

LAKE PONDEROSA ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members not were present except for Barbie.

Guests: 6 guests were present.

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

MINUTES: Bob made a motion to accept the April minutes, Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

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

Fireworks	\$	3,254.73	(\$15,000 has been paid for this years fireworks)
Lake Management	\$	6,904.50	
Fishing Derby	\$	3,187.72	
Contingency Fund	\$	16,692.00	

We have 369 Current paying members and 38 Advertisers.

OPEN FORUM FOR NON-BOARD MEMBERS: Jim Wilson questioned our financial status and would like to see a zero balance at the end of every fiscal year except for what is specifically allocated towards events. He also has done more research and passed around some photos of his lawn which has no weeds and he uses no fertilizer. Fertilizer and farm runoff are the main reason we get algae. He noticed thirteen lot owners spreading fertilizer on their yards and can guarantee that not a one of them know if nitrates was in this product. He also noticed that one of the silt ponds has this alga and it was being pumped into the lake. He has two people lined up to drag the silt ponds and lake with Cooper Sulfate for \$50.00 an hour. This will get rid of the algae but we would need 1,000 pounds of it. It would also have to be done every year until it is under control and then it would have to be maintained. Regarding the farm runoff, he spoke with Des Moines Water Works and was told that only 1,600 farmers voluntarily tile their fields to reduce run off. He has spoken with senators regarding a bill to make it mandatory. The board offered to take this to the Ahrens's family as it is not our lake to "put chemicals" in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Boat Ramp: Gate has had issues with cards not working. We got a hold of the Door Doctor and went through a few things. We will be reloading soon and try again.

Buoys: At least one buoy needs to be replaced which will be done as soon as Dave gets his boat in.

Septic/Water Testing: Carter did an e-coli testing so we can get a baseline before Memorial Day weekend. Jim Wilson, Ed Hartman, and Jim Knoblauch will all be taking the IOWATER testing class. Here are the answers provided by Mary Skopec to the questions members of the board posed. It looks like we do not qualify for their e-coli testing.

The introductory class covers nitrate, nitrite, phosphorus, water clarity, chloride, pH and some basic habitat measures. The tests are all field kits – that is to say the monitoring person conducts the test in the field and gets an immediate result. There is no fee for the testing supplies beyond the initial cost of the training. There is an advanced class that

covers E. coli – that class normally takes about 3 hours to conduct in addition to the 8 hours of the introductory course. The bacteria are cultured for 48 hours (in your home, office, etc.) for the volunteer to read. The DNR offers bacteria testing for state, county or city owned beaches through our beach program. Those analyses are run at our state laboratory at no cost to the city as part of our cooperative program. The local folks take samples and send them to our lab from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We have results in about 2 days.

The question of how often to test is up to the volunteer – normally we would recommend at least monthly during the non-ice months (March – Oct), but more frequent testing helps you understand the water quality more fully than less frequent testing. For the beach program, we test E. coli once a week during the recreation season (but again it is up to the local folks to decide how often they can and want to test). Ed motioned that we pay for the fee for the class, Jim Knoblauch seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Roads/Accesses: No report.

Building: The door knob to the front door needs to be fixed or replaced. Laura will have Mike look at it.

Event Signage: We will need to put the signage out for the Pancake breakfast this Sunday. Ed Hartman offered to help Dave get this up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dredging: Dredging is completed for 2015

Welcome Packet: Still waiting on one thing from the Ahrens family. We are hoping to have this by the 20th.

Clean-up Day Report: Had an awesome turnout of 40+ people and filled up the dumpster plus more. Thank you everyone that showed up to help.

Garage Sale Info: Laura is getting some items to list. Julie Maas offered to help distribute the flyers. Thanks Julie!

Pancake Breakfast: May 23rd. Jim, Bob, Robb, Julie and Stan are all planning on being there. We will need to recruit a few more people. Set up will be Friday and the Exercise class may be doing this for us. All items have been purchased and will be there prior to the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anchor Articles: The Article on injury and water should go in the next Anchor along with the water testing results.

Board Nominations: We have three open spots this year and only two people so far interested in running. They are Rod Curren and Rob Lenstra. Bob Helmick, Dave Vajgrt and Stan Gerdes have all satisfied their three year commitment.

Bob moved and Julie seconded the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 11, @ 7:00 PM.

Annual Meeting will be Saturday, June 13th

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Allen