

LAKE PONDEROSA ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2015

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

Guests: 9 guests were present.

President Dave Arendt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES: Bob made a motion to accept the May minutes, Rob seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bob moved and Stan. seconded to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

FUNDRAISING BALANCES: Carry forward from fiscal year ending May 31, 2014 and raised to date:

Fireworks	\$	4,780.13
Lake Management	\$	7,064.50
Fishing Derby	\$	3,427.72
Contingency Fund	\$	17,022.00

We have 369 Current paying members and 38 Advertisers.

OPEN FORUM FOR NON-BOARD MEMBERS: Dave Arendt addressed the concern brought up at the last meeting regarding the funds. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tornado Siren: The siren has been tested and in working order

Boat Ramp: Gate still has issues with cards not working. We reloaded everything again and still find that some cards are not working. We will have to again call the Door Doctor to determine why. We will ask Barbie if she can have the lake patrol try the cards as people come in to determine exactly which ones still are not working.

Buoys: Harry Meek and Rick Trabert has replaced the necessary buoys and put the others back in place where they should be.

Septic/Water Testing: Carter should have the e-coli results back so they can be posted before the 4th of July. 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.

Roads/Accesses: The recent down pours has caused some gullies again. Joey started working on them today.

Building: Dave would like everyone to meet a little early on Saturday to go through the building and determine what needs to be repaired. We can then make a list and prioritize.

Event Signage: Julie Maas and Stacy McKenna put up the Annual Meeting signs. THANK YOU. They noticed that some need to have the weeds and grass trimmed around them.

Pop Can Cages : Are empty as of today. We are ahead money wise from where we were at this time last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

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 Seatons about dredging his pond, but they are waiting until it is dry to do this to minimize tearing things up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anchor Articles: Articles are due this week.

Fishing Derby: Harry stated that as of today there are only 90 kids registered and the cut off date is this weekend. Jim Knoblauch is doing T-shirts again and the tent will be set up at 1:00 on Friday.

Bob moved and Julie seconded the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 9th, @ 7:00 PM.

Annual Meeting will be Saturday, June 13th

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Allen