

LAKE GEORGE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 9, 2011

Directors or alternates present at this meeting: Spring Bank (N) Carroll _X_; Spring Bank (S) Zandstra _X_; LG Beach (N) Kruse _X_; LG Beach (S) Case _X_; LG Beach (W) Stiefel _X_; Forest Park (S) Strasser _X_; Forest Park (C) King ____; Forest Park (N) Parker ____; Browns Point (W) Uslar ____; Browns Point (E) Stander _X_; Kopekanee Beach Ferguson _X_ Kearns _X_; Spring Bank (M) Hagerman _X_; Nipigon Bch Mote _X_; Grandview Bch Schlatter _X_; Hanover Bch Newby _X_; Kope Kon (W) Brenneke _X_; Kope Kon Pte (E) Huffman ____; Bayview Burrows ____.

Officers present at this meeting: President Dave Stang, Vice President Paul Schlatter, Secretary Jennifer Shirey, Treasurer Marilyn Parrot

Members and guests present at this meeting: Ann Helmkamp, Elmer Helmkamp, Ann Kees, Red Kees, Renate Brenneke, Anne Ferguson, Judy Kuebbeler, Steve Parrot, Kent Hagerman, Nancy Stiefel, Karon Grant, Chris Grant, Lockwood Marine, Jerry Case, Sandy Heilman, Ron Heilman, Nancy Ricci, John Kindler, Sandy Jorgensen, Joy Kent, Don Parrish, Tom Stone, Ben Nienberg

President Stang called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All in attendance were asked to give their name and on which beach they live.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Jennifer Shirey announced that the minutes from last year's annual meeting and the June board meeting have been printed and copies are available.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Parrot announced that, for a second year in a row, there have been insufficient funds collected for the spraying of Eurasian milfoil. It was stated that funds will have to be drawn from the general fund to cover the expense. It was also reported that the DNR will take care of the expense for the spraying of Starry Stonewort.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that money be drawn from the general fund to cover the expense of spraying to eradicate Eurasian milfoil. Motion carried.

AWARDS FOR THE BOAT PARADE: Pat Burton - Pat and Megan Burton and Pete Hall organized the boat parade.

It was announced that 12 judges worked together to tabulate results. Mr. Burton reported that the traveling trophy (created by John Larimore in 1970) was to be awarded to the Hall's float which received the most points. Young representatives from the Hall family were present to receive the Trophy.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that up to \$350 be allotted for cash awards to the 1st through 4th place winners.

IV. Spirit of Lake George Paul Schlatter - Vice President announced that Joy Kent will be receiving the Spirit of Lake George Award for her many years of dedication to the betterment of Lake George. Also mentioned were Mark Davenport, Jim Tuthill, Bill Brenneke, John Calloway and the Anthony family for their immense help in the success of their fireworks display.

V. Family Award: Joann Stang announced the Family Award is being given to Jane and Terry Hamlin for their many years of hard work in organizing the Conservancy's fund raisers "Stem and Stein" and the "Taste of Summer".

VI. Safety /Patrol: Paul Schlatter announced that boaters have been lectured and cited for safety violations. In addition, it has been noted that boaters has been playing audio systems too loud and have been asked to reduce the volume.

VII. Reflections: Pat Burton - Many people have expressed an interest in a Reflections 2. Pat Burton has agreed to head up a committee to uncover more history and stories of old times at Lake George.

VIII. Dam Activities: Dave Stang reported there is a dilemma between the County and the LGCA regarding the ownership of the embankments abutting the Dam. There is some question who owns the embankments. The LGCA was given title to the land under half of the road to create a County road. More recently the County received permission from the State to expand (raise) the embankments when the higher bridge was installed. Until this dilemma is resolved there is some hesitation about the Tax District funding amounts to be requested. President Stang has been in contact with Ron Smith, Steuben County Commissioner, concerning this issue.

a. President Stang reported that a safety survey of the Dam was made in May 2011 by Patriot Engineering, Inc. This survey is required of owners of Hi Hazard dams - which is the level our dam has been classified. It was reported that if the dam's embankments are left as is, the embankment will eventually fail.

b. It was noted that the principal spillway of the dam under the bridge is not capable of passing 31 inches of water in 24 hours.

c. There was considerable discussion about which properties would be part of the Tax District and what would determine the assessment amount. Tom Kearns noted that Klinger Lake near Sturgis, MI reduced the assessment by 50% for back lots. Bill Brenneke stated that he believes and property directly benefiting from the lake be assessed equally. Connie Carroll noted that the sewer company and the County own property and they too should be assessed. It was also mentioned that Forest Park Beach goes back 3 rows and some people rent access to the lake. In addition, it was reported the County has divided some properties into parcels and each parcel is assessed individually. President Stang commented that care must be exercised to avoid the perception of unfairness and consequent lawsuits being raised.

d. Fireworks: Vice President Paul Schlatter reported that fireworks went OK.

X. Conservancy updates: Don Parrish - President Parrish announced that thanks to Chairperson Jane Hamlin and her committee, between \$19,000 and \$21,000 was earned at "The Taste of Summer" fundraiser. This figure is close to last year's figure even with attendance down by approximately 140 people. Don Parrish reported that only 60 to 62% of the Assoc. members contribute to the Conservancy. It was suggested that if all LGCA members would also pay to become Conservancy members, the extra revenue would help considerably with ongoing expenses. Contributors need to be aware that pledge payments do not count toward your yearly dues payment of \$25.

Joann Stang reported that the Boutique grossed \$559 the first Saturday it was open. Renate Brenneke representing the watershed committee announced that they have spent \$800 of the \$1500 allotted to them on water improvement expenses.

It was reported that 19 children have enrolled in the No Child Left Indoors program.

President Parrish reported that the finance committee is following up on old pledges and continuing to seek out new ones.

New Conservancy officers were announced. Ed Hasler will now serve as Treasurer. Stan Parrish will be replacing retiring Bill Brenneke as finance chairman.

President Parrish reported that the Markle property contract agreement will be paid off by November 1, 2011.

Vice President Paul Schlatter requested that, for those beaches with their own annual meetings, President Parrish be asked to attend and speak about the Conservancy's purpose and financial needs.

XI. LGCA election of 2011-2012 officers: Tom Stone and Nancy Stiefel headed the committee to nominate candidates for next year's officers. The following people were nominated:

President - Paul Schlatter

Vice Ppresident - Larry Frasier

Secretary - Jennifer Shirey

Treasurer - Marilyn Parrot

President Stang announced that he would continue to serve as president of the dam committee.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the above list of candidates be elected. Motion carried.

XII. Additional General Announcements:

A. The next LGCA board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 13th.

B. Welcome Basket chairperson Jane Mote reported that all but 2 of the welcome baskets were delivered to new Lake George residents and were happily received. The cost of the baskets were \$25 each.

C. Renate Brenneke, chairperson of the watershed and water quality committee, reported that signs asking people to wash their boats before entering the lake from the public access cost \$40 each. She also noted that because the DNR will not allow the signs to be placed on public property she plans to ask private property owners adjacent to the ramp if they would be willing to display the signs.

D. President Stang reported that the DNR has no control over the bass fishermen entering the lake for weekly contests.

Those present at the meeting gave a rousing applause in honor President Stang for his hard work and dedication given to LGCA during his 3 years as president.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shirey, Secretary