

**LAKE GEORGE COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2010**

Directors or alternate present at this meeting: Spring Bank (N) Carrol   X   Spring Bank (S) Zandstra   X   LG Beach ( N) Boomer       ; LG Beach (S) Case   X   LG Beach (W) Ort       ; Forest Park (S) Strasser       ; Forest Park(N)   X   Parker; Forest Park ©        King; Kopekanee Beach-Ferguson   X  ; Spring Bank(M) Hagerman   X  ; Nipigon Beach-Mote       ; Grandview Beach-Schlatter   X  ; Hanover Beach-Newby   X  ; Kope Kon (W) Schlatter       ; Kope Kon (E) Huffman       ; Bayview-Melchi       ; Brown's Pt   X   Stander,        Scheele,        Heilman   X   Uslar   X  

At a Directors Meeting only Directors are allowed to vote. Members may (are encouraged to) offer input/comments. Each of the above-listed Beaches are allowed only one vote. There were ten Beach Directors in attendance and eleven association members in attendance. All Officers were present.

President Stang called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. President Stang asked for any additional items which needed to be added to the agenda. No items to be added the meeting moved forward.

The president suggested that the minutes of the Annual Meeting on July 10 be considered and approved at this August meeting instead of waiting for one year(next annual meeting.) His recommendation was that copies of the 2010 Annual Meeting be distributed as approved minutes at the Annual Meeting in 2011.

**Motion** - Rick Stander made a motion that the July Annual Meeting Minutes be approved as written and Gary Zandstra seconded. So moved, approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Marilyn Parrot stated that we do not have an off-site storage at this time, but there will be further information coming at the next Directors meeting. She also reported that the Weed Fund donation amount needs to be considered when the dues budget is made up for next year.

President Stang stated that because of the shortfall in funds for the weed expense (which the general fund made up) can not continue to be made up from the general fund. This item will be considered for the next meeting. The following funding will be discussed at the next month meeting: **Dam Maintenance and or repairs    Fireworks    Walleye Fund    Weeds**

**Committee Reports -**

**Water Issues** - Bill Brenneke speaking for Rennate Brenneke state that there was no new business. He announced that the Conservancy is taking bids on a Watershed Study. It was announced that there is an algae bloom on the lake at this time and it is due to the natural change in the lake temperatures at this time of the year. Not anything to be concerned with, not toxic nor harmful to the fish, pets or people.

Gary Zandstra said a test for E-coli was run at the mill pond, this is a test done occasionally through out the year. The test showed that 52 parts per mil was present and the state standard

is 245 parts per mil, so we are in good shape.

**Safety** - Paul Schlatter stated that the Michigan DNR ordered that the information sign stating that the lake was patrolled be removed from the state property. He said that a rules paper will be posted on the Bulletin Board for all to read. Thanks to the owners of the island next to the public landing the sign will be posted there for those launching a boat.

Mr. Schlatter requested that Beach Directors not hesitate to let their property owners know when they see a violation or call the authorities and report the boat number or jet ski, etc.

**Weeds** - Mr. P. Schlatter as a Beach Director would like to have a list of those on his beach who have not contributed to the association dues, weeds, fireworks, etc. He and others on their beach pay as a group to have their beach sprayed for weeds.

President Stang said a letter went out last year to those who had not joined the association or had paid association dues but did not participate in donating to the different fund expenses. This created some criticism but it also brought in about \$6,000. The harsh words and extra work was worth the extra \$6,000. A similar letter is being drafted for this year.

**Dam Issues** - Dick Burrows who is spear heading the finance end of the dam issues said establishing a Conservancy district and a taxing district is very expensive and complicated. If there is anyone who has ideas or avenues on how to pursue or identify ways of financing this project please let him know.

Rick Weaver was unable to be here today, however, he is making progress in possibly finding an emergency spillway which may already be available. He has received a copy of the contour maps and is checking those carefully. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

**Walleye Fund** - Gary Zandstra reported that 200 residents had contributed to the Walleye Fund. Mr. Zandstra's opinion was that the lake benefits from the stocking and it is a voluntary donation on the budget. He feels that that the Walleye Fund should remain on the annual dues sheet as an item.

This item will be considered when the budget is discussed next month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

An apparent oversight last month at the Annual Meeting regarding the approval of the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. The By-Laws indicate 23 directors and the Articles of Incorporation state 9. So, we need to have a motion to amend the Articles of Incorporation section which states 9 directors to read up to 25 directors.

**MOTION:** Linda Hagerman made a motion to amend only the section of the Articles of Incorporation which reads 9 directors to read **up to 25 directors**. Motion was seconded by Elmer Helmkamp. Motion approved.

**Beach Directors** - duties and responsibilities? It was brought to President Stang's attention

that there is an outdated list of Duties and Responsibilities for the Beach Directors and this issue needs to be addressed. A question of how a Beach Director is elected, appointed or voted into that position. There is no clear consensus on that procedure. Each beach does their own thing in acquiring a Beach Director. Some are appointed by election or other informal means.

President Stang asked Jack Stiefel to come up with two or three sentence recommendation in the form of a By-Law that would give guidance/or a recommendation on the procedure on acquiring a Beach Director. He then requested that this be given to the directors to take into consideration as a By-Law. Also, it was recommended that there be a By-law which states that a Beach Director or his representative must attend so many of the five or six meetings or be asked to resign and a new director appointed.. All will be considered at the next meeting.

There will be a discussion next month on re-alignment of Directors duties, how many directors are on a beach and should some beaches have more than one director.

**By-Laws** - President Stang said By-Laws need to change with the times. Read them and if you see something which needs to be addressed or an issue you might have bring it to the board's attention.

**Dam Clean up-** DNR has requested that a Dam Safety Report be given to them 2010. They will consider waving this partially if we have chosen an engineering firm to begin studies: we are not quite there. DNR wants the weeds removed from the upside of the dam, there is a question as to what is considered protected species. The directors requested that DNR be contacted to clarify what weeds need to removed and exactly who is responsible for removing those protected species. Let DNR make that assessment first and get a letter stating the requirements.

**MOTION:** A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Zandstra and seconded by Paul Schlatter at 9:38 AM. So moved. Meeting adjourned.