LPA board meeting

April 13, 2023

Attendants Tom, Shane, Steve, Karen, Dedee, Vicky

Open Forum Roger Cousins, Marilyn Jackson, Ed Hartman

Minutes from the last meeting approved by Susan H. and seconded by Vicky

Steve review the financial report- fund balance this year at this point is up over $30,000

The Boat Ramp account is still in the hole, so money was taken out of the general fund.

The Fish Management fund is also up from contributions last year. At the end of the year last year, we were at $3,235 up to $6,390 this year.

Motion to approve financials made by Tom, seconded by Vicky.

Presentation by Marilyn – asked if LPA board would help fund map boxes at several entrances at $160 each.

Suggested solar lights attached to the guard rail posts on the causeway. We do not know the cost yet.

Larry has a tool to get the weeds cut that grow over the road on the causeway. Need a group to help do this. The “causeway crew”.

Marilyn says it is impossible to get bills to us. She feels the form is not easy to fill out. Thursday night doesn’t work for her to come to meetings because it is her night out to do something. Can we simplify forms? They feel that they are just an extension of the board. Steve mentioned setting a threshold of the amount they can spend without LPA board approval.

A threshold was set at $200 which needs prior approval. The Chairman of the sub-committee has final approval for the lake beautification sub-committee for receipts.

For material directly tied to their goals.

A suggestion of the Ahrens family taking over the control of weeds on the causeway. Dedee asked Marilyn if the committee would ask Barbie if they would be willing to take over doing this.

Shirley Hepner was not in attendance at the meeting. She presented concern regarding John’s yoga classes, because he was losing money on it because he pays more for insurance to hold classes in LPA building, and it is much greater than the free-will donations he gets for teaching the classes. When John was approved to hold the classes, it was agreed that he could not charge for classes it was free will only. And that classes had to be listed on his insurance policy. Shirley is worried that the classes will be dropped In looking into it an insurance rep told Dedee that an addition to his policy, that $400 added supplement is very high. We need to know what LPA buildings insurance policy covers, we were told his policy would pay first for these classes, and if we were listed as a sub-policy as an additional insured. If we are not listed, the payment would be 50/50 LPA and his insurance.

It was questioned whether any participant could just sign an affidavit that they free LPA from liability of injury etc. Vicky suggested that someone talk to John personally to see what the additional cost of the policy is. We might pay for this subdivision of his policy etc.

Roger is questioning the junkie locations and what the beautification committee does anything.

Where is it documented about having junk, is it on the abstract? Tom mentioned a paragraph when they send out information for stickers. How do we enforce this? It was told that Ponderosa Utilities is the entity that would enforce.

Also questioned access areas and who takes care of them. – Property owners of those accesses.

Questions about dogs on leashes – is there a county ordinance?

Boat Ramps and Dock. TNC adjusted the boat ramp docks so that the cement slab is now centered. Buoys are placed back in the water. She is not sure of the coordinates. We need to decide if we are going to spend the money to take them out again next winter. We paid $300 to remove and $300 to replace.

Electric Water heater. Is working fine but runs out fairly quickly. Ed Hartman suggested a tankless water heater.

Ed gave updates on costs a total of $339.08 for water testing etc. He will bring in the invoice when he gets it for all supplies etc.

Welcome bags- set time to come to pick up packets first Saturday in June. Roger said he didn’t get one. I will bring it to him or he saw I would be set up the first weekend in June.

Not too many responses on the boat ramp new codes, a reminder you have to hit # after your code. It is felt Barbie is maybe fielding some calls regarding this. Dedee put a note on the gate to do this. We might need to put another note out on Facebook. We were not informed of this by the company that installed it.

They also entered all individuals’ last names first and first names last. They are going to fix this, and will need to shut down – asked them not to do it on a weekend. When they do this, maybe we leave the gate open the day they work on data.

Buoy Placement requests have been approved and Vicky wants to table this to the next meeting.

Tom talked about when we will waive the rental for the LPA building. Need to update the contact form.

The decision was made as to when we will waive the fee. So, things weren’t up to our decision whether fees are waived. Tom will work on verbiage on a protocol form.

Shane discussed the fish survey – Shane called in January and didn’t hear back until last month. He can’t do it until fall or next spring. He is questioning why we shock every two years anyway, thinking we should go every 5 years. Erin Klusmier. Farmers National Company in Omaha. Price had gone up from $1800 to $2500. Pushing to Spring of 2024.

Ed questioned whether to keep the catfish in the lake and what are they eating. Shocking doesn’t reach the bottom so it will not reach bottom feeders.

We have 361 memberships so far but have a way to go to 486 by the end of the year.

Thank you, cards were signed by the donors, who gave over $500 in their membership payments.

Julie McDowell did the recording and documentation of membership.

They feel that she has spent 24 hours of time recording these for us. De dee recommended that we purchase a $100 gift certificate to pirates to thank her for her time. Steve approved and Tom seconded. Dedee will pick them up.

Lake Clean up Saturday morning at 9:00

Pancake Breakfast will be the event coordinator this year again. We tabled the discussion on this until the next meeting and ask Sunni if she can come to the next meeting. Added a bake sale this year as an additional fundraiser. The only way this will work if the community bakes for the bake sale. This will not be the LPA board’s responsibility. Dedee is hoping to help recruit some older kids to sell baked goods.

The assessed value of this building went up to $138, 840

The old entrance ramp gate ramp is leaning up against the Ponderosa utility garage and they want it gone. Dedee will post something on FB to see if someone is interested in it for scrap metal etc.

Ponderosa Utility sent out a letter that they want everyone to buy a new water meter. Cost $475 vetoed.

Erin Johanns asked if we can use can fund for student scholarships. All $ has be to used for fireworks it is earmarked and we have no way around it.

We increased insurance on the new gate. Has to remain closed at all times… but in the wind really is dangerous.

Steve will continue to help with financials and Mike will continue to help with insurance. Shane would also be willing to help with fish shocking and areas of fish management etc.

Vicky said we have a new shooter for the Fireworks show this year. Lee said that he would meet with them and come over and help them set up etc. They might be changing out products. Our products are in. We do have to renegotiate our contract again this year. It is good to have two sets of ears Vicky feels so that they don’t miss anything that they are proposing. Vicky asked Tom if he would be the second person to be present with Vicky at meetings with them. Vicky is asking Lee to still be involved.

Dedee notes that we will have three positions open and we need to start recruiting that are willing to be on the board. She will check bylaws on posting 30 days before the annual meeting. The people contending for seats will come to the annual meeting. If we don’t have more people contending for seats, we do not have to vote. We have to nail it down before the meeting. We need to know who might want to join within 30 days before the election on June 10th.

Dedee mentioned having someone clerical that helps her. She doesn’t want to step down as President, but cannot keep doing as much as she is going. We need to brainstorm on this. Suggested that we pay someone a flat amount of money per month to do clerical duties. Deciding what amount that would be and what duties would be. Vickey suggested that we do pay by the hour, however, because summer months would be busier than winter months slower. Are we getting into someone as an “employee”. Previously it was an independent contractor. That relieves us from insurance, workman’s comp, etc.