

MINUTES of LAKE GEORGE COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION
September 12, 2009
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A monthly meeting of the Lake George Cottage Association was held in the Lake George Conservancy Building, Lake. George, on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The meeting convened at 8:35 a.m., President David Stang presiding, Karon Grant, Secretary, and Marilyn Parrot, Treasurer attending.

Eleven Beach Directors signed in.

President Stang asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda, response No. President Stang asked that everyone please make sure that his/her e-mail addresses are current/or correct.

Secretaries Report- Karon Grant, presented the minutes from the August 9TH meeting. **President Stang** advised those in attendance that the Minutes would be considered DRAFT minutes until such time they were read and a Motion made for approval. No changes or additions noted for the August 9th minutes.

MOTION: Jane Case, moved that the minutes be approved as presented,

Gary Zandstra, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Marilyn Parrot ask for any questions or concerns on the Treasurer's report distributed. President Stang explained that eighty percent or 409 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. These issues need to be discussed later in the meeting.

Additional information was passed out concerning where the money from the LGCA dues are spent and to better understand how the membership fees are reached. Also distributed was a report from Luke Andrews, who at the request of the Board of Director's, conducted a "mini-audit". The suggestions were received and will be implemented. A copy of this report was circulated and those in attendance were asked to review it. Mr. Andrews was paid \$20 per hour and charged for five hours. A copy of the calculation sheet for the 2010 membership form is available.

Treasurer's Report accepted as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety/Patrol - Paul Schlatter , not in attendance

Insurance – A new proposal will take effect on January 25, 2010 in the amount of \$1,100. This coverage will "umbrella" all of the LGCA liability issues. And will save

the association money. It was recommended that President Stang/Steve Boomer arrange for the insurance agent to come to our spring meeting to explain in depth all the coverage.

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MOTION: Gary Zandstra proposed a motion to accept the insurance proposal and Warren Meilander seconded. Motion carried.

Weeds – A new invasive plant Elodea was found. President Stang and Renate Brenneke attended the Steuben County Lakes Council last week. L.A.R.E. funds will be available next year.

Renate applied last week for a different L.A.R.E. funding which is separate from the previous funding.

Renate announced that the e-coli tests were high at the bridge this Spring, but no real concern at this time.

Web Site – Thank you t Kirsten and Nancy for the diligent work on the web site, and to Steve Parrot on keeping our e-mail up and running.

Fish and Wildlife – Gary Zandstra spoke about the conservancy and the possibility of making a wildlife plot there.

Boat Parade-Bill King was asked to get the names of the winners of the July 4th parade to President Stang, this information was not available for the last Breeze edition, and will be published in the Winter Breeze.

By-Laws Committee – It has come to our attention in reviewing the By-Laws that we are missing what relates to notices for meetings. Corporate By-Laws amendments must be approved by the general membership, unless there is a posted notice of some other means, i.e. e-mail. Further information will be sent out, maybe in the Winter Breeze.

Unfinished Business

Recycling- # 1 and # 2 plastics only are to be recycled. All other plastics go into the trash container.

Dam sub-committee- The Dam committees were divided into three groups; Structural, Financial and Legislative. At this point President Stang recommends that the financial and legislative committees be combined. The Structural committee will continue to work with Trine University, DNR, Lawson-Fisher Engineering Firm from South Bend. The financial/legislative committee will continue to make contacts and investigate opportunities for outside financial help.

The Trine University study started and should be completed around the first week of December when the semester ends. There was a change in the professor who was to oversee this project, and now Tim Tyler, Department Chair will over see the dam study.

Dam Maintenance- LGCA is responsible for the maintenance and clean up of the dam area. A schedule for such items will be in the works.

New Business

New Beach Directors needed: Diane Davis has resigned and Gordan Huffman has agreed to replace Diane on Kope Kon Pointe. A big thanks you to Diane for her participation as a Beach Director. And, welcome aboard to Gordan.

Budget for 2010

After much discussion, the following was agreed upon as the *voluntary dues* amount for the LGCA 2010:

Dues	\$ 50
Fireworks	30
Weeds	100*
Dam Maintenance	40
Fish/Wildlife	<u>25</u>
	\$245

It is to be note that a discussion was held concerning the amount the Fish/Wildlife fund should be changed. In the end, it was decided since the amount is voluntary the amount would remain the same as last year.

MOTION: by Gary Zandstra that the voluntary amount of \$25 to remain in the 2010 budget for Fish/Wildlife, seconded, and approved.

*A discussion was held on the cost of weeds. Bay View has initiated through the township trustee in Michigan a tax to be levied on all Bay View residents to equally cover the expense of weed control in their area. Should the Indiana Lake George residents look into the possibility of levying a tax to cover weeds and could such a tax cover some of the dam expense? (Like a “ditch assessment”). It was recommended that this possibility be investigated as to what is involved on the Indiana side.

In reality we need monetary figures as to what our expense might be for the dam before we could consider a taxing amount.

Dam – President Stang met with the County Surveyor who indicated there might be money available for some of the dam repair; this possibility will be looked into. The County Engineer will look over all studies to see if our project would be eligible.

In regards t the lack of load limits on the bridge, that can not be arbitrarily set up, you must have documentation to back up setting up a load limit.

Fishing Tournaments – It was proposed that Stan look into how to limit the number of tournaments on the lake, if necessary file a complaint. Further information in regards to this will be gathered and discussed at a later meeting.

New Cottage Owners – Discussion on implementing a “Welcome to Lake George” letter from the LGCA and the LG Conservancy. To be discussed at later meeting.

Announcement - Fireworks date not determined at this time.

Garage Sale – June 11 & 12

Wine Tasting- June 26

Thanks to all for your feedback, greatly appreciated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Gary Zandstra, seconded by Bill King

Adjourned at 10:00 AM

