

LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2012 at 3:30 pm

At the Fitzpatrick Residence in Limerick, Maine

The following board members were present during the meeting: President, Mike Fitzpatrick – Vice President, Dave Sanfason (Via Telephone Conference) – Treasurer, Jean Burke - Secretary/Clerk, Tracie Doyle – Trustee, Phil Oreto – Trustee, Kathy Hart - Trustee, John Manning – Trustee, Lynne M. Hawkes

The following board members were not present during the meeting: Trustee, Robert O’Keefe

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm. This was a Board only meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- a. The Treasurer presented updated balance sheets comparing this year to last year as of December 31, 2011 and April 21, 2012. She also presented a profit and loss statement comparison for the years 2010 and 2011.
- b. The Treasurer provided an updated membership list and a list of members who have not renewed their membership.
- c. The membership records show that we have \$9,100 in dues with \$4,800 outstanding.
- d. Dave reported that all of his paperwork is in with the state and we can expect \$14,000 to help with our programs.
- e. The President reported that we did not make the ballot for the Town election in Limerick. There is going to be a secret ballot in June at a special town election and we are trying to get enough signatures on a special petition to make it on the ballot to receive \$3,000 from the town.
- f. The President reported that we are on the Waterboro warrant for their June meeting for \$3,000 from the town.
- g. Due to budget issues, both DASH will run Monday through Thursday starting Father’s Day and then one boat will run Friday and the other boat on Saturday.
- h. Last year the boats ran five days per week and then we were able to increase the time to 6 days. We will try to save money by trying not to use our divers as boat captains.
- i. Our original diver, Jim Robichaud will be available to dive on Saturdays. In addition to Jim, we still have Gino, Delian and Steve Church as divers.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- a. The President and his wife attended the Maine Milfoil Summit held earlier in the year and Gino and Delian attended as our LACC divers.
- b. There was a discussion at the Summit about the milfoil sticker split of 60% to the DEP and 40% to IFW. Apparently, IFW is sitting on \$200K from sticker money.

- c. There was a video presentation at the Summit and LACC and Dave Sanfason were appx. 30% of the video.
- d. The President updated the board on the Save Sebago Cove Group and their “Pay to Play” program where they rent their DASH and divers to raise money to fight milfoil.
- e. There was a lengthy board discussion on whether we should run such a program. All board members seemed to be in agreement with the program.
- f. There was discussion on how much it would cost us to run a boat for an hour and how we would factor that into the price. There was also discussion on the time to setup and breakdown and whether individuals should be charged for that time. It was estimated at about 1 hour for setup and breakdown time and there was discussion that we should not charge for this time.
- g. There was discussion that for the month of July we should try the program, but we need to come up with a different name. The board also discussed the prices of \$125 per hour for LACC members and \$160 per hour for non LACC members.
- h. Phil suggested that we call the program “Personalized Milfoil Service.”
- i. The President and the Treasurer would get together in the next month to go over the numbers and our cost to run a DASH for an hour so that we can start advertising the program.
- j. There was a discussion of how Dave would be the contact person for this new program and he and the President would review the site ahead of time to quote a price.
- k. There was a short discussion on whether we would need a contract for this program and the majority thought not. The key would be to have individuals pay in advance.
- l. The President reported that we were not able to print our annual newsletter this past spring because our printer, who has been extremely generous to us, was not able to help us out this year. As a result, there was discussion of an electronic newsletter next spring or a basic newsletter that we would print and send out with the LAC mailing.
- m. The President reported that we do not have a reserve to replace equipment and that the DEP has a backup system from Keene.
- n. There was discussion about how LAC is vital to our operation for the repairs they are able to perform on our DASH.
- o. Mark Harris will continue with the GPS mapping.

FUNDRAISING:

- a. Kathy reported that the yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd from 8am – 3pm at the same location on Route 5. She has made arrangements with the clubhouse for the tables and we need to work on getting some trailers. Everything is all set.
- b. Tracie reported that the 50/50 raffle will be in full swing starting in May and the drawing will occur at our annual meeting.
- c. The APB fishing tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th from 7am – 3pm. Details on prizes and entry fees will be posted on the APB website.
- d. Phil has scheduled the annual golf tournament for July 13th. To date, he has not secured a location and will send that information out to the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The President informed the board that a member has had discussions with the DEP about a lake mower. The member is willing to buy the mower which attaches to a boat and chops the milfoil. A picture was presented for the board to review.
- b. The member wants to use the mower in the Brown Brook area.
- c. There was a discussion on this lake mower and whether it should be used on the lake. Some board members were strongly against the lake mower and the long term effects on the lake.
- d. MMI is still alive and they are still doing their scientific study on the lake and have 7-8 test sites.
- e. Tracie suggested that we remove Liberty Mutual and the Alarm Company from our website if they did not renew their memberships. The President stated that Liberty Mutual should be removed from our website and the Alarm Company would stay.
- f. Our garage that we purchased has been taken down and put aside for now. Our boats were stored in the LAC garage for this past winter.

Phil brought a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Submitted on June 27, 2012 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC