

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 9, 2018**

**Members Present:** All board members were present except for Rob and Randy.

**Guests:** 25 Guests were present.

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

**Secretary's Report:** A copy of the 2017 Annual meeting minutes were presented. Bob moved to accept the June 2017 minutes, Karen seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** A copy of the 2017/2018 annual financial reports were made available to all guests and were reviewed. There were no changes, corrections or additions. Bob moved to approve the financial reports, Ed seconded. Motion passed.

**Fundraising Balances:** Monies raised and brought forward to date are as follows:

<b>Fireworks</b>	<b>\$36,837.28</b>
<b>Fish Stocking</b>	<b>13,309.00</b>
<b>Fishing Derby</b>	<b>5,572.68</b>
<b>Contingency Fund</b>	<b>34,070.00</b>

**Memberships:** As of May 31, 2018, 433 members have signed up for membership.

**Reports:**

**Fireworks – Can Drop Offs:** Julie Maas gave an update. We have done very well by collecting over \$14,000 for can donations this year. Julie thanked the great group of volunteers who help with sorting the cans. She also said they are always looking for volunteers. Anyone willing to help, they sort on Monday mornings at 8:30 am by the boat ramp.

**Lake Water being tested twice monthly during the season:** Ed Hartmann gave an update. Since the 2017 annual meeting there have been 6 complete water assessments in three different locations on both East and West lake. Physical test includes air/water temperatures, wind speed and direction, weather conditions, water clarity, water level and odor. Chemical testing includes pH, Nitrite/Nitrate, Dissolved Oxygen, Phosphate, and Chloride levels. Iowa DNR sets standard levels both nationally and state wide. During this testing cycle between 6/7/17 and 6/5/18 all criteria for Lake Ponderosa have been below State of Iowa standards in every category. Our lake is very healthy, thanks to property owners for choosing no phosphate lawn fertilizers and keeping sewage functions under control. Special thanks for keeping cans, bottles, and garbage in your boats and keeping our lake beautiful as well. The IOWATER state program which oversaw and funded this water health program was stopped. The Lake Ponderosa Assoc. board of directors has decide to continue funding this important program by agreeing to purchase testing supplies and I have volunteered to continue testing as long as I have supplies to do it. The Board appreciates Ed's efforts in testing our water.

**E-Coli Test Results:** David Arendt gave an update. E-Coli tests are done three times a year. The last one was done just before Memorial Day weekend. The results were less than 10. Over 256 is considered hazardous to humans. Lake owners will always be informed if ever there is a problem.

**Storm Siren – tested monthly during storm season:** Robb Redlinger gave an update. Sirens are tested the second Tuesday of every month.

**Fishing Derby:** Harry Meek gave an update. This event is held the Saturday of Father’s Day weekend every year. 95 kids have pre-registered and all receive t-shirts and prizes. This is the 20th year Harry Meek and volunteers have made this event a success. This is the fourth year Karen McNaul has solicited donations from business owners and ordered the t-shirts. Gift bags will be put together Thursday and the tent will be put up Friday at noon. Appreciate all the volunteers who help with this event.

**Fish Management:** Harry Meek gave an update. The fishery was surveyed in April 2017. The next survey will be done in Spring of 2019. 1500 walleyes will be stocked this fall. Ed gave an update on the tagging program. Lake Ponderosa has a first class fishery.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Karen Meek gave an update. There were 273 served with donations of \$1,658.00 less expenses for a total of \$1,334.37. Thank you everyone who helped get things ready and volunteered to help serve.

**LPA Website and “Trading Post” section:** Karen Meek gave an update. Working on keeping the information found on the website current. Appreciate Denny DeNooy who volunteers his time to update the website.

**Swimmer’s Itch:** Dave Arendt gave an update. Discovered over Memorial Day weekend. Last a couple of weeks. Every healthy lake will have this happen when conditions are just right. Some people are more reactive than others. Water proof sun block seems to help you from getting. Board will keep others informed if there is an outbreak.

**Ice Fishing Stickers:** Ed Leedom gave an update. The stickers are something to consider. Ice fishing at the lake is good. However, a lot of the people fishing are not property owners. A sticker won’t stop anyone from fishing who doesn’t belong here but the presence of a sticker requirement may make a difference. It will cost the Association \$4 per sticker. Patty moved to implement an ice fishing sticker program and charge a one-time fee of \$5, Bev seconded. Motion passed. Property owners will be notified.

### **Discussion Topics:**

**Diamond Trail bike path laws:** not legal to operate non-licensed motorized vehicles on the bike path along Diamond Trail or the abandoned road south of the dam. You could be stopped and receive a ticket. This also applies to the grassy portion of the dam which is part of the county road right of way.

**No Wake Buoys –** Ask all property owners to please leave the no wake buoys alone. They are where they are for safety and protection of shorelines and docks, and they are very expensive to

have to keep replacing. The Board recently agreed to have the Marina replace three buoys for \$100.

**Please Slow Down** – The speed limit on lake roads is 20 mph. Excessive speed on the roads is one of the largest deterrents to smoothing out the roads.

**Open Forum:**

Ed proposed the Board consider contacting Ponderosa Utilities for them to work with the private land owner north of 480th Avenue. The two acre pond on this land needs to be treated for duckweed and algae. The problem is the run-off to Lake Ponderosa. Two possible solutions could be purchasing grass carp and/or treating with copper sulfate. There would have to be 12 to 15 grass carp purchased per acre of the pond. Ed moved to have the Board contact Ponderosa Utilities to implement a plan to work with the land owner for a solution, Bob seconded. Motion passed.

**Election of LPA Board Members:** Three board member terms are up – Randy Waschkat, Bob Helmick, and Rob Lenstra. Rob will not be running. Marilyn Jackson introduced herself and has agreed to serve on the board. Paul moved to accept the three candidates for three year terms, Patty seconded. Motion passed.

David Arendt thanked Rob Lenstra for his service on the Board. Also, he thanked the Board members and the volunteers for all that they do.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting, Paul seconded. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Thursday, June 14, 2018.

LPA Annual Meeting will be June 8, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Meek