

Lake Latoka Property Owners Association

Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, an online Zoom meeting was conducted instead of a face-to-face gathering by the Board members. Board President, Bruce Luehmann, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Other Board members present were Doug Kuelbs, Paul Wheeler, Jan Mahoney, Rita Glieden, Bill Kahnke, and Chad Swanson. Board members Doug Ahrenstorff and Jeremy Anderson were absent.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Bill Kahnke, Secretary

Minutes from the April 9, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board members. No additions or corrections were raised. Jan Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Doug Kuelbs. The motion was passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Wheeler, Treasurer

Paul Wheeler presented the Board members with a copy of the LLPOA's profit and loss statement and fund balances for the period 04/09/2020 through 06/11/2020. Paul discussed the breakdown of the funds received during this period, detailed the expenses incurred, and outlined the current cash on hand and fund balances in both the checking account and the certificates of deposit. Paul stated that the LLPOA currently has 186 paid members, and he just recently received one additional membership which was not reflected in this report. Doug Kuelbs made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rita Glieden made the second motion. The motion was passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Fish – Rita Glieden

Rita Glieden stated that she discussed the fish stocking with Chris Block. As a result of the Covid-19 disruptions, the DNR did not perform the usual spring stocking. It is hoped that the LLPOA will be able to do a fish stocking in the fall, possibly at a higher amount than originally planned. Rita will be having further discussions with Chris regarding the availability and limitations of future fish stockings.

Lake Environment – Doug Kuelbs

Doug Kuelbs stated that Terry Orpen has performed lake water tests in both May and June. The secchi readings were 12.5 on Big Latoka and 8.5 on Little Latoka. Due to the moderate drought in Douglas County, lake water levels are lower than usual.

Loons – Doug Kuelbs/Paul Wheeler

A baby loon has already been spotted on Big Latoka. The Board members discussed the best timing for removing the loons nests from the lake for the season.

Shoreline Restoration – Doug Kuelbs/Rita Glieden

Doug Kuelbs reported that a homeowner on Big Latoka has participated in the Shoreline Restoration Program. The shoreline plantings were verified and the payout was made to the homeowner. The homeowner on Big Latoka that illegally cut shoreline trees some time ago, but still hasn't replaced those trees as required by Land and Resource, responded that he has experienced delays with his landscapers and will be planting the trees very soon.

Newsletter – Jan Mahoney

Jan Mahoney stated that she is looking for articles for the fall newsletter, which will be issued in mid-September. Jan suggested that more pictures be incorporated into the publication to add a little more interest. The Board discussed possible topics for the newsletter. Bill Kahnke will submit a history article, Doug Kuelbs will prepare an article on the Shoreline Restoration Program, Bruce Luehmann will write about the newsletter editor transition from Rita Kuelbs to Jan Mahoney, Rita Glieden will prepare an article about aquatic vegetation areas, Paul Wheeler volunteered to submit an additional article as needed, and boat parade pictures will also be added to the newsletter.

DCLA – Bruce Luehmann

Bruce Luehmann summarized recent DCLA meetings. Bruce suggested to the DCLA that the formula for computing dues be amended to be fairer to smaller lakes, but the DCLA took no action on his suggestion. Bruce also mentioned some excellent webinars that have been offered on various lake and water topics.

Old Business

Jeremy Anderson will be coordinating the 4th of July Boat Parade.

The Board discussed the LLPOA Annual Picnic scheduled for September 19th and the risks involved with a gathering of this type, given the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board members then made the decision to cancel the picnic for this year.

Bruce Luehmann commented on the three Board members whose terms are currently expiring. Rita Glieden has decided to run for re-election to stay on the Board. Jeremy Anderson and Doug Ahrenstorff have decided to retire from the Board. Bruce stated that there are presently two excellent candidates that are interested in joining the LLPOA Board.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions on in-person gatherings, the Board discussed how best to schedule and conduct the LLPOA Annual Meeting. Both computer balloting and virtual meetings were considered. The Board then settled on holding an online Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 20th. An advance email about the meeting would be sent to each LLPOA member requesting an RSVP. A follow-up email would then be sent to meeting participants with the Zoom link. A public notice would be put in the Echo Press about two weeks prior to the meeting. Other meeting details will be ironed out in future Board meetings.

New Business

The new aquatic vegetation signs have been placed in the lake. The buoys with aquatic signs on Busian's shoreline will be placed in the lake soon. There was also some discussion by Board members about some boaters violating these restricted areas in the past.

Bruce Luehmann plans to send out dues reminder letters this summer to homeowners who have not paid their LLPOA dues for this year.

Bill Kahnke will update and issue the reminder postcard as soon as possible. The postcard will cover the 4th of July Boat Parade, the Annual Meeting on Zoom, and the cancellation of the Annual Picnic.

In anticipation of the upcoming online Annual Meeting, the Board discussed purchasing a Zoom license, which would avoid the time limit restriction inherent in the Zoom program. Chad Swanson made a motion to purchase this license, and Jan Mahoney made the second motion. The motion passed.

Rita Glieden received an advertising brochure in the mail from a firm that offers to remove weeds from the homeowner's shoreline areas, which is in opposition to the Board's mission of protecting the lake and its shoreline.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Bruce Luehmann will work on scheduling the next Board of Directors Meeting and will inform the other Board members of the date and time.

Adjournment

Jan Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chad Swanson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Kahnke, Secretary.