

MINUTES of LAKE GEORGE COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION
August 8, 2009

A monthly meeting of the Lake George Cottage Association was held in the Lake George Conservancy Building, Lake George, on Saturday, August 8, 2009, The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m., President David Stang presiding, and Karon Grant, Secretary.

The following board members were in attendance: Paul Schlatter, V. President and Marilyn Parrot, Treasurer

Thirteen Beach Directors signed in.

President Stang asked if there were and additions or changes to the agenda, response No.

Secretaries Report , Karon Grant, read the minutes from the June 13, 2009 meeting. No changes or additions note.

MOTION: Dick Burrows moved that the minutes be approved as read, Elmer Helmkamp, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Marilyn Parrot ask for any questions or concerns on report distributed. President Stang explained that eighty percent or 400 out of 511 cottage owners have paid dues. The cost of having the weeds sprayed on the lake averages out to \$83.00 per cottage, and the fireworks cost averages out to about \$26.90 per cottage. This issues needs to be discussed at a later meeting before dues letters go out in the Spring.
Treasurer's Report accepted as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Safety/Patrol** - Paul Schlatter reported that the lift is still for sale at \$500. If not sold soon he will have it auctioned at Bronson. He also stressed that the boating laws do not allow individuals to be seated on the swim platforms of moving boats, pontoons, etc. Nor are they to be seated on the sides, or very front edges of moving boats or pontoons. Example, young Garrett girl drowned because she was overcome by exhaust fumes by sitting on the swim platform of a boat. It is against the law, and you can be ticketed for violations. Also, the starting and ending times for over 10 mph. for the most part are being observed. If you see a violation, and you are already on the water, say something to the violator regarding the law on Lake George. Mr. Schlatter stated that there have been 15 fishing tournaments on the lake since the beginning of the season. That averages to about 1 every 4 days. He will be checking to see if fewer permits can be issued by Michigan. It is felt that the frequency of these tournaments stresses out the fish and those cottage owners living near the ramp.

- **Fish/Walleye** - Gary Zandstra reported walleye are to be delivered in October.

- **Weeds** - No report, per P. Schlatter. However, Gary Zandstra report that \$34,000 was spent on weed this year, he proposed that the Conservancy and Association compile a list of those who have not paid into the weed fund and that a letter be sent to them explaining the need for their monetary participation.

MOTION: Motion by Gary Zandstra that the President of the association write a letter to those cottage owners who did not contribute to the weed fund explaining the purpose and need for them to contribute to the weed fund. Seconded by Linda Hagerman, voted on and carried.

- **Insurance** - Steve Boomer is continuing to work with insurance company on availability of Dam insurance. Should know something by September meeting.

- **Breeze** - Our thanks to Ann Schwartz for her efforts in completing the Breeze . Job well done! If you see Ann please send our thanks to her.

- **Web Site**- Kirsten Meyer is now helping with the Web site. Thank you Kirsten. We are continually updating the web site(www.lake-george.org.) please check it out.

- **By-Laws**- Joy Kent worked studiously on the By-Laws update. Many were incorrect or out dated. At the last minute we decided that two additional items needed to be clarified. So, no special meeting today on changing the By-Laws. Updated, and recommended By-Law changes will be introduced at the Annual meeting in July next year.

Unfinished business:

- **Recycling** - nothing, recycling will be deleted from the agenda after this meeting.

- **Dam**- The last three Saturdays those who were interested in the Dam Project have met. First was the structural, second, financial and third legislative. The most important item to have surfaced from these meetings is that we must act now to plan for the expenses forthcoming. I.E., Bi-annual survey @ \$4,000 per year, and \$ 1,000 maintenance cost per year which includes removal of weeds from embankment etc. Inspection for the dam was \$8,000 figure.

There is \$2,500 left in the Dam Legal Fund, it is recommended that we transfer those funds to a “new” Dam Maintenance Fund.

MOTION: Paul Schlatter made a motion that The Dam Legal Fund name be changed to the Dam Maintenance Fund and the money in the legal fund be transferred into the Dam Maintenance fund. Seconded by Dick Burrows, voted and carried.

Trine University stipend of \$2,500 will be paid from the General Fund and a report from them is not expected until semester end (January).The LGCA officers and other interested parties will continue to work with State officials, DNR, and independent engineers on the Dam project. Updates will be forthcoming.

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New Business:

In order to keep association members up to date on how the monies from the dues are

spent and in depth report was printed with this months Treasurer's Report. It was decided by the Officers that a quasi audit should be conducted since the last audit was we think in 2007. So, recent Huntington University graduate, Luke Andrews, was contacted to do a quasi audit of the Association's finances. Luke an accountant, will audit 2008, and 09 thru July 2009. We do not expect to find anything unusual, but thought he might have some ideas or suggestions on streamlining our bookkeeping procedures. He will complete the audit and provide the Association with written results/recommendations. It was recommended that the By-Laws be updated to indicate an audit should be done at regular intervals.

Fourth of July, 2010 - it is thought the fireworks would be on Saturday, July 3, however that date will be confirmed later.

MOTION: Jane Mote mad the motion that **The LGCA Garage Sale be held the 2nd weekend of June instead of the 3rd weekend.** Linda Hagerman seconded. Voted and approved. (June 11 &12th)

Wine/Beer Tasting will be held the 4th weekend of June.

No-Child Left Indoors - Linda Hagerman said they had a wonderful time at the three Wednesdays Outdoor Lab. The first Wednesday was on history of Lake George, the second on Wetlands, and the third on Fishing. An average of 13 children attended the workshops ranging from 5 to 13 years of age. Time well spent by the adults who helped and the children who attended. A big Thank you to all participants.

MOTION: Gary Zandstra made a motion for adjournment at 9:40 a.m. Motion passed..