

# Lake George Cottager's Association

## Annual Meeting

### July 14, 2007

Joy Kent –Pres. – called meeting to order at 8:30 am  
Secretary Minutes – accepted as corrected- so moved.  
Treasurer's report- accepted as read- so moved.

**Safety/Patrol-** Paul Schlatter- Shane Johnson, our patrolman, is legally deputized and can give tickets. He has been out on the lake and is watching for safety issues. It is illegal and very dangerous to sit on the gunnel or motor mounts of boats as well as on the front of pontoons with feet in the water.

**House Numbers-** Gary Zandstra-Motion to put notice in breeze for everyone to put 7" numbers on front and back of all homes, so emergency services can find you when there is an emergency. So moved.

**Fireworks-** Craig Roberts / John Kindler- this years show was great with great weather. Motion for next years fireworks to be on Friday July 4- so moved. Rain date on July 5. Hand count was taken for voting for fireworks on July 4 or 5, 26- hands for July 4, 11 hands for July 5. We own 4-5 barges used for fireworks, they all need new decks, unsafe to use as they are. Motion to have the barges redecked – so moved. Discussion to have the Marina do the work. Craig will check into getting the job done.

**Fish/Wildlife-**Bill King- need additional donations to continue stocking the lake. Gary Zandstra said that all the walleye funds have been used. Motion to include "annual Walleye Fund of \$25.00 or more" on dues statement. – so moved. This is an optional donation.

**Weeds-** John Kindler-July 14 lake was treated for Eurasian Millfoil by Jim Donahoe. Map was handed out showing current bed locations and level of infestation. Jim Donahoe did a follow-up check on the lake and was pleased with the results. People have commented on the great improvement they are seeing in the lake, i.e. the millpond. Michigan side is paid for \$14,415. Indiana side will be paid 90% by the LARE grant, we submitted the bill of approx. \$17,000- they will pay approx. \$15,000 – we pay the difference. Hydrilla weed is a possible future problem- more serious than the Eurasian Millfoil. It is very important that yard fertilizer must be non-phosphorous. We will put in a breeze article to educate everyone on weeds problem, success, future maintenance.

**Events-** Cindy King-The parade was small but mighty. Everyone had a lot of fun. 1<sup>st</sup> place-"Las Vegas" by Roy, Knisely and king families. 2<sup>nd</sup> place- "Lake George" by the Hall and Usler families. 3<sup>rd</sup> place- "Hawaii" by Barel family. 4<sup>th</sup> place-"tropical" by the Unsicker family. Motion to do the boat parade on July 5 at 6:30 pm, so moved. Garage Sale will be on June 20 and 21.

**Website-Lake George.org**

**Dam-** Tom Blackburn and Bill Schlatter-**Angola Circuit Court – Judge Wheat-**  
**decision was that DNR owns our dam.** DNR has 30 days to appeal the decision –(ends July 18). Dam legal fund- there will be money left over if the DNR does not appeal. After current bills are paid we could have \$29,000. left. Pending no appeal by DNR –

Motion to put extra Dam money in “General Reserve Fund”, it’s use is to be designated in the future when it is needed- decisions to use the money would be made by the board of directors – so moved.

**Dam clean up-** Gary Zandstra-volunteers to clean up both sides of the Dam and stream on last Saturday of Sept at 9am. Gary will pre-spray whole area with Round Up so no poison ivy. We do not own all the land but want to keep our lake nice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of officers** – Nancy Stiefel-

Joy Kent for President

Paul Schlatter for Vice President

Janie Paoletta Smith for Secretary

Marilyn Parrot for Treasurer and Directory

Motion to accept the slate of officers – so moved.

**Spirit of Lake George awards-** Bill Schlatter – 2 awards--1) Bill King for his work on the walleye, boat parade committees and the conservancy board! 2) Paul Schlatter all his work helping Lake George!

**Conservancy** – Bill Schlatter- Beer and Wine evening raised over \$23,000. Hand of Conservancy land, foot trail was bought by Jerry and Jane Case and have named the trail “Case Nature Trail”. Trails have all been marked by G. Zandstra – Blue and Red trails.Zandstra, Stiefels and Bickels have all worked hard to clean up and improve the land. Need help watering the 500 trees and mowing. Jerry Case donating a 500 gallon tank to water, Bill King donating a trailer to carry the water tank. Thanks fto Gary Zandstra for his many hours of work on the Conservancy property maintaining and improving the land!!!

**Millpond Dredging-** J. Kent – DNR has given o.k. for millpond to be dredged, no permit needed for that area only.

### **Open Discussion-**

- Compliment to Ann Schwartz for her work on the breeze- great new look this year.
- Julie Zinsser cautions us of the Emerald Ash Borer which is in our area. Chemicals now available to treat trees and protect them. (products by “**Bayer**”)
- John Kindler – Problem water running in the lake at Caroline Dr. from the Albright farm. Conservancy has a committee looking into the problem. Weed growth has increased so much that it is impassible.
- Cathy Kurtz- discussion on donating the property around Dam to the Conservancy. This will be brought up at the next annual meeting – after we are clear of any DNR appeal.
- Dave Amick-Could the Dam clean up committee help clean up at the Kope Kon inlet also, on the same day? It was agreed that they would do so.

Meeting adjourned – 9:59 am