

## Lake Lenape Association Minutes for October 8, 2013

**Attending Board Members-** K. Bandel, K. Smith, W. Hart, S. Minnick, C. Baksa, R. Smith, E. Karr (S. Mercer and C. Widgren arrived late)

**Attending LLA Members-** 5 members of the association were in attendance in the audience.

*At 7:06 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Minutes-** Minutes from the Sep 10, 2013 meeting were accepted as distributed by Eric Karr and seconded by Walter Hart.

**Minutes-** Minutes from the Aug 10, 2013 change was made to fix the name of the attending board members. Minutes were accepted as distributed by Eric Karr and seconded by Chris Baksa.

**Membership-** Due to a membership committee oversight, a member who paid late without late fee never had his badges delivered. The member requested badges but communication channels broke down between the board and this particular member. This member did not use the lake facilities this year. A motion was made by Walter Hart and seconded by Ken Bandel was made to charge this member the fees owed from this year and apply the unused membership from this year to a 2014 membership. Motion passes.

Mary Bellof had reported to membership that she orders badges in 250 batches and at this time we are running low, would we need more? The consensus is that we don't need to order more badges for 2013.

Attending member suggested that we might be able to offer unused guest badges that members did not request to other members who would like additional guest badges. Current consensus is that we should not increase guest badge numbers to each member; this might encourage people to share badges and not join the lake resulting in a loss in revenue.

We need to find a way to increase membership. We need to have membership drives and go around and talk to our neighbors and increase the awareness of how great it is to join the lake association.

Swim and boating clubs? Would it be a good idea to start swim or boating clubs? The board is behind members starting clubs for fun and to help get residents to join the lake. Interested members who wish to start/run clubs are encouraged to contact the board.

We have some new technology that was procured by Steven Minnick who has donated its use for the lake. This is a "mass marketing" text messaging communication system. It would give the lake board the ability to allow members to "sign up" for text messaging alerts and these could be used for anything. Water main break/emergency, social, work events, etc. Some members may wish to have Lake Lenape information sent to their cell phone. We will try to implement this for the 2014 season.

**Building and Grounds-** Walter Hart reported that there were a number of improvements to the buildings and grounds in 2013 and would like to extend a “Thank you” to all those who helped improve the facilities, especially the sponsored members. This lake association runs on volunteers and it is a group effort, this year many sponsored members and regular members stepped up and donated their time to improvements. Thank you.

Boat Racks- Work will be ongoing to improve the boat racks and boat storage facilities. New improvements have been planned to make it easier to insert and remove boats without damage to other boats. Exact details are not finalized. We are investigating extensions for kayaks. We are looking for members who would like to volunteer to work on the boat racks for these improvements. There were growing pains in boat assignments and sticker allocation. We need to improve this process. We need boat security to verify boats that might be on association property which aren't supposed to be there.

New tables and chairs- There were new picnic tables and lifeguard chairs which were put on the lake grounds this year. Some of these were donated by Ken Roberts and Ron Smith. Thank you! The others were purchased by the lake association. Thanks for Ron Smith for working with Willowglen getting these made and delivered.

We would like to extend our thanks to the kids who clean the beach and lake grounds. They work very hard to clean up after lake members. We should do what is enacted in state parks: **Carry out what you carry in.** The rule is: **No glass containers are permitted on Association property at any time.** Not just on the beach or on the sand. Members are bringing glass containers on to the property and putting them in the trash and recycling. This makes the containers much heavier for the kids to move. Also recycling containers are used for garbage, this year we have found food, paper plates, dirty diapers, etc found in the recycling containers. Please limit the items placed into the recycling containers to just recycling appropriate materials.

A wedding was held by one of our members who rented the facilities. The wedding went well and the members donated the tent for use at the Octoberfest. These rentals saved money off the Octoberfest budget.

Volleyball- Should we change the volleyball court to a “beach volleyball” court. We have some members who donated their time and machinery to help dig out the area, so that it could be filled with sand to make it beach volleyball. Some concerns were brought up. What about parking, cost for sand, maintenance? Would this require a re-orientation of the volleyball court? Discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

**Sentinel-** The Sentinel was finished and went out to the membership. Thanks to Steven Minnick who donated his facilities to print the Sentinel (saving the lake a couple hundred dollars in printing fees).

Ad revenue: We have a paid full page ad for the Sentinel from American Mortgage Resources. Thanks to AMR for their support. During the Octoberfest, the Lenape Lodge worked very hard to get us a special tap, while Eric Karr was attempting to procure the same tap. Both were obtained and only one

was used. We should give the Lenape Lodge a free ad in the next Sentinel in appreciation for everything they do for the lake, we save money due to their support. Consensus is that we should give them some free advertising; we need to contact them to help facilitate this.

**Socials-** The Octoberfest was a success. The tent from the wedding was used. The dance floor that was from the wedding was well received. Chris Baksa donated his sound system for the party which saved money from the budget. Thank you Chris! The Octoberfest was cheaper than the Luau. We have left over meat and supplies which can be used for a future party/event.

The next party is the Holliday Party. This will be at the Andover Barn across from the ATPD. See the lake calendar for event information and updates.

**Elections-** Elections will be held at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Steve Minnick will serve on the elections committee with Chris Wallis. The Sentinel served as the notification to association membership and allowed the election candidates to “say something” to the membership. Absentee ballots are to be requested from the election committee and must be received before the election on 11/16. Elections will take place immediately when the 11/16 meeting is called to order to allow for vote counts during the meeting.

**Dam Committee-** The lake is lowering. Due to the damage created by the previous contractor, a mattress was used (at the recommendation of an engineer) to hold back the water in the lake for the 2013 season. The mattress has degraded and the lake is lowering. We have a permit to lower the lake as well. Members of the board and association worked together to remove what was left of the mattress to aid in draining the lake to the level of the temporary inlet.

We put out for bids to 5 contractors to finish the job that was left by Adamsville Construction. Next Friday we should have them back. The goal is to finish the work this winter while the lake is lowered. The access agreement was made with the appropriate parties. We know the work needed to be completed; we need someone who can actually complete the work. We are trying to get our valve returned, it is currently in the hands of Adamsville, and we have not heard from them. Our new attorney seems to be representing us in a much better and more aggressive fashion and is willing to fight for our lake. There will be deadlines placed in future contracts to pressure future contractors to get the jobs done on time. When we receive bids from the contractors we should be able to inform the membership about what will be done this winter season.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Shawn Mercer, seconded by Eric Karr and carried by full board vote.

Submitted by Steven Minnick on October 28, 2013