

LPA Board Meeting Minutes (*Unapproved DRAFT*)
Thursday Mar. 14, 2024

Meeting called to order - 7:02PM by president Dedee Lehman

Minutes – minutes from the last meeting were provided to board members via email prior to this meeting. No questions or corrections to the minutes. Karen made a motion to approve, seconded by Tom.

Financial Reports – board received clarification on the balance in the fish management fund, balance is correct as stated in the financial reports. Board members should look at the “Statement of Fund Balance” section of the report, fourth column, to see the balance as of the date of the report. There is currently \$5,594.00 in the fish management fund. Jimmi made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Vicki.

Open Forum – Scott and Lisa Eckman attended the meeting to discuss additional lake clean up efforts a group of residents are discussing. Nothing is finalized yet, the group is hoping to put together another day when lake residents could bring larger items to a designated place and drop them off. The group is talking with Audas (re roll off dumpsters) and Barbie at the lake office to brainstorm ideas. The goal of this event would be to encourage residents to get rid of larger items currently in yards, appliance and/or any smaller items stored in their homes. Residents would pay a small fee. The group is hoping to secure volunteers to help at the drop off point and help residents who need physical assistance.

Boat Ramp/Docks – there will a dock built at the boat ramp area sometime soon. Tom is working with this person; they are following the process.

Buoys – Three new buoys were purchased, labels on and ready to go. Family Marine (Tony) will put the buoys in soon. The new buoys need solar lights put on the top of them. Dedee will contact Matt Wright to see if there are any more lights and if not where they were purchased from.

Building Supplies – none purchased

Fish Management – Jimmi Brown reported the cost of walleye has gone up significantly from fall of 2023 to this year’s price. Jimmi is working with the company we purchased the walleye from to get a bid on having them perform the next fish survey. The board is interested in getting a more extensive survey which would include both sides of the lake. Jimmi will continue to work on this.

Event Signage – nothing to report

Pop Can Cages – nothing new to report

Ecoli/Water Testing – the two volunteers who have been doing the water testing for many years are the only individuals who know how to do it, and each of them perform a different type of

test(s). Board agreed we need to better understand what type of training is necessary to perform the water testing and what the options are if these individuals are unable to perform the tests for some reason. Dedee will call Ed Hartman and ask him for some history/input. Board also wonders why the LPA has been paying for the water testing supplies and tests if the water is the responsibility of the Ahren's family, Dedee will ask Barbie.

Website – see notes under Old Business

Welcome Packets – Susan will make up some more welcome bags and provide to Barbie at the lake office as needed. Barbie has agreed to give them to new lake residents as they come into the lake office.

Lake Beautification – no update, Dedee will ask the committee for an update prior to the next board meeting.

Old Business:

Anchor newsletter update - cost to produce this last edition was \$2,800. Extra costs due to extensive redesign. Feedback regarding the new layout has been positive. Funds paid by businesses to advertise is \$10,470.00 to date, will get additional funds from businesses doing full page inserts over the next few months.

Camera & Signs at Boat Ramp – Curt reports the cameras are up and functional and the video surveillance signs are posted. Board members who have access to the video need to verify past footage can be viewed from mobile devices. This project is complete, thanks to Curt for seeing this through!

2024 Fireworks Show – Vicki is getting a couple bids for event insurance. Everything else is going according to plan.

LPA Website – the technology/platform the current site is on is considered older and support is likely to become an issue. Also, for the past few years some residents have expressed a desire to pay dues/donations online. Next generation property owners do not write checks. Residents will be able to send a check if they want to. Board has checked into bids from two different website companies. Board has decided the bid from Global Reach best provides the functionality we are looking for. Board discussed pros/cons of spending the money on a site and after much discussion voted to approve spending the funds on the project. Up front cost is \$7,900 and monthly costs will be approx. \$300 (hosting, maint, support) per month. Board used to pay a non-board member secretary \$500 per month to perform much of this clerical work. Many hours of recordkeeping will be reduced as a result of the database included in the new website. Motion made by Karen, seconded by Curt to proceed per the bid.

Wakeboard boats / LPA Rules – Vicki shared the research she had performed with Barbie. Most articles found online refer back to a study performed by the University of Minnesota. Study reported the body of water should be at least 26' deep and 200+ feet wide. DNR has also published concerns with minerals and particles (potentially harmful to the lake wildlife/habitat) being stirred up due to the force coming from wakeboats in water that is too shallow for them. Vicki also provided likely viewpoints from residents who feel like the boats/wakes are not harming anything. LPA board has presented opposing viewpoints of this topic to the Ahrens family, will need to see if they take a proactive approach or reactive. Barbie will review this information and then share it with the Ahrens family.

2024 Membership Mailing – should be mailed by April 15th.

Refresh of Association Building – the building inside is dated and in need of some updating. Board would like to see the building maintained so it is used more often by residents and for events (generating rental income). Board voted to provide up to \$1,500 for this project, to include gel stain for kitchen cupboards and island posts, hardware pulls and knobs, countertop microwave and reimburse Susan and Dawn for funds they have already spent of their own money (if they wish to be reimbursed). Susan will also put some things that were in the building up for sale during the lakewide garage sales. Motion made by Vicki, seconded by Karen.

New Business:

Lakewide Clean Up Week – Susan will check with Barbie a few days before the event (early April) to make sure we are on the same page regarding the dumpster and any other details. Board had decided to hold the event for a full week this year. Make sure we discuss with Barbie prior to making the plan for next year.

2024 Board Member Positions – Dedee went over the terms of current board members. Board members need to let Dedee know before the April board meeting if they want to go off the board.

No Parking Areas Near Boat Ramp – Barbie put up two more “No Parking” signs late last year. Curt talked to Barbie about the resident’s sill parking in the no parking area. Barbie would like to wait a while longer to see if those signs are helping or not. Barbie told Curt she is willing to let people know they should not be parking there. Board would like to see those areas kept clear so that people making the turns in/out of the entrance/exit driveways are not restricted by vehicles in the way of making a wider turn.

Contractors – Board members will work on a process for if/when/how we provide opportunities to licensed contractors for work to be done. Discussed project work vs. emergency situations. Suggestion was made to send a letter to contractors asking them to reply if they would like to be included in LPA generated requests for bids. Will keep this on the agenda for our next meeting to finalize the discussion and decide next steps.

Pancake Breakfast & Fishin Derby – Karen and Dedee met with Sunni to get planning started. Volunteers will be needed.

Spillway – over the past couple years the lower lake level has brought attention to if/when the boards are put up at the spillway (which would retain water in the lake). Several board members confirmed water has been flowing out of the lake (at the spillway) the past couple of days. Concern is that if the lake levels are still so low that residents can’t get their boats off their lifts why is water allowed to flow out of the lake. Is it possible to retain the water in the spring to help when less rain is being received in the hot summer months? Jimmi heard the spillway crank mechanism is broken and would not allow the boards to be placed at this time. Curt will mention this topic to Joey to see what is true and what could be done. Board discussed it would be good if there was a set level if/when water level reaches the set level then the boards would be put on or taken off. What level was that in the past?

Memberships – LPA has received just over 50 paid memberships/donations so far.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Next meeting Thursday, April 11th 7:00PM