

LPA Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Sat. June 10, 2023

Board Members in attendance: Dedee Lehman, Susan Hayes, Karen McNaul, Mike Heitman, Tom Bates, Dawn Gee, Vicki Vopova, Shane Eickhoff, Steve Koehn

Dedee called the meeting to order at 10 am
Thanked everyone for attending
17 Lake members in attendance

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

- Minutes – review 2022 annual meeting minutes
Karen motioned to approve the 2022 meeting minutes,
Susan seconded
- Financial Reports - review financial reports
Dawn motioned to approve, and Vicki seconded

Updates:

- 462 LPA paying members at this time
- Water Testing – Dedee told us Carter Thompson was doing the Ecoli testing before Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. Levels have always been acceptable.
- Ed Hartman: 3 areas of the lake are tested. Water testing all tests were good, water, physical assessment, water clarity, Ph tests, nitrates, phosphates, chloride, and algae all good levels. Ed says the lake report has always been below the required numbers. Our lake is healthy. Ed says he's had no luck in getting Ponderosa Utilities to clean up the holding ponds. Grass carp keep the algae low.
- **LAKE PONDEROSA:** Dedee told the attendees that there are 3 separate entities for the lake. Ponderosa Utilities, Lake Ponderosa Association and Ponderosa Development. The LPA is responsible for the boat ramps, docks, and gates.
- Boat Ramp 2022 The boat ramp gate was hit and broken. It was left open for the rest of the year. The software was obsolete and couldn't be fixed. The LPA board requested estimates on the new gate. Ed started on this and brought companies to board meetings to give us estimates and educate us on the new systems. The new gate system cost us \$17,420.00 is the gate, software, card reader or number code system, and motor. Cameras are being looked into so we are able to see who

damages the gate when hit and they will be responsible for repairs. The question was asked by a lake member if the gate is any wider than the old gate. No, it is not. We are adding No Parking signs to keep people from parking where the boats swing out to enter the ramp.

- TNC did some dock repairs at a cost of \$525 The docks were recentered on the cement ramp and the board was informed that the docks are aging and will need to be replaced in the future.
- Lake Beautification Process – Marilyn Jackson reported that the committee meets twice a year in the spring and in the fall. Please make sure to attend the plant exchange and know that the master gardener is there to talk with us. This exchange is the last Saturday in April. Bob Gaskill is the one cutting all the nice signs around the lake. (Susan suggested we make a bingo map for the signs around the lake as a game for the kids to ride around and find them) The children's rock garden has been a hit! 60 kids in 2022 expecting more this year. The trash pick-up program has been great. Terri is looking for someone new to take the lead on that program. The causeway – flowers are blooming on the south end. Wildflowers, some coming up on the north end. Barbie does not want us to take care of the center part of the causeway. The entrances look nice.
- Decorating contest for homes roadside or lakeside. You must fill out the form and turn it in. Mailbox decorating, fall decorating, and Xmas light contests are a few of the things we do. Ted and Nancy are heading up the 4th of July Boat Parade.
- Buoys – Shane and Matt placed buoys in 2022. TNC dock is doing it for 2023 LPA will not move buoys from noted locations unless proper procedures are followed to process a decision.
- Lake Patrol – Barbie is working on “KEEP RIGHT” signs for the causeway.
- Fish Management – Shane says the annual survey was not done in 2021 it is done usually every two years. Walley is stocked annually – 1500 in 2022, 750 in 2021, and 1500 in 2020. 8” is the average size – Walleye do not reproduce in this lake. Terri brought up the rock pile that was put in front of Cox's house for fish habitat. There was a question about the Chasin' Cats company and all were informed it is catch and release.
- Pop Can Cages – Julie Maas, fireworks are funded by the pop cans. \$20,000 to \$25,000 each year for fireworks. Suggested all volunteers to sort cans. 2021 \$12,294 in can money collected, 2022 \$11,000 collected, as of 6/10/23 \$6970.60 collected. This is a good source of income.
- Welcome packets – Susan Hayes gives to all new owners. She set up last weekend for new members to come by and get their

bags. It is sometimes hard to connect with new owners as they aren't always around. If you know someone who is new

- Association Building Rentals – Tom Bates is handling the association building rentals. \$100 per day if a paid member with a security deposit. For non-paying association members, the charge to rent will be \$135 with a security deposit.
- 911 Signs – Vicki Vopava \$35 for signs need to order six at a time so this may cause a delay in getting your sign. Signs are \$35 It is the cheapest insurance for the First responders to find you quickly.
- Fireworks Show – Vicki Vopava, July 1st or 2nd rain date for fireworks to be decided. Products were traded out to save us money with the same quality of the show. \$22,000 for this year's show. We have a 3-year contract.
- Tornado Siren – LPA is no longer responsible for the sirens. The national weather service controls it. Poweshiek County also has the ability to control it.
- Pancake Breakfast - \$1934 raised this year. Bake sale \$316, \$1333.61 profit. Thank you to Pirates for donating part of the food.
- Fishin' Derby Sat. June 17th – Karen McNaul (Sunni Kegebein, Event Coordinator) 134 registered at this time. Prizes and trophies to be given as well lunch. Hats and shirts will be given out. This is the 25th year for the Derby.
- Dredging – Dedee told everyone the LPA has no involvement in the decisions on dredging. We as a board suggest you contact Bill with your dredging concerns. They have dredging planned for the east lake in 2024. Shane reported on the contact he made this last year and the response - which was none.

Open Forum / General Discussion

Steve is now off the Board but will still be doing our financials and taxes for us. LPA meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

Board Members:

- 3 Board members leaving.
- Kevin Smith will take a position; Jimmie Brown will take a position and a 3rd position is open still at this time.

Next Monthly Meeting is Thur. July 13th at 7:00PM

Next Annual Meeting will be Sat. June 15th 2024 at 10:00AM

Adjourn Meeting Dedee thanked everyone for attending and Dawn moved to adjourn meeting. Karen seconded. Adjourned 11:51