

**Lake George Cottage Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting - DRAFT
Saturday, May 8, 2010
Lake George Conservancy Building**

President Dave Stang called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Directors and lake residents attending introduced themselves.

Shawn Dada who owns the marina, now called Fun Toy Store at Lake George told the group that they will be offering low-hour pre-owned boats, good service, and clear, no ethanol gas. He is hoping to open officially mid-June. He spoke of the benefit of no ethanol gas especially for outboard motors and said he hoped boat owners were willing to pay more for that motor protection. Phone number for the marina is 260-437-5466.

The President noted that the minutes of the recent January meeting will be available at the June meeting. Today's minutes will be out in draft form soon after the meeting to serve as reminders of the issues discussed and possible action items. The minutes will be presented to the BOD at the next meeting for adoption.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted without questions. Copies of the financial's were distributed by the Treasurer Marilyn Parrot and could be obtained by contacting her.

Committee Reports:

Safety & Patrol - Paul Schlatter reported that he and Joy Kent will be doing boat patrol this season. Paul is deputized in IN, OH, and MI. He reminded all that safety on the water is everyone's' job. Paul and Gary Zandstra will be setting out the lake buoys at the legal distance and if you should have concerns about the distances call Paul.

Insurance - Steve Boomer reported that the Association has Directors and Officers insurance, and the general insurance policy and bonding now in place all at a lower annual cost. A question was asked and needs to be researched – would dry fire hydrants lower the insurance cost?

Weeds - The President introduced Jim Donehue of Aquatic Weed Control. Jim reported that Starry Stonewort was discovered in the Mill Pond last year and the DNR of Indiana treated it last fall and will pay for treatment again this spring. This is a very invasive species and there is no “magic” treatment to take it out but the state is supporting this effort to keep it from moving downstream. Jim also reported that LARE grants will again not be available to Lake George this year. One third of the \$1.2 million in this State fund goes to invasive weeds and is spent on a very few focused projects in the state. The Association spent \$32,000 last year for treating Eurasian Millfoil; the only weed that is treated using Association funds. Donahue said that the Eurasian treatment needed to be continued this year and that Aquatic Weed Control would do the treatment for the same cost as in 2009 and would also do a GPS survey at no additional cost. The Directors voted unanimously to allocate dollars for this.

Breeze – The President reported that Ann Schwartz just does a “super” job as Breeze Editor. Bill Schlatter asked that a Conservancy letter be distributed along with the Memorial Day Breeze.

Fish & Wildlife – Gary Zandstra reported that walleye were again stocked in the fall. He said he will be ordering 20 new buoys and offered Directors help with setting up their beach buoys.

Trash Pickup – Sanitation Solutions continues to provide recycling for the lake. Reminders were shared that lids cannot be recycled with bottles and must be removed and put in the trash or taken to Panache Hair Salon or

the Health Club in Angola who both offer lid recycling. Radio Shack takes batteries for recycling. Continued glass recycling through Sanitation Solutions is questionable because the current volume of glass makes recycling economically unviable. The President is seeking a Photo Shop expert to assist in preparing a recycling flier.

Political Action Committee – Gary Zandstra reported that the PAC is separate from the Cottagers' Association and the current PAC committee is Zandstra, Lockwood Marine and Dave Burgoon. Some attendees expressed concern about taking a public stand on candidates for any election. The recent email that was distributed to Lake George residents in the same manner as previous lake broadcasts could have been interpreted as coming from the Association or supported by the Association. The President said this subject will be on the next Directors meeting agenda.

Old Business

It was suggested that the current way of collecting and dispersing monies for weed control on the lake be evaluated. Paul Schlatter will get an opinion from a tax CPA and the Executive Committees of the Association and the Conservancy will meet together to review and make a proposal for future actions.

The Association's By-laws are in need of revision and Gordon Hoffman has volunteered to have suggestions for review at the June meeting. Any By-laws change needs the full review and vote at an annual meeting, which will be coming in July.

The President reported that work on dam issues has continued through the winter. There will be a meeting with the Indiana DNR on Wednesday May 12th in Indianapolis. A major question at this point is the total number of inches of rain in a day that the dam must handle. One of the volunteers on this project reported that there probably will have to be some improvements made on the down side of the dam for slope stability and safety and because there is some seepage through the dam irrespective of the amount of rainfall. Contributions of the dam fund are supporting the minimal current expenses of this project but will not be sufficient for the long term care and maintenance of the dam. It will be necessary to set up an assessment/conservancy taxing districts in both IN and MI.

New Business

Noise level control on the lake will be on the agenda of the June meeting.

The President noted that all Beach Directors need to be active in the Association and encouraged residents to support and give thanks to those who are actively participating and encourage others.

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Garage Sale weekend is June 14 & 15

Stem & Stein wine and beer tasting is June 26th at Glendarin Hills Golf Club

Fireworks is July 3rd

An attendee made a plea for no big burning around the lake this spring. Smoke can be toxic

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 am