

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 9:31 AM

- a. Sale of raffle tickets was announced
- b. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- c. Introduction of Board Members
 1. Donna Provost, President
 2. Sue Smith, 1st Vice President
 3. Cheryl Jorban, 2nd Vice President/Treasurer
 4. Peggy Marcone, Secretary

MINUTES – Donna Provost Donna asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Motion made to accept and seconded. Acceptance passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cheryl Jorban

April Monthly Report

Beginning balance	\$1,695.67	
<u>Deposits:</u>	\$ 35.00	50/50 for March
	223.90	Recycling: 171 lbs alum 285 lbs plastic
	<u>130.00</u>	Sale of fundraiser bags
	\$ 388.90	Total Deposits
 <u>Expenses :</u>	 \$ 80.00	 Webmaster - Update of LPGRA.org
	\$ 80.00	Total Expenses

End of Month Balance: **\$2,056.05**

Donna asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Motion made to accept and seconded. Acceptance passed unanimously.

Cheryl spoke and advised everyone that she has the red LPGRA bags available for \$10.00 each.

OPEN ITEMS LIST – Donna Provost

Comment form re: resident offered to purchase 2 signs for the green waste area.
Management is not in favor of more signage or replacing existing ones.

Comment form re: concerns with weeds and smell of urine and fecal matter in dog park
Paul Frankito indicated he would address and look into possible treatments to mitigate the urine odor, however, it is the residents' responsibility to pick up after their dogs. The Board will follow up with Management at their next meeting to make sure a solution was found.

Donna stated that the LPGRA Board has had discussions recently about the need to grow the number of residents attending our monthly meetings. We discussed perhaps moving to a more social approach with perhaps one or two resident events each year to bring in new residents as well as long term residents that have never attended monthly meetings.

Some ideas she mentioned were:

- 1 a chili cookoff with outdoor activities like cornhole, yard darts, etc.
- 2 a game night with various games
- 3 a carnival themed party
- 4 an evening pool party for residents only

A resident suggested reaching out to LP to find out how they manage to get so many of their residents to attend their monthly meetings. The new activities assistant was formerly working at LP and may be able to assist with that discussion.

Peggy explained that when she came on the Board in 2018, the Board did not have any funds for anything extra. There was no recycling program or fund raiser programs, only the 50/50 raffle for income. Now that the LPGRA bank account has sufficient funds to support a couple extras, the Board feels it is a good time to work on some ideas to promote more interaction between residents by community gatherings.

RESIDENT QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS -

A resident expressed concern that property values may decrease if nothing is done about the decor that he felt cheapens the appearance of our community.

A resident questioned as to whether or not management was doing any inspections in the community and even if they are done, what kind of follow-up is done to make sure the ones that are not abiding by the Rules & Regs are fixing their problems and following the Rules & Regs.

A resident stated that LP has flashing lights on speed limit signs and the mail room only parking signs. She wanted to know why those are not allowed at LPG.

Several residents mentioned that they were never informed that the weight limit and size of dogs had changed and wondered why no notifications were sent out to all residents as required by the Lease or Rules and Regs. Several people expressed concern about bigger dogs causing more issues in the dog park. There are also issues with people walking their dogs on the streets and allowing their dogs to go onto other people's property to do their "business". Bigger dogs leave bigger problems.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Hearing aids and eyeglasses are still being collected for the Lion's Club. They can be dropped off at Peggy Marcone's home at 418 5th Street.

LITERATURE AVAILABLE ON FRONT TABLES – Comment Forms are on the LPGRA.org website and are sent directly to the Board from the website. Paper forms are up front and can be filled out and handed to any Board member. Other flyers too.

POTLUCK – at 6:00 PM on May 13th in the Ballroom

Sue Smith asked to have the floor to discuss a couple things that have been on her mind. Everything at today's meeting was nice. Last month wasn't. She stated that she was not present at the last meeting but was very bothered when she read the minutes of the meeting.

First of all, she explained the reason for the monthly meetings. They are to get information that is useful for all residents and to meet other residents. If you have a problem with something dealing with management, you can go to management to discuss it yourself. You can gripe at home but please don't do that at the meetings. Second of all, Sue also felt that Donna was not given the respect she deserves as President of the LPGRA Board. There were angry voices directed at Donna. Please remember that everyone on the Board is a volunteer and not employees of Management.

Last of all, she stated that up until earlier this morning, she was going to tender her resignation. The minutes of the March meeting made her want to quit. She was hurt and then angry. She felt that the Board was called out for not trying hard enough to fill the vacant spot on the Board since one member resigned. The resignation had only recently occurred and no one had come forward to fill the opening. It was mentioned

that it was not right that Cheryl had to fill 3 positions and the Board had not made enough effort to fill the vacancy. She reminded people that the members of the Board are residents that volunteer. When there was a position open last year, no one volunteered to fill it even though it would only have been until the November election. She stated that she had taken on the position of secretary and maintained her position as 1st Vice President and also the editor of the LPGRA Observer. No one had an issue with that last year so why the unfavorable comments this year? She also explained why she had given up the job as editor of the LPGRA Observer and let Cheryl take it over. She really didn't want to give it up but thought Cheryl wanted to try being the editor so she did turn it over to her.

Overall, she said she felt as though the comments made at the previous General Meeting were made in an accusatory tone and she felt that she needed to say something to everyone concerning this. When the Board has asked for volunteers, they are met with silence. But when something like this happens, some people are quick to point the finger like the Board is not doing a good enough job.

Donna stated that after the last General Meeting, an email blast had been sent out to everyone on the LPGRA email list and also a notification was in the mailroom but the Board has not yet received any responses at all.

Sue did receive applause at the end of her comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 10:24 am

50/50 DRAWING AND DOOR PRIZE DRAWING were awarded Cheryl Jorban donated her 50/50 drawing win back to the LPGRA.

Submitted by Peggy Marcone, Secretary
5/5/2025