

LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2009 at 2:00 pm

LAC Clubhouse #2

The following board members were present during the meeting: President, Mike Fitzpatrick – Vice President, Dave Sanfason – Treasurer, Jean Burke - Secretary/Clerk, Tracie Doyle – Trustee, Phil Oreto – Trustee, Victor Wakefield – Trustee, Patrick Caron – Trustee, Evan Grover (Note: Secretary was late for the meeting and Trustee Oreto took notes in the interim and Trustee Wakefield left at 4:00 pm)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the annual meeting held on August 23, 2008 were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- a. LAC can never own the dam because of the charter. We would like to place ourselves in a position to control the dam.
- b. FERC is the agency that licenses hydropower plants/dams and FERC is not happy with Renewables and the 2007 flooding issues. There is a lot of correspondence out there between FERC and Renewables and an upcoming safety inspection.
- c. An attorney, who is a member of LACC, and works for a Boston firm who deals with FERC volunteered to help draft a letter to FERC from LACC.
- d. There was a discussion about sending out a form letter to members to send out to FERC and other groups regarding the dam.
- e. Our goal as a group is to not only control milfoil, but to protect the dam.
- f. The Federal Earmark fell out of contention for last year and is back on the table for this year.
- g. The President states that he plans on requesting more money from the towns next year to help run the boat.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. The Treasurer presented an oral report.
- b. We have cash of \$28,598.80 in our checking, CD and money market accounts. We have money committed as follows: \$6,000 from the DEP grant and \$12,500 from LAC. That will leave us with a total of \$48,000.
- c. We have the following fundraisers going on for 2009, which will yield income: yard sale, fishing tournament and the sale of hats and t-shirts.
- d. We expect to have \$50,000 for 2009 to run the harvester.
- e. The approximate cost of manning the suction harvester (labor/payroll taxes/worker's comp insurance) from Father's Day to Labor Day for 40 hours per week is \$18,000, and for 48 hours per week it's approximately \$22,000. The \$2,500 premium for

- Liability and D & O Insurances is paid in full through 8/20/09. You can refer to the budget that was presented at the Annual Meeting for other projected costs.
- f. The Membership total for last year was 106 and the total for this year through 5/12/09 is 94. The money we have earned for 2009 dues is \$9,000. (\$250 was collected in 2008 and \$8,750. was collected in 2009)
 - g. The Treasurer handed out forms for all volunteers to track their hours. These forms are needed so we can state the value of in kind labor on our financial reports. The forms will be available on the website.
 - h. There was a question from the membership regarding whether there is money in the budget for another boat to build a suction harvester. The President and Vice President responded that they were looking into purchasing another boat.
 - i. The CPA was invited to the meeting and could not attend.
 - j. We filed an extension for our tax filings.
 - k. A motion was presented to accept the Treasurer's verbal report to be followed up with a written report based upon the report presented to the membership. Said motion was unanimously approved.

SUCTION HARVESTER:

- a. Our suction harvester has yet to be named, so we held a name the boat contest and asked the elementary school children from Waterboro and Limerick to help us name the boat. There were about 150 entries and the board members will choose the winner with each board member picking three names. The first choice gets 5 pts, second choice gets 3 pts and the third choice gets 1 pt. The winner will get a \$50 gift certificate to Walmart and the school will get \$50 for their library fund. The Waterboro Reporter will cover the story.
- b. The boat will run from Father's Day to Labor Day which is 11 weeks. It will run Monday through Saturday for 8 hours per day.
- c. We have two paid divers, Gino and Jim. There will be one diver and one boat captain at all times.
- d. The boat captains are Dave Sanfason, Bob Gilchrest and John Sanfason will be an alternate.
- e. There will be two baskets on the boat at all times. When the baskets are full, they will be taken off by LAC and brought to the compost pile.
- f. We want everyone to see the boat so we will work every area of the lake this summer. We hope to work in the Brown Brook area to create a boat channel.
- g. A boat schedule will be published.
- h. Modifications to the boat were needed such as a heat shield over the muffler, rack for the suction hose and a cover for the dredge pump.
- i. There was a motion presented to allow LACC to spend up to \$900 to purchase a second pontoon boat. Said motion was unanimously approved.
- j. Bob Gilchrest mentioned that an LACC member has a pontoon boat that he may want to donate or sell to LACC.

BENTHIC BARRIERS:

- a. There was a discussion about budgeting money to hire divers to lay benthic barriers.
- b. There was also a discussion about allocating money to try to help people buy supplies for the barriers so that they can place their own barriers.
- c. Victor Wakefield discussed having a volunteer who will be available to be paid by property owners to place barriers.

BANNERS:

- a. We bought 10 more banners and need lakefront owners to agree to place them on their properties.
- b. The following owners volunteered to take a banner: Linda Bisson, Phyllis Boucher, Fred Buda and Pat Caron.

FISHING TOURNAMENT:

- a. A new fishing group was formed APB “Arrowhead Prop Busters,” and the President is Steve Burke.
- b. APB will be sponsoring a fishing tournament and all of the proceeds after the prizes are awarded will be donated to LACC.
- c. The President, Steve Burke, was present at the meeting and gave more details on the fishing tournament.
- d. The prize money will be 75% of the entry fee, which is \$120 per boat and no more than two people on a boat.
- e. They hope to get at least 20 boat entries.
- f. All fish must be alive and there is a five fish limit per boat.
- g. There will be a 50/50 raffle at the tournament and a possible side pot for lunger.
- h. The tournament is scheduled for August 8, 2009 from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm and will start at the Ledgemere Dam.

YARD SALE:

- a. The yard sale update was given by Tracie Doyle
- b. The yard sale is in full swing and will take place on June 6th from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Agency One Realty lot located on Route 5 in Waterboro next to the Lakeside Market.
- c. There was a discussion about placing a 1/6 of a page ad in the Smart Shopper. A motion was presented to approve spending the money and it was unanimously approved.
- d. Diane Galvin and Steve Herman will be in charge of creating the ad and will make posters for the event.
- e. Celia Wakefield was kind enough to contact the Smart Shopper and Waterboro Reporter to place the free ads in the community calendar section.
- f. We have lots of items that were donated by generous members, friends and family. There will be a 50/50 raffle and we will sell t-shirts and hats.

- g. Jason Tremblay from Liberty Mutual, who is a member of LACC, offered a fundraising proposal, which the board approved. We need to obtain signatures of individuals who are willing to obtain a no obligation auto insurance quote from Jason. For each signature we get, Liberty Mutual will give us \$5 and Jason will match the \$5. This fundraiser will start at the yard sale.

CBI PROGRAM:

- a. LACC is in charge of the courtesy boat inspection now and is now recognized by the DEP as the group responsible, not LAC.
- b. The program will run from Father's day through Labor Day seven days per week for 8 hours per day during the week and 10 hours per day on the weekends.
- c. The inspectors are paid \$10 per hour and must be certified through training.
- d. Dave Sanfason who is in charge of the program is a trained inspector and then trains his own inspectors.
- e. The cost to run the program with workers compensation and payroll is slightly more than \$8,100. We will be receiving \$8,100 from LEA for the program. Therefore it will only cost LACC a few dollars to run the program because of the grant through LEA.
- f. The CBI workers will hand out flyers for the fishing tournament.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM:

- a. We welcomed Steve Dawson as the new LAC Trustee.
- b. Membership drive - we need to target waterfront owners.
- c. Fundraising idea from Lucille Gilchrest – super 50/50 raffle like the church – get 1,000 tickets and sell them for \$20 each – 50% to the winner and 50% to LACC.
- d. There was also a discussion as to whether all employees of LACC should be members. The board agreed to table the discussion for another meeting, but all agreed that our bylaws state that all board members must be in good standing which means that their dues must be current to remain a board member

CONCLUSION OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted on June 3, 2009 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC