serve on the board. A motion for acceptance by declaration of acclamation was made and seconded.

OPEN FORUM: Dennis Kilburn asked if the new County Sanitarian is working out. Dave stated yes, he does inspections and keeps track of contracts. Also mentioned was the fact that no one from the Ahrens family was present. He felt that a letter should be sent from the LPA to the President of Ponderosa Utilities and the President of Ponderosa Development asking for the President to be present at the next annual meeting. Dennis Kilburn made the motion, Dean seconded and all were in favor. Dave brought up a previous concern regarding being non-profit and having a \$58,000 balance in our possession. Because we have sent out the membership letters, the most of our money has just been brought in and very minimal will be coming in for the next 7 – 8 months. We tallied the expenses from last year for those months and determined that we would just have enough money to pay the taxes, electric, and other expenses that come with running an organization and owning a building.

Jim Wilson wanted to thank the board and stated a previous comment about this board being a “social club” was incorrect – way beyond that and again thank you.

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

The next regular meeting of the board will be Thursday, July 9, 2015

LPA Annual Meeting will be June 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted

Laura Allen