

LARGON LAKES P & R ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2012, 10:00 AM – McKinley Township Town Hall

Member attendance indicated on final page

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marvin Marshall (President) at 10:05 AM.

The President noted that the door prizes were provided by Polk Burnett.

II. Introduction of Members

Members were asked to introduce themselves and state how long they have been property owners on Largon Lakes. Members were also asked to sign the attendance list being passed around as well as provide an updated email address. Shannon Werb (Secretary) asked that members please make sure to check their email address and provide a fire number for the contact list.

The President asked for a moment of silence in memory of Shirley Behling and Gloria Anderson's husband, both who passed away this past year.

III. Reading of the minutes from last year's meeting by the Secretary

The Secretary (Shannon Werb) read the minutes from last year's annual meeting.

It was approved that the minutes be accepted as read and modified.

IV. Reading of the financial report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer (Joe Potter) reviewed the financial report from last year. It was approved that the review be accepted as read. The new budget from the coming year was then read. It was approved that the budget for the coming year be accepted as read.

Reminder, the Treasurer is collecting annual dues today.

V. Election of Officers

The President indicated that the three year term of Secretary is up for re-election. Shannon Werb indicated his intent to run again. There were no other nominations, it was moved, seconded, and approved the nominations be closed. Shannon Werb was re-elected as the Secretary by unanimous voice vote and show of hands.

VI. Old Business

a. Barricade committee report

Marvin Marshall, head of the Barricade Committee, gave a report on the work of the committee. Past volunteers who have helped with this yearly, and important, activity were acknowledged and thanked. People were alerted to the necessity for the cooperation from the members during this coming year when the ice thickens. Marvin was pleased with the turnout this past year, email notification seemed to help. The pumps started normally and GPS locations were re-used of each of the aeration locations. Special thanks for the many portable drills, bits, and ice augers. Marv and Joan replaced the flags with vinyl material from Bargain Bills, Bob Rose helped get the heavy Keep Out float before the Memorial Day traffic

The President met with the DNR this past Wednesday 8/29/2012. The meeting was held primarily to inspect the aeration system. Roughly 30 lakes in the 4 county area have an aeration system with Largon's being one of the first. A letter from the DNR is attached as reference for review.

In short the DNR has recommended maintenance be performed on the 4 pumps, some maintenance on the barrier equipment along with the shed. A motion was heard to repair the pumps, the motion was seconded and a verbal vote indicated all were in favor.

An Aeration Committee was formed with members – Marvin Marshall (President), Michael Brody, Dave Clausen and Glen Sackman. Jim Behling indicated to Marvin Marshall that he would attend if time permitted. The President indicated someone expressed interest at the end of the meeting but the name wasn't noted (please email the Secretary). The committee will meet the DNR at the pump house on 9/12/2012 at 10am for training in pump maintenance and to review the aeration system needs as a whole including repair of some of the aeration piping and barrier supplies.

Barry Vaughan made a motion for a \$15 one-time special assessment to help cover the anticipated costs for the repairs this year allowing the membership to review the progress and additional needs next year. Michael Brody seconded the motion and a verbal vote indicated all were in favor.

Annual dues for 2012-2013 will be \$50 including the one-time special assessment of \$15 for aeration maintenance.

b. Water clarity committee report

Shannon Werb, head of the Water Clarity Committee, gave a report on the water clarity the past year. Shannon reminded the members that the full reporting was available on the largonlake.com website. In review 2012 appeared slightly worse than 2011 but not nearly as bad as in the past (2008 being the worst recent year). With all the rain in the spring and high water levels we originally thought this may help the clarity but Dave Clausen reminded us that a warm winter and early thaw usually causes early algae growth. Some statistics:

- 6.5 feet clarity in late April to 2 feet clarity in August
- 2 feet clarity as of 9/1/2012 holding
- First Blue Green Algae sighting on 8/13/2012 (4 weeks later than 2011)

Members were again encouraged to consider switching from a septic system to a holding tank.

c. Fishing Limit

It was noted and discussed that the Sunfish size appears to be continuing to decrease. This may be a result of recommendations from sport shops causing fisherman to frequent Largon and a mentality of catching and hoarding a large number of fish. Dave Clausen looked into this and understood the rules have changed, as well DNR representatives were changed in the past year. DNR is recommending if we are concerned about

over-fishing setting the limit to 10 wouldn't have much effect, to have an effect the limit would need to be 5 or less. The President confirmed the DNR rules now include the following requirements for proposing a change to the limit - must be of statewide impact, study of economic effect would have to be made, starts at district then is moved to the state level for approval, can take 2-3 years.

Dave provided some perspective on the process to implement a limit and indicated that the rules are a bit fuzzy and something like statewide significance is relative and shouldn't be a deterrent. Dave indicated he will check at a higher level to see if there are easier options. If Dave makes any progress he will name Joe Potter as the contact.

VII. New Business

a. Ice Age Trail – Dean Dversdall

The Ice Age Trail group was started in 1958, concept was a trail that outlines the ice sheet that came down over WI (<http://www.iceagetrail.org/trail-map-and-current-conditions>), an 1100 mile trail, dipping down as far south as Madison. There are 21 chapters across the state of Wisconsin; Dean is the chair of the Indianhead Chapter. Dean manages 61 miles of the trail. Fortunately the trail is laid out well and is pretty well finished. The trail can be accessed 4.5 miles north of Largon Lake, it crosses Highway E. The trail is for hiking only (no ATV's) and for skiing in the winter months. Look out for events like the "Blue Moon walk" last night. There are also volunteer opportunities for trail maintenance, plan approximately once per month. There is a museum in Luck which has a good description of what remains from the ice age and the trail. For example, the ice was a mile thick in Luck 10,000 years ago. Most lakes in this area are some form of Kettle Lake – a carving out left by the ice as it shifted. There is a good book for sale at the museum in Luck, brochures were made available, volunteer signup forms were also available.

Information can be found at <http://iceagetrail.org/>

b. Reminders

Boat parade on July 4th, less than normal boats but very enthusiastic, notice will be sent out for the next parade.

Loosestrife/Pickerelweed - Pickerelweed confirmed by DNR, it is spreading. Links are posted on the website so each homeowner can determine how to handle it.

Steve Friendt wins the portable grill – congrats Steve.

The President requested 3 volunteers to audit the books after the meeting.

Association members were invited to the annual picnic at the landing at 5 PM.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned @ 11:30

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Member Attendance

Marvin Marshall (President)
Joe Potter (Treasurer)
Shannon Werb (Secretary)

Trudy Sheire
Ann and Scott Mueller
Dean Dversdall
Wayne K. Hansen
Pat Horan
Roy Plourde
Bob Mahoney (Mike & Jamie Brodie's Son In Law)
Gloria Anderson
Michael Brodie
Jane Brodie
Earl Fathereee
Jeff Hachlowski & Diane Baker
Glen Sackmann
Larry Severson
Bob Rose
Scott Leffler
Sue Clausen
Dave Clausen
Steve & Ella Friendt
Joan Marshall
Barry & Heather Vaughan
Mike Berends
Charlie Elling